



## **PRESIDENTS REPORT 2023**

Season 2023 has been another successful year at Pints. The Management Team worked extremely hard in the offseason on the new uniform design with local artist Michelle Kerrin and our supplier Jesse at ICON. This was a huge effort for all involved to get the designed launched in time for season start and we are so proud of how it all came together, and the design is absolutely fantastic. The design is now on dresses, polos, singlets, men's uniforms, and jumpers. We look forward to spreading the design across more merchandise next season.

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 coordinated by Michelle Smith with help from many more members including Sian Magriplis, Lucy Brand, Lili Christophers, Amber Aldridge, Mackenzie Lynch, and Abbi Petersen. 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. It is also so great to see many of our members who are products of the junior pathway at Pints giving back to the club. Thanks to all for another successful year running this program!

We submitted 12 junior teams (up from 10 last season) and 11 senior teams. We were extremely proud to be able to submit a men's team again this season and in exciting news – they made it all the way to the grand finale. They just missed out on the win, but the game was such an amazing display of netball and the improvement from 2022 to 2023 have been inspiring to watch. Well done to this team and coach Maddi. We look forward to further watching this competition grow in 2024.

We were well represented in senior finals with 6 teams finishing in the top 4. Our Division 2 & 3 made it to the preliminary finale where they unfortunately were knocked out but both games were excellent, competitive displays of netball with great fighting spirit to the end. We are extremely proud this season that we won both The Wendy Bury Premiership Trophy in Premier League, The Karen Schneider Premiership Trophy in Premier League Reserves (back-to-back!). Our Division 1 Dragons also took out the premiership after fighting their way into finals from 3<sup>rd</sup> position. To take out the grand final in the top three women's

league divisions is a massive achievement for the club and our players. It would not have been possible without the huge effort put in by the coaches, players, senior coordinators and everyone behind the scenes and we are extremely proud and thankful.

Again, this season we had some excellent junior results. We nominated 12 junior teams and 8 finished in the top 4. Furthermore, our U11's Div2, U13's Div1, U15's Div1, U15's Div2 all progressed into the grand finale. This was the highest junior club finals representation across DNA – something we should be so proud of. All finals were thrilling games, and our U15's Div1 successfully won their grand finale. We have some fantastic talent coming through our juniors and this is facilitated by our excellent coaches who commit week in, week out and we would not have the results we have without this, so we thank them immensely.

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. It is great to see the NT back participating in the Australian Netball Championship to ensure the elite pathway is in place for all athletes. Congratulations to Jasmyn Hewett on her selection as a player and as co-captain.

A massively important part of our Club is our All-Abilities Team. We had a number of helpers each week facilitate this team including Karen Parker, Kate Fitzgerald, and Mackenzie Lynch. A number of our members also participated in the Marie Little Shield held in September where they even got to meet a number of the current Australian Diamonds team members. Skye King who is one of our Division 1 players coached this team and it seems like the weekend was a great experience for all.

Again in 2023, the NT Link Championship ran an All-Abilities component where Pints was able to submit our team to participate in the weekend. Again, thanks to Karen Parker for coaching this weekend and thanks to the players who got a chance to play against some other associations.

In 2023, 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. Our junior coordinator and accredited coach Michelle Smith was not required to coach a team this year due to the number of volunteers we had which allowed her to play a more active floater role. This included covering teams where coaches were away and also providing support and advice to coaches. We plan to build on this with the club implementing a coaching mentor program in 2024 which we are excited to launch. This will ensure coaches are supported in their role but also ensure that quality and the club's vision is upheld in the junior pathway.

Pints are always well represented on “Team White” with many new junior and senior umpires picking up the whistle this year. We had a high number of senior players contributing on junior umpiring nights which should be acknowledged. Congratulations to Chris Hook and Sienna Boxall for receiving their C Badge this season. We look forward to seeing you continue to develop and support you for further accreditation if you choose. Congratulations to Skye King for also gaining her Development Coaching Accreditation this year.

In 2023, we held two bunnings BBQs. 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. It was great to see different people volunteering their time at these events. It just shows how invested and generous our members are and it is greatly appreciated.

In July 2023, our sponsors NT Sports and Playground Surfacing resurfaced our courts to match our new uniform design and colours. They did this completely free of charge and because they have a massive investment in giving back to grassroot clubs. Their quality and efficiency is unmatched, and we cannot thank them for this donation enough. Due to the success of our Bunning’s BBQs, we were also able to replace the netball goal posts and nets at the courts during the same period to complete the transformation.

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 2024 in the works already and can’t wait to share it with you. I wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

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