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# *2025 Annual Report*



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## Patrons

### WDNA Patron

**Tracey Roberts**  
Member for Pearce

### Board Members

#### President

Leah Lloyd

#### Director of Finance

Linda Geldenhuys

#### Director of Marketing

Adrienne Benger

#### General Board Members

Kayla Pearce

### Staff

#### Association Manager

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#### Association Umpiring Development Officer

Keenan McMahon

#### Competitions Administration Officer

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#### Administration Officer

Noella Stansfield

### WDNA Vice Patron

**Sabine Winton**  
MLA

#### Vice President

Jennifer Hodson

#### Director of Competitions

Helen Hitchcock

#### Director of Forward Planning

Linda Easter

#### Director of Risk & Compliance

Rachel Williams

#### Association Development Officer

Dravyn Lee-Tauroa

#### Senior Umpire Coach

Nola Goldman

#### Greenshirts Umpire Co-Ordinator

Caitlyn Vile'

#### Umpiring Administration Officer

Shirley Kobus

## WDNA President's Report

### A Year of Growth and Success

The 2025 season was a year of renewal and achievement for the Wanneroo Districts Netball Association. We proudly began the year on our brand-new resurfaced courts, which have transformed our playing environment. When the winter rains arrived, the improvements were unmistakable — the courts drained beautifully, with no water pooling or “rivers” running through games for the first time in many years. We were also excited to introduce our new Indigenous-designed goal post pads, adding vibrancy and cultural significance to our facilities.

This year, 55 clubs and 673 teams took to the courts for our Winter Season — a wonderful reflection of our strong and growing netball community. We were also pleased to welcome back our Wednesday Spring Season, returning after a break in 2024 due to resurfacing works.

A sincere thank you goes to our dedicated office staff for ensuring smooth weekly operations, and to the many club volunteers whose time and commitment make our competitions possible.

### Life Membership – Lorraine Ward

During the 2025 AGM, we proudly welcomed Lorraine Ward (Wardy) as our newest Life Member.

Lorraine has contributed to WDNA for more than 30 years across an exceptional range of roles. She has run her own club (BP Padbury), played at club and Association level, coached from grassroots through to Regional, State League, and National Men's programs, and umpired. Her willingness to share her time and expertise has supported countless athletes and coaches.

During the late 1990s — one of WDNA's most challenging periods following the loss of the white building — Lorraine stepped onto the Board and played a vital role in helping stabilize and rebuild the Association.

She later joined the WDNA staff and became Association Manager in 2011, where she has been a steady, reliable presence ever since. Her leadership, professionalism, and unwavering commitment have had a profound and lasting impact on WDNA.

### Development Program

In 2024 we welcomed Dravyn Lee-Tauroa as our Association Development Officer. Dravyn has already brought enthusiasm, fresh ideas, and a strong vision for the program, and we look forward to seeing his continued impact in 2026.

### Umpiring Program

Under the leadership of Keenan McMahon and his dedicated umpiring team, our program continued to grow and meet the demands of a busy season. We thank Keenan for his outstanding contribution and wish him all the best as he focuses on completing his final year of university in 2026.

Behind the scenes, the Board has remained focused on strengthening WDNA's governance and long-term sustainability. This year we completed our new Strategic Plan, Governance Charter, and updated Constitution, all of which lay important foundations for the future.

Thank you to the 2025 Board Jenny Hodson Vice President, Helen Hitchcock Director of Competitions, Linda Geldenhuys Director of Finance, Linda Easter Director of Forward Planning, Adrienne Benger Director of Marketing, Rachel Williams Director of Risk & Compliance Kayla Pearce & Taz Balchin General Board members, for your time, leadership, and teamwork throughout the year. We were

fortunate to operate with a full complement of members, including new additions who brought fresh energy and perspectives.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Helen Hitchcock, Linda Geldenhuys, Kayla Pearce, and Taz Balchin, who will be stepping down in 2026. Your years of dedication and service have been truly appreciated.

Helen has been on the WDNA Board for a total of 24 years from 1999 through to the current year with only 1 season off in 2022! As she embarks on a new chapter, I want to express my deepest appreciation for your contributions to WDNA. Helen's wisdom and experience have been invaluable. We hope you enjoy your retirement – you deserve it!

#### **In Summary**

2025 has been a year marked by progress, community spirit, and strong performance across all areas of the Association. From upgraded courts and Indigenous goal post pads to the return of Spring Season, excellence in development and umpiring, and significant governance milestones — WDNA continues to grow from strength to strength.

A heartfelt thank you to all players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, staff, and Board members for making 2025 an outstanding season. Have a Safe and Happy Christmas and We look forward to building on this success in 2026.

**Leah Lloyd**

**Association President**

## Award Recipients

### Life Membership

We honor, below, the Life Members of this Association.

|                  |                   |                 |                  |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Carol Horrocks   | Audrey Davies     | Heather Coombs  | Pauline Hamilton |
| Patricia Stokes  | Carmel McConnell  | Sandra Grant    | Bobbee Bath      |
| Dianne McPherson | Charles Searson   | Kaye Sims       | Susan Neate      |
| Michael Nanovich | Lynne Gordon      | Hilary Noren    | Tess Goldsman    |
| Rhonda Ross      | Johanna de Vries  | Deidre Vickers  | Dorothy Davies   |
| Marion Wright    | Carol Watson      | Sheila Brennan  | Valerie Bazzo    |
| Helen Hall       | Barbara Connett   | Kerin Henderson | Lynne Wishart    |
| Joanne Clark     | Lyn Pemberton     | Gail Stabback   | Ronald Banham    |
| Barbara Knight   | Kaye Costa        | Helen Riley     | Cheryl Reed      |
| Julie Bazzo      | Nicole Bail       | Yvette Thomson  | Monica Holton    |
| Helen Hitchcock  | Patricia Robinson | Jennifer Hodson | Lorraine Ward    |



## Liz Booth Spirit of Netball Award

The Association acknowledges the past winners of this award.

| Year | Name                             | Year | Name                             |
|------|----------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|
| 1989 | Valerie Bazzo                    | 1990 | Barbara Connett                  |
| 1991 | Marion Wright                    | 1992 | The Ryan Family                  |
| 1993 | Roger Knight                     | 1994 | Lyn Pemberton                    |
| 1995 | Liz Pask                         | 1996 | Monica Holton                    |
| 1997 | Margaret Draper                  | 1998 | Sheryl Movley                    |
| 1999 | Yanchep Netball Club             | 2000 | Terry Wilson                     |
| 2001 | Linda Burke                      | 2002 | Pam Sizer                        |
| 2003 | Jo Smith and Sue Smith           | 2004 | Julie Bazzo                      |
| 2005 | Jenny Hodson                     | 2006 | Mary MacKillop 5                 |
| 2007 | Judy McInerney                   | 2008 | Sharee Hitchcock                 |
| 2009 | Irene McCoach                    | 2010 | Alanna Ward                      |
| 2011 | Vickie Carstairs                 | 2012 | Zenda Cocivera                   |
| 2013 | Trish Robinson                   | 2014 | Patricia Taylor                  |
| 2015 | Taylah Parry                     | 2016 | Tainui Team 4                    |
| 2017 | Carine Netball Club              | 2018 | Lauren Steels, Cass Murphy,      |
| 2018 | Melissa Lichoick, Kaitlyn Cuevas | 2019 | Titans Team 11                   |
| 2020 | Deb Edwards                      | 2021 | Sarah Fogliani and Miriam Ifould |
| 2022 | Trish Robinson                   | 2023 | Jenny Hodson                     |
| 2024 | Lisa Brown (Greenwood NC)        | 2025 | Yanchep NC                       |



## Carol Horrocks Award

The previous and current recipients of the Carol Horrocks' Award are:

| Year | Name                             | Year | Name                            |
|------|----------------------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| 2004 | Trish Robinson & Yvette Thomson  | 2005 | Yvette Thomson                  |
| 2006 | No Nominations Received          | 2007 | Joanne Clark                    |
| 2008 | Alby Lawson & Peter Brems        | 2009 | Lauren Bridges & Tracy Meade    |
| 2010 | Helen Hitchcock                  | 2011 | Yvette Thomson & Leanne Govorko |
| 2012 | Vickie Carstairs                 | 2013 | Bridget Stonier-Gibson          |
| 2014 | Sallie HoyPoy                    | 2015 | Judy McInerney                  |
| 2016 | Malcolm Wright                   | 2017 | Jenny Hodson                    |
| 2018 | Yvette Thomson & Helen Hitchcock | 2019 | No Nominations received         |
| 2020 | Gayle Watson-Galbraith           | 2021 | Roger Lewis                     |
| 2022 | Roger Lewis                      | 2023 | Sarah Fogliani                  |
| 2024 | Leah Lloyd                       | 2025 | Rachel Williams                 |



## President's Cup

Previous and current winners of the President's Cup:

| Date | Winner               | Club             | Date | Winner               | Club            |
|------|----------------------|------------------|------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 2009 | Sarah Campbell       | Hamersley        | 2010 | Chloe Andreassen     | Hamersley2      |
| 2011 | Lenore Smith         | Sorrento Saints  | 2012 | Cassie Farquhar-Reid | Sorrento Saints |
| 2013 | Lisa Townsend        | Hamersley        | 2014 | Mel Gilford          | Sorrento Saints |
| 2015 | Tess Cransburg       | Rangers          | 2016 | Erin Feeney          | Sorrento Saints |
| 2017 | Madison O'Regan      | Rangers          | 2018 | Kellie Baker         | Paua Rose       |
| 2019 | Kellie Baker         | Paua Rose        | 2020 | Kellie Baker         | Paua Rose       |
| 2021 | Christina Cvetkovski | Sorrento Saints  | 2022 | Selina Brinkworth    | Woola Woola     |
| 2023 | Honey Harrington     | Hamersley        | 2023 | Myra Ugle            | Dragon-Fire     |
| 2023 | Delaney Sith         | Northern Raiders | 2024 | Maddie Hunter        | Hamersley NC    |
| 2025 | Emma Johnson         | Hamersley        |      |                      |                 |

## Monica Holton Club Appreciation Award

This award was commissioned by WDNA to remember our dear Life Member and past President Monica Holton to acknowledge a club that has gone above and beyond to assist the Association throughout the season.

| Year | Winner                     | Year | Winner                                     |
|------|----------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------|
| 2010 | Venetians Netball Club     | 2011 | West Coasters Netball Club                 |
| 2012 | Not Awarded                | 2013 | Western Devils Netball Club                |
| 2014 | West Coasters Netball Club | 2015 | Landsdale Netball Club                     |
| 2016 | Muchea Netball Club        | 2017 | Hamersley, Landsdale & Titans Netball Club |
| 2018 | Not Awarded                | 2019 | Hocking Netball Club                       |
| 2020 | Not Awarded                | 2021 | Steelers Netball Club                      |
| 2022 | Kingsway Roos Netball Club | 2023 | Steelers Netball Club                      |
| 2024 | Not awarded                | 2025 | Not awarded                                |
|      |                            |      |                                            |

## Most Improved Umpires

The previous and current recipients of this award are:

| Year | Senior Umpire      | Year3 | Intermediate Umpire            | Year2 | Junior Umpire     |
|------|--------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 2017 | Georgie Gillibrand | 2017  | Georgia Burden                 | 2017  | Darby Gartland    |
| 2018 | Mike Bawden        | 2018  | Kenisha Simiyu                 | 2018  | Katelin Bertolami |
| 2019 | Georgia Burden     | 2019  | Elizabeth Dronfield            | 2019  | Honey Harrington  |
| 2020 | Annie Toose        | 2020  | Keenan McMahon                 | 2020  | Olivia Williams   |
| 2021 | Jess McKemmish     | 2021  | Paula Livingstone              | 2021  | Kai Spencer       |
| 2022 | Keenan McMahon     | 2022  | Caitlyn Vilé                   | 2022  | Selina Wilson     |
| 2023 | Caitlyn Vilé       | 2023  | Will Linter and Brianna Fisher | 2023  | Chloe Boyd        |
| 2024 | Brianna Fisher     | 2024  | Emily Candy                    | 2024  | Makenzi Aloï      |
| 2025 | Ashlynn Ward       | 2025  | Lacey Hill                     | 2025  | Caley Elmslie     |

## Umpire of the Year

The previous and current recipients of this award are:

| Year | Name                               | Year | Name                             |
|------|------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|
| 2019 | Rachel Williams                    | 2020 | Annie Toose                      |
| 2021 | Rachel Williams and Keenan McMahon | 2022 | Rachel Williams and Caitlyn Vilé |
| 2023 | Keenan McMahon                     | 2024 | Brianna Fisher                   |
| 2025 | Will Linter                        |      |                                  |

## Zoe HoyPoy Green Shirt Award

Formerly known as the Green Shirt Award, in 2020 this award was proudly renamed after Zoe HoyPoy and hope that it inspires young umpires to strive for success and achieve their goals.

Zoe Hoypoy was a WDNA member who was an up-and-coming umpire with the WDNA Umpire Squad. She was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 14. She fought her illness with a positive and brave attitude but unfortunately this meant the end of her umpiring career. Sadly, she lost her battle in 2021 in her 19th year of life. We will remember her for her love, laughter, and inspiration.

| Year | Name        | Year | Name           |
|------|-------------|------|----------------|
| 2020 | Kai Spencer | 2021 | Mosiana Sio    |
| 2022 | Eva Baric   | 2023 | Ella Park      |
| 2024 | Kya Fernie  | 2025 | Chiara Burrows |









## Community Coach Award

Awarded to a current club coach within WDNA who has displayed outstanding dedication and commitment to the Association in their role as coach.

The previous and current recipients of this award:

| Year | Name            | Year | Name            |
|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|
| 2008 | Sue Curtis      | 2009 | Leanne Bruce    |
| 2010 | Kylie Pournault | 2011 | Calandra Smith  |
| 2012 | Dean Cunnane    | 2013 | Kat Hampson     |
| 2014 | Karolyn Holmes  | 2015 | Sian Geldenhuys |
| 2016 | Taryn Smith     | 2017 | Adrienne Lang   |
| 2018 | Nicole Mann     | 2019 | Briana Bunce    |
| 2020 | Not awarded     | 2021 | Kylie Pournault |
| 2022 | Janine Friday   | 2023 | Not Awarded     |
| 2024 | Not Awarded     | 2025 | Taryn Balchin   |

## Coaching Excellence Award

Awarded to a current WDNA Representative Coach who has displayed leadership and commitment to the Association in their role as a Lead Coach.

The current recipient of this award:

| Year | Name             |
|------|------------------|
| 2022 | Deb Van Der Meer |
| 2023 | Megan MClearie   |
| 2024 | Not Awarded      |
| 2025 | Tegan Gosling    |

## TACT Coach Award

Awarded to a current TACT Coach who has displayed leadership and commitment to the Association in their role as Lead Coach.

The current and past recipients of this award:

| Year | Name                            | Year | Name            |
|------|---------------------------------|------|-----------------|
| 2020 | Janine Friday and Michaela Gall | 2021 | Michaela Gall   |
| 2022 | Janine Friday                   | 2023 | Vicki Carstairs |
| 2024 | Adrienne Bengier                | 2025 | Linda Easter    |

## 2025 Competition Team Participation Numbers

| Winter      | NSG        | 11U       | 12U       | 13U       | 15U       | 18U       | 21U       | Open       | Total      |
|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| <b>2025</b> | <b>232</b> | <b>NA</b> | <b>85</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>70</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>112</b> | <b>671</b> |
| 2024        | 227        | NA        | 66        | 60        | 89        | 71        | 16        | 112        | 641        |
| 2023        | 195        | 26        | 64        | 57        | 81        | 70        |           | 126        | 619        |
| 2022        | 171        | 37        | 62        | 47        | 84        | 63        |           | 130        | 594        |
| 2021        | 168        | 65        | 53        | 55        | 76        | 62        |           | 128        | 607        |
| 2020        | 141        | 31        | 56        | 40        | 71        | 57        |           | 114        | 510        |
| 2019        | 174        | 37        | 59        | 46        | 71        | 63        |           | 115        | 565        |
| 2018        | 168        | 34        | 48        | 41        | 51        | 42        |           | 88         | 472        |

| Spring      | NSG        | 11U        | 12U       | 13U       | 15U       | 18U       | 21U      | Open      | Mixed      | Walking    | Total      |
|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>2025</b> | <b>176</b> | <b>n/a</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>66</b> | <b>66</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>n/a</b> | <b>n/a</b> | <b>395</b> |
| 2024        | n/a        | n/a        | n/a       | n/a       | n/a       | n/a       | n/a      | n/a       | n/a        | n/a        | n/a        |
| 2023        | 138        | 24         | 56        | 36        | 60        | 28        |          | 36        | n/a        | n/a        | 378        |
| 2022        | 118        | 22         | 46        | 30        | 44        | 20        |          | 32        | 4          | 10         | 326        |
| 2021        | 111        | 40         | 30        | 31        | 30        | 20        |          | 40        | n/a        | n/a        | 302        |
| 2020        | 94         | 12         | 25        | 20        | 26        | 16        |          | 32        | n/a        | n/a        | 225        |
| 2019        | 112        | 18         | 25        | 16        | 29        | 15        |          | 33        | n/a        | n/a        | 248        |
| 2018        | 92         | 16         | 27        | 17        | 28        | 6         |          | 32        | n/a        | n/a        | 218        |

## 2025 Winter Results

### Premierships Teams & Most Valuable Players

Opens:

| Division | Premiers            | Most Valuable Player in the Grand Final | Team                |
|----------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1        | Hamersley 1         | Sydney Rafferty                         | Hamersley 1         |
| R1       | Hamersley 2         | Alex Morgan                             | Hamersley 2         |
| 2        | West Coasters 1     | Maddie Curtis                           | West Coasters 1     |
| 3        | Northern Raiders 2  | Hayley McKee                            | Northern Raiders 2  |
| 4        | Steelers 3          | Kathryn Currie                          | Steelers 3          |
| 5        | Whitford Warriors 2 | Brittany Berghan                        | Whitford Warriors 2 |
| 6        | West Coasters 2     | Emma Hedzik                             | West Coasters 2     |
| 7        | Mindarie 1          | Kianah Connor                           | Sorrento Saints 2   |
| 8        | Carine 2            | Lili Hobbs                              | Carine 2            |
| 9        | Steelers 5          | Kristie Fraser                          | Steelers 5          |
| 10       | Dalmain 1           | Kylie Anastasio                         | Steelers 7          |
| 11       | Kingsway Roos 3     | Jonelle Power                           | Kingsway Roos 3     |
| 12       | Whitford Warriors 3 | Ella Ryan                               | Joondalup Jets 1    |
| 13       | Kingsway Roos 5     | Caitlin Chase                           | Kingsway Roos 5     |
| 14       | Greenwood 2         | Suzanne Duncan                          | Greenwood 2         |
| 15       | Kingsway Roos 6     | Jade Pereira                            | Kingsway Roos 6     |
| 16       | Whitford Warriors 4 | Telena Procter                          | Whitford Warriors 4 |
| 17       | Venetians 12        | Mia Fleay                               | Venetians 12        |
| 18       | Padbury 5           | Samantha Box                            | Padbury 5           |
| 19       | Prelates 5          | Caris Sharp                             | Steelers 14         |

21 & Under:

| Division | Premiers      | Most Valuable Player in the Grand Final | Team          |
|----------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1        | Dragon Fire 3 | Shaila Newbery                          | Dragon Fire 3 |
| 2        | Steelers 16   | Maeve Fitzgerald                        | Titans 6      |
| 3        | Hocking 1     | Tahlia Lupton                           | Hocking 1     |

### 18 & Under:

| Division | Premiers          | Most Valuable Player in the Grand Final | Team             |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1        | Sorrento Saints 5 | Zaharah Alhabsji                        | Coastal Sparks 7 |
| 2        | Steelers 18       | Stefania Risteski                       | Steelers 18      |
| 3        | Coastal Sparks 8  | Jade Rutland                            | Carine 5         |
| 4        | Greenwood 3       | Aleisha Jefferies                       | West Coasters 9  |
| 5        | Venetians 15      | Emma Green                              | Venetians 15     |
| 6        | West Coasters 10  | Phoebe Hignett                          | West Coasters 10 |
| 7        | Annies 1          | Keiralee McIntosh                       | Annies 1         |
| 8        | Mindarie 3        | Layla Vickers                           | Mindarie 3       |
| 9        | Marmion 4         | Sophia Popp                             | Carine 10        |
| 10       | West Coasters 11  | Livia Sym                               | West Coasters 11 |
| 11       | Woodvale Wings 2  | Kaitlyn Broun                           | Woodvale Wings 2 |
| 12       | Mindarie 4        | Tyla – Rae Baatjes                      | Mindarie 4       |

### 15 & Under:

| Division | Premiers           | Most Valuable Player in the Grand Final | Team          |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1        | Hamersley 12       | Tia Rogers                              | Hamersley 12  |
| 2        | Hamersley 15       | Nakita Grant                            | Hamersley 15  |
| 3        | Butler 1           | Mia Starkie                             | Hamersley 16  |
| 4        | Carine 13          | Mollie Rutland                          | Carine 13     |
| 5        | Landsdale 7        | Angelina Saad                           | Landsdale 7   |
| 6        | Greenwood 8        | Molly Maguire                           | Greenwood 8   |
| 7        | Annies 3           | Nyiesha Phillips                        | Annies 3      |
| 8        | Mindarie 7         | Isabella Roberts                        | Venetians 22  |
| 9        | Woodvale Wings     | Abigail Kelly                           | Genesis 4     |
| 10       | Steelers 28        | Zari Pascal                             | Steelers 28   |
| 11       | Annies 4           | Ria Versani                             | Dragon Fire 5 |
| 12       | Prelates 10        | Chloe Bryant                            | Prelates 10   |
| 13       | Sorrento Saints 18 | Olivia Cransston                        | Carine 21     |
| 14       | Marmion 7          | Zaria Yearn                             | Marmion 7     |
| 15       | Prelates 9         | Amelia Web                              | Prelates 9    |
| 16       | Steelers 30        | Annicka Nakiza                          | Steelers 30   |

### 13 & Under

| Division | Premiers     | Most Valuable Player in the Grand Final | Teams        |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1        | Hamersley 19 | Rosie Caporn                            | Hamersley 19 |
| 2        | Hamersley 20 | Daantei Hodge-Cekic                     | Hamersley 20 |
| 3        | Steelers 31  | Matilda H=Forsyth                       | Steelers 31  |
| 4        | Venetians 27 | Indi Horsley                            | Venetians 27 |
| 5        | Carine 26    | Jasmine Lowrie                          | Carine 26    |
| 6        | Hocking 2    | Bodhi Mack                              | Venetians 29 |
| 7        | Pearsall 3   | Palo Kabange                            | Pearsall 3   |
| 8        | Prelates 12  | Maya Atkinson                           | Padbury 11   |
| 9        | Hocking 3    | Zoe Barclay                             | Hocking 3    |
| 10       | Mindarie 12  | Ava Visser                              | Mindarie 12  |

### 12 & Under

| Division | Premiers           | Most Valuable Player in the Grand Final | Teams              |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1        | Sorrento Saints 22 | Ebony Rosman                            | Sorrento Saints 22 |
| 2        | Hamersley 21       | Farah Feldhusen                         | Carine 30          |
| 3        | Duncraig PS 1      | Emilia Bowe                             | Duncraig PS 1      |
| 4        | Venetians 21       | Sienna Nipps                            | Venetians 21       |
| 5        | Carine 33          | Hannah Craigie                          | Carine 33          |
| 6        | Paua Rose 13       | Paydence Franklin                       | West Coasters 23   |
| 7        | Padbury 13         | Lyla Jones                              | Doves 4            |
| 8        | West Coasters 24   | Madison Ivanov                          | West Coasters 24   |
| 9        | Woodvale Wings 5   | Ella Thompson                           | Woodvale Wings 5   |
| 10       | Yanchep 13         | Tellea Carnell                          | Yanchep 13         |
| 11       | St Anthonys 2      | Neveah Cooper                           | St Anthonys 2      |
| 12       | Davallia 1         | Scarlett Harper                         | Hawks 1            |
| 13       | Mindarie 15        | Liv Jorgeson                            | Mindarie 15        |
| 14       | Greenwood 19       | Eliza Berlinger                         | St Anthonys 3      |

## Director of Competitions Report

Congratulations to all teams who won their respective division Grand Finals for 2025.

Grading was a little shaky this year at the beginning but with having the little regrade after round 3, then the final regrade I think we nearly got it right with most grades (I did say nearly)!!

Having 2 Grand finals for Division 1 this year was a great idea to give all team something to play for, however the feedback from the members is that they didn't like it. Going forward if we have 8 teams in any Full Rules division in 2026 it will go back to the top 5.

Grand final day is so exciting and to finally have everyone playing on the top courts was the best. The atmosphere was so loud and enthusiastic to hear. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.

Spring this year was difficult to grade. With so many teams having divisions from anywhere between 4 and 19 in the one team makes it extremely hard to get it right. And then clubs asking for division 12, but we only have 4 divisions – it just doesn't compute.

A big thank you to the graders who stepped up to grade this year – I know it didn't really go to plan but thank you anyway.

Thank you To Lorraine, Tusi, Dray, Keenan and Noela for all your help – made my job so much easier.

To Leah and my board mates – thank you for stepping in when I couldn't be there – I appreciate it very much.

Well, that's it for me – my time at WDNA has come to an end. I'm too old and grumpy and it's time to bring in a change.

Wishing everyone a safe and prosperous new year, and I'm sure I will see you around the courts sometime next year.

**Helen Hitchcock**

## Umpire Development Officer's Report

2025 has been a big year for umpiring at WDNA which couldn't have been achieved without the support of the WDNA board, staff, club committees and of course the umpires out there every week.

We introduced the requirement for all full rule's umpires at WDNA to have completed their Foundation Umpires Course, as well as the Rules of Netball Exam. Previously this was only a requirement for Green shirt umpires, and by extending this requirement to club umpires, a noticeable positive impact on the standard of beginner umpires was noted at the start of the year, and complemented the trainings that both clubs and the association offer. Additionally, these accreditations are prerequisites for the National C badge, making the process for club umpires to become accredited more efficient.

Umpire abuse both on and off the court was a significant issue again throughout the 2025 season, with WDNA officials often having to address poor behaviour from players, coaches and spectators. Despite WDNA's zero tolerance policy for this behaviour, umpires were often left deflated and demoralized. This poor treatment severely impacts umpire retention, and was evident come finals, when many umpires did not want to umpire due to the risk of poor behaviour. Alongside the introduction of the new spectator code of behaviour, eliminating abusive behaviour towards umpires must be a key focus of the association in 2026.

A special thanks goes to our 16 WDNA Umpire Coaches, led by our Association Senior Umpire Coach Nola Goldman, for their support and development of the umpires within our programs and association. We took on 8 umpires as cadets into the world of umpire coaching, all of whom have enjoyed learning the ropes and sharing their knowledge with the Green Shirt Umpires.

Another huge thanks to Shirley Kobus, our Association Umpiring Administrator, for her tireless work in ensuring all our umpires, coaches and staff are prepared for the multitude of programs we have running at any time.

And finally, a big thank you to all our umpires, club umpire coordinators and committees, the work you do to ensure each, and every game is covered with umpires is unforgiving, but our game would not happen without you. In 2025 we tried to increase the amount of support we were able to offer clubs in developing their umpires, and those that came on board with this saw the rewards. This will continue to be a focus for 2026.

## Academy

We continued our focus on umpire development within our Academies during the Winter Season, but the return of our Spring competition presented some challenges of its own, with the Academy programs and Clubs struggling for umpires to cover the Wednesday night games due to exams and burn out, highlighting the need for increased depth of umpires across the association.

We had 76 Accredited umpires within our Squad during Winter, with these umpires accessing development opportunities including quality matchplay on top divisions, Umpire Coaching from experienced coaches, and the opportunity to represent WDNA, umpiring at the FTGAP Association Championships and the Metro Development Competition.

Umpires within the squad are separated into 5 stages, assisting umpires in setting goals relevant to their level of umpiring, and rewarding those who continue to push their umpiring development to the next level. These stages also allow us to run specialized training sessions, tailored to the level of umpires in attendance.

With umpires progressively being pushed onto harder games across the year, we saw good growth from our squad umpires in their technical skills and ability to manage tough games, and we look forward to seeing what 2026 holds for them.

## Green Shirts

The Green Shirt Umpire Program continues to be a key development initiative at WDNA, offering a safe and encouraging space for beginner umpires to gain confidence, build foundational skills, and receive umpire coaching throughout the season. In 2025, the program supported 46 umpires across the winter season and 39 in the spring season. Over 100 umpires trialed for the winter program!

This year, we maintained a strong emphasis on consistency and quality in umpiring. While we celebrated progress and learning at all levels, we remained committed to upholding high standards when assessing umpires for their National C Badge — ensuring that each candidate demonstrated readiness across all key competencies before being nominated. This approach supports long-term growth and prepares umpires for the demands of higher-level competitions.

As a result, 18 umpires successfully achieved their C Badge during the winter season, with a further 3 umpires reaching this milestone during the spring season. Several of these umpires are now progressing through the next stages of the WDNA umpiring pathway, with many ready to take on new challenges as part of our Junior Squad.

The ongoing success of the Green Shirt Program reflects the dedication of our umpire coaches and the enthusiasm of our young umpires. Caitlyn Vilé took the role of Greenshirt Coordinator in 2025, which allowed a more focused support structure for these beginner umpires and their families. We look forward to building on this momentum in 2026 as we look to welcome more beginners into the world of umpiring.

## Accreditations

WDNA awarded 29 C Badges in 2025, with 23 of those to members of our Green Shirt Program. We saw large growth in the number of C badges awarded to club umpires from within WDNA, a testament to the work that clubs are doing to develop their umpires.

3 WDNA umpires were awarded their B badges in 2025, with consistent displays of quality umpiring on top division Opens games. Congratulations to Ashlynn Ward, Emily Candy and Kiara Fry!

## Pathway

WDNA had strong representation in the umpiring pathway in 2025, with 21 umpires at FTGAP Association Championships, 7 allocated finals by NWA, 18 umpires across the Metro Development Competition, 6 allocated finals. 3 WDNA umpires, Ashlynn Ward, Caley Elmslie and Ella Park were invited into the Fever in Time Program and umpired at the State Cup Competition. 7 WDNA Umpires were members of the State Umpire Performance Program, officiating at the Gold Industry Group West Australian Netball League (GIG WANL):

- Brianna Fisher (21u Semi Final Allocation)
- Caitlyn Vilé (21u Semi Final Allocation)
- Christine Bennett
- Emily Candy
- Jess McKemmish (Opens Grand Final Allocation)
- Keenan McMahon (Men's Grand Final Allocation)
- Monique Santostefano

WDNA umpire Jess McKemmish was a member of the Netball Australia High Performance Umpire Program in 2025, umpiring at Team Girls Cup and the Super Netball Reserves Competition. WDNA Umpire Keenan McMahon was a member of the Australian Men's and Mixed National Umpire Pool again in 2025, umpiring at the AMMNA National Championships.

WDNA also had umpire coaches within the Netball WA pathway, growing the next generation of umpires within our state, as well as their own skills to bring back to Wanneroo to share with our umpires. Keenan McMahon was an umpire coach in the Fever in Time Program, with Nola Goldman and Geraldine Taseff coaches within the State Umpire Performance Program.

## Workshops

WDNA ran umpire workshops on a range of topics, including Contact vs Contest, Game Management and General Rules Discussions, with over 140 attendees. Prior to the spring season, we ran an "Umpiring 101" workshop, aimed at giving those with  $\geq 2$  years playing experience the tools they need to umpire for their clubs. This proved very popular, and multiple clubs requested that this be run prior to the winter season in 2026 to help encourage their players to pick up a whistle.

We had a total of 139 in person attendees across these workshops, comprised of 136 different people, indicating that a wide range of new members from our netball community are coming to these workshops to develop their knowledge around umpiring and the rules of netball.

## Awards

The following umpiring awards were awarded at our 2025 Appreciation Breakfast:

- Zoe Hoypoy GreenShirt Award – Chiara Burrows
- Most Improved Junior Umpire – Caley Elmslie
- Most Improved Intermediate Umpire – Lacey Hill
- Most Improved Senior Umpire – Ashlynn Ward
- Umpire of the Year – William Linter

**Keenan McMahon**

*Association Umpiring Development Officer*

# Association Development Officer's Report

## 2025 Development Report

### Wanneroo Districts Netball Association January–December 2025

The Association Development sector continues to focus on providing high-quality opportunities for athletes and coaches at all levels within the Wanneroo Districts Netball Association (WDNA). Throughout 2025, we strengthened our programs, expanded learning opportunities, and built on the strong foundation of community, skill development, and progression into wider Netball WA pathways. This report outlines the key achievements and growth areas across athlete development, coach development, and community engagement.

## 1. Athlete Development

### 1.1 NET Program

Across the Winter and Spring seasons, we welcomed **230 participants** into our NET Program. The transition from Netball Australia's Winter session guides to our adapted Spring program was well received, with strong feedback from athletes, parents, and coaches. This flexibility allowed us to refine delivery, increase engagement, and ensure the program remained aligned with Netball Australia guidelines.

We will continue to tailor this program to maximize athlete experience while maintaining its core structure and learning objectives.

### 1.2 TACT – Talented Athlete & Coach Training

TACT continues to be one of our strongest and most impactful programs, providing a pathway for athletes and coaches into higher-level development and Netball WA opportunities. In 2025, we fielded:

- **3 teams** in each of the 12U, 13U, 14U and 16U divisions
- **2 teams** in 20U
- **Boys 14U, 17U (2 teams)**
- **No Limits Social Team**

We welcomed new athletes and coaches into the program and continued to support our returning squad members who are progressing confidently through our pathway.

### TACT Results:

#### 12U

- Team 1 – Div 1: **1st**
- Team 2 – Div 1: **6th**
- Team 3 – Div 2: **5th**

#### 13U

- Team 1 – Div 1: **1st**
- Team 2 – Div 2: **1st**
- Team 3 – Div 2: **5th**

#### 14U

- Team 1 – Div 1: **3rd**
- Team 2 – Div 1: **6th**

- Team 3 – Div 3: **2nd**

#### **16U**

- Team 1 – Div 1: **1st**
- Team 2 – Div 2: **3rd**
- Team 3 – Div 3: **4th**

#### **20U**

- Team 1 – Div 1: **5th**
- Team 2 – Div 2: **6th**

#### **Boys & No Limits Teams**

- 14U Boys – **3rd**
- 17U Boys Team 1 – **2nd**
- 17U Boys Team 2 – **3rd**
- No Limits Social GREEN – **1st**

These results reflect not only strong performances but also the progression and growth that underpin the TACT program.

### **1.3 Junior Development Program (JDP)**

The JDP entered its second year after being introduced in 2024 to provide opportunities during the absence of a Spring competition. With the Spring Competition reintroduced in 2025, we saw reduced registrations, which was expected.

Despite this, the program remains valuable for early-stage athletes, and in 2026 the focus will shift toward preparing athletes for our key development pathways such as TACT and Metro. This repositioning will help ensure the program remains purposeful and aligned with our broader athlete development.

### **1.4 Metro Development Competition**

Following Netball WA's discontinuation of the Metro Development Competition, Wanneroo—alongside Perth, Fremantle, and Southern—continued to jointly deliver the competition in its established format.

This initiative provides meaningful match play and learning opportunities for both athletes and coaches. Our teams performed exceptionally well:

#### **12U**

- Team 1 – Div 1: **1st**
- Team 2 – Div 2: **2nd**

#### **14U**

- Team 1 – Div 1: **1st**
- Team 2 – Div 2: **3rd**

#### **16U**

- Team 1 – Div 1: **3rd**
- Team 2 – Div 2: **3rd**

#### **20U**

- Team 1 – Div 1: **2nd**

This competition continues to enhance athlete readiness for higher-level programs and gives coaches valuable experience in an elevated environment.

## 2. Coach Development

### 2.1 Beginners Coaching Course

Our Beginners Coaching Course remains a crucial entry point for new coaches at WDNA. In 2025, we delivered sessions for NSG, Junior, and Open coaches.

Looking ahead, we will be implementing an improved structure:

- A **2-hour theory and demonstration session**
- A separate **2-hour practical session**

This will provide greater learning depth and improved skill development. The practical component will also be open to accredited coaches, acknowledging that some Netball Australia accreditations—such as Foundations—do not include practical learning.

We continue to recommend that all coaches pursue formal accreditation through Netball Australia's *My Learning* platform, while still providing Beginner courses for those who prefer a WDNA-supported opportunity.

### 2.2 Specialist Coach Workshops

Our Specialist Coach Workshops were delivered in a refreshed format in 2025 and received overwhelmingly positive feedback.

Bringing in highly skilled and technical coaches allowed our club coaches to:

1. Observe how elite-level coaches plan and deliver sessions, and
2. Learn new drills, concepts, and coaching methods.

We aim to continue and expand these workshops in 2026, pending specialist availability, and will refine the structure to ensure maximum learning impact.

### 2.3 Development Face-to-Face Accreditation Workshop

In 2025, we delivered **two** Development Accreditation Workshops, enabling coaches to achieve their Development Accreditation through a combined theory and practical session.

These workshops remain one of the most valuable ways for coaches to gain experience and confidence.

Because Foundations Accreditation is required prior to enrolment, we continue to strongly encourage all coaches to complete this early in their coaching journey.

### 2.4 Coaching Roles and Pathways

We continually seek enthusiastic coaches to support programs across the association.

From junior coaches (14+ years) assisting with NET, to club coaches involved in JDP, to pathway coaches in TACT and Metro, we provide opportunities for coaches to:

- develop skills,
- gain pathway exposure,
- receive mentoring, and
- work within elevated training environments.

Strengthening coaching pathways remains a key priority for 2026.

## 3. Achievements

### 3.1 Fever in Time (FIT) Program Selections

In 2025, WDNA had strong representation in Netball WA's **Fever in Time (FIT) Program**, a pathway for high-potential athletes and coaches to gain elite development opportunities:

- **Coaches Selected:** 5
- **14U Athletes Selected:** 20
- **16U Athletes Selected:** 20

This recognition underscores the quality of our programs and the commitment of our athletes and coaches to developing their skills and pathways within Netball WA.

### 3.2 Coaching Awards

Our coaches were celebrated for their dedication and excellence in 2025:

- **Linda Easter** – TACT Coaches Award, *Padbury Netball Club*
- **Taryn Balchin** – Community Coach Award, *Paua Rose Netball Club*
- **Tegan Gosling** – Coaching Excellence Award, *Poynter Netball Club & Hamersley Netball Club*

These awards reflect the outstanding impact our coaches have on athletes, club programs, and the broader community.

## 4. Partnerships and Community Engagement

Growing our community connections remains an important part of the development sector.

We welcome opportunities to partner with local businesses, organisations, and service providers to enrich the experiences of our athletes and coaches.

We also encourage clubs to approach us with ideas or requests for support—2026 will place a strong focus on strengthening our relationships with clubs and supporting member development at all levels.

## 5. Looking Ahead to 2026

2025 was a significant learning year in the Association Development Officer role, and the insights gained have positioned us strongly for the coming year.

In 2026, we will:

- continue enhancing all existing development programs,
- refine learning pathways for both athletes and coaches,
- strengthen collaboration with clubs and community partners, and
- explore new initiatives that expand opportunity and impact across the association.

We welcome feedback, ideas, and input from all members and stakeholders. Collaboration is key, and we look forward to another year of growth and development at WDN

**Dravyn Lee-Tauroa**

*Association Development Officer*

## Finance Report

Please note this report is as of November 2025 and is subject to the Auditors Report to be presented at the 2026 AGM.