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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Wow what an exciting year 2025 was!

Thank you to our fabulous 2025 Office Bearers – we had new people join the team and everyone supported each other throughout the year to ensure our netball community had a Saturday Competition and Representative program! I also want to thank Sharon Bailey who has continued to support WWPNA as our Central Coast

Netball (Metro League) champion!

Thank you to the support of WWPNA Council. These are your Club representatives and Life Members who regularly come together to ensure the Association is performing at its best for all members.

We celebrated 50 Years of netball at Lemon Grove. Whether it was by cake or golden tickets on Open Day, the Golden Round, our Gold Swifts membership or the 50 Year evening celebration, we hope all members were able to participate in this milestone!

We lost one of our founding members, Marg Thoms this year. I want to take a moment to acknowledge the over 45 years of her volunteer contribution to our Association, you will be greatly missed Marg.

We grew in size in our Saturday Competition and piloted the ‘little pelicans’ program’ it was fabulous to see our Representative Players support this initiative and we look forward to what this may look like for 2026!

Our representative program also grew! I would like to call out 2025 was the launch of our inaugural men’s team who achieved Runners Up in Division 2 at Senior State an amazing display of netball over two days! Thank you to all our Coaches and Managers who ensured our teams were ready for State Titles and to our umpires and parents who supported the teams at every carnival as well! Please see all details on our 2025 Representative results outlined by the Representative Convenor later in this report.

It was my first year as President after 8 years as Secretary, I hope that everyone felt the energy and commitment that we have brought to the Association this year.



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TRESURERS REPORT

2024/2025 Financial report

- The association has posted a net loss (after interest and depreciation) in the amount of \$39,081.00
- This loss can be attributed to a few things.
 - 50th Celebration costs
 - 2024 representative presentation
 - 2026 Representative accommodation deposits for both junior and senior state titles have been paid this financial year as opposed to next financial year
 - WWPNA representative contribution was increased to \$125 from \$100 this financial year, we had more teams this financial year as opposed to last financial year.
 - 2023 and 2024 finals umpire payments paid
 - WWPNA cleaning day which required 2x skip bins
 - Additional representative teams this financial year required additional player gifts and coach honorariums
 - 2025 investment into signage, promoting WWPNA on socials, additional gazebos and tablecloths that were branded with WWPNA logos
- As part of the change of financial institutions this year from Commonwealth Bank to Bendigo bank we also initiated payments through Stripe to allow parents/players and sponsors to pay via credit card / debit card, given this new set up and some teething problems (which are now sorted) we have \$18,518.38 in our Stripe Account which needs to be “paid out” to our Bendigo account, this can attribute to the financial loss however will show in the 2025/2026 financials.
- Canteen had a significant increase again with a gross profit of \$31,450.00, last year the canteen profit was \$18,574.00.
- The association maintains a healthy bank balance of \$102,330.34 (everyday account including WWPNA debit card) and \$127,457.19 (term deposit).

Please see the annual financial report for more detail.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Kennaway
WWPPNA Treasurer



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GAMES AND GRADING REPORT

2025 was nothing short of amazing. We had overall growth in player memberships with a total of 735 exceeding 2024s player memberships of 698!

We were lucky enough to experience beautiful weather throughout the season, with only 1 total washout round.

WWPNA held a junior club carnival in August which saw a huge turn out from all over, including teams from as far as Emu Plains. 35 teams in total.

- 9/10 year old division- 9 teams
- 11 year old division- 8 teams
- 12 year old division- 6 teams
- 13 year old division- 7 teams
- 14/15 year old division – 4 teams

Net Set Go:

The 2025 season piloted our new rep -run 5–6-year-old program, little pelicans. Whilst it was successful seeing our littlest players turn up every week, there is a lot we learnt and can improve on for the 2026 season.

We also introduced umpires to our NSG Green division to begin ‘whistle reaction’ in preparation for NSG Blue. This improved our NSG level players and assisted our younger umpires to get some whistle practice. Huge thank you to Lynne, Lisa and clubs for accommodating this change.

We also trialled 4 weekly NSG meetings to adjust grades and see how teams are tracking. Minor adjustments were made, including the addition of NSG grade mid-season to split the 7 & 8 year old teams appropriately.

We have some great NSG statistics which will help 2026 to hopefully assist Games and Grading to grade as the NSG teams move into competition.

Overall, Net Set Go did have a decrease in numbers.

- 2025- 3 grades + Little Pelicans, with the addition of a 4th grade mid-season for skill appropriateness. 2024- 5 grades.
- 2025- 232 players, a decrease from 260 in 2024.
- 2025- 21 teams + 33 Little Pelicans, a decrease from 28 in 2024.



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Competition:

The 2025 competition season had an overall increase. Games and Grading faced a few challenges throughout the season and should be commended on the hard work that happens behind the scenes. We were lucky to only have 1 washout round; however, it was decided it was too late in the season to be replayed. Games and Grading made decisions to split grades in finals like previous seasons which made our attendance throughout our finals series increased.

- 2025-503 players, 2024-438 players
- 2025-51 teams, 2024-45 teams
- Maintained 8 grades as previous season

Non-Members:

Thank you to all our coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, umpires, volunteers and life members for registering in PlayHQ for 2025.

- 174 non-players in 2025, up from 121 in 2024.

We left Winter 2025 with a total of 909 memberships registered through PlayHQ.

Our Spring season, Twilight, commenced on October 14 and will run for 10 weeks. We are so excited to be running this competition again and it has been great to see the registrations come through. We have many returning 'Twilighters' and many season players registering. We have already exceeded 2024s team count of 27 having 31 teams already registered.

I want to personally thank everyone who had a part in this season assisting me in my first (and hopefully not last!) year as Games and Grader. The Games and Grading committee did an exceptional job throughout the entire season.

I wish all clubs the best of luck in future seasons!

Kind regards,

Amanda Harris
WWPNA Games and Grading Convenor



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REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

2025 has seen a huge growth in our Rep Program. We had teams compete in the 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, Opens and Men's divisions at Junior and Senior State Championships. Our senior teams competed over the June long weekend at both Campbelltown and Camden NA and our junior teams 4-7 July 2025 at Penrith NA. We also had two 11s development teams and very excitingly, a 12-13 Development Team.

With the larger number of teams this year, the season commenced with great interest from a number of coaches to help the success of the rep program. We saw new Assistant Coaches be selected to support head coaches.

We have had several of our coaches attend coaching courses to improve their accreditation for which we thank them.

We had 36 players from all five clubs commence in our 11s development group this year, with 22 being selected at trials earlier this year to attend carnivals. For the first time we had a development team in our 12-13 age groups.

We hope to be able to continue to offer this pathway to the rep program as seen when one of our 12yo development players was selected to the 12s Rep Team upon the withdrawal of a player.

The 11's attended the Sam Poolman Aspire Day at Newcastle in February. They completed their season with a two-day carnival held at Charlestown in July. The talent in this team bodes well for an exciting 12s team in 2026.

Our 17s and Opens attended Regional League in Maitland in April. The 17s had a successful weekend being runners up in Division 4. Our Opens had a tough weekend with injury with their shooters playing circle defence, and finishing in 5th place.

Carnivals commenced in March and the team's attended carnivals in Lakeside, Cessnock, Gosford, Maitland, Woy Woy, Kurri Kurri and Campbelltown prior to each State Championships. I also wish to thank all the umpires who attended each and every carnival and both State Championships allowing our teams to play.

Our results at both Senior and Junior State were the best overall results for WWPNA in a very long time.

Congratulations to all our players, particularly those who were talent identified by Netball NSW: Matilda Curran and Bridie Riddle who both attended a NNSW skills day. Special mention to Sasha Wolfenden, Rylee Sophocleous, Phoebe Pardy and Edie Bonnor.



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Results:

Men's 2nd in Division 2

Opens 5th in Championship Division

17s 5th in Division 3

15s 12th in Division 3

14s 3rd in Division 3

13s 3rd in Division 3

12s 7th in Division 3

To our amazing 2025 Coaches and Assistant Coaches I say thank you! The results speak of our time, energy and effort. We could not have achieved this success without all your hard work and passion.

I must also give a huge thank you to our all our Managers with whom we cannot thank you enough for your care of our players. State weekend is huge for all our players and the care, comfort and support you provide each and everyone of our players, coaches, umpires and exec is outstanding. Thank you for all the food you prepared, tears you dried, hugs you gave, photos you took, toilet breaks you attended whilst all making sure the players, coaches and parents where at the right court on time, with all the gear ready to play.

Thank you to 6S physio for providing all three physios who attended senior and junior state. We sincerely thank them for covering the cost of two of the physios as part of their ongoing sponsorship of the Association.

It has been my absolute honour and privilege to be part of the WWPNA Rep Program for the last 2 years and I sincerely hope that the work we have taken to achieve this success will be the stepping stones to a stronger, more successful Association and Rep Program in the future. I wish everyone all the very best for the future.

Michelle Stone
Representative Convenor



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COACHING REPORT

At WWPNA we have continued to work on building our coaching team and skills. In November 2024 we hosted a Development Coach Accreditation course run by Gima Crowd; we obtained maximum capacity many of whom were from our association.

In March WWPNA ran a Fundamental Coaching Skills session including a shooting education session by Nicola Stone, turn out, especially with our young coaches was excellent.

From this session we were than able to run a shooting clinic hosted by Nicola stone for all players and coaches, we had a turn out of over 80 players of all ages.

For the 2025 rep season we were able to appoint coaches and assistant coaches to all of our representative teams.

- At State and Sate age championships we were able to provide on-site support to our coaches as well as in the evenings and the feedback was very positive.
- We have appointed coaches for all teams for 2026 and assistant coaches for our junior teams.
- Many of our rep coaches are now qualified with an intermediate coaching accreditation, those who are not have at the very least a development accreditation and ready to move to the next level.

We continue to build on developing our rep coaching program and refining processes and events to assist such as:

- Continuing with Gima Crowd as a mentor coach to our Rep Coaches, bringing with her a wealth of knowledge and experience.
- Utilising an independent selector and panel to appoint rep coaches and assistant coaches for 2026.
- Gima Crowd ran a rep readiness evening in July for 11 to opens with an amazing turnout of up to 106 players, an increase from 76 the previous year.

Moving forward we are looking to continue our progression in 2026, our proposed plan:

- Intermediate Coaching Clinic to be scheduled.



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- Development Coach Accreditation course to be scheduled.
- We will consult club coach convenors to ascertain what they determine would be beneficial for our club coaches with which we can assist.

We continue to encourage all club coaches to achieve at least a development accreditation which can only contribute to increasing the skill level of our coaches and ultimately our players.

Regards,

Rita Perl

WWPNA Coach Convenor



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UMPIRES REPORT

Our season started in February and March with umpires required for Rep carnivals at Newcastle, Charlestown and Gosford. These rep carnivals continued throughout the season at Westlakes, Maitland, Lakeside, Singleton, Cessnock, Kurri Kurri, Campbelltown and Callaghan.

All of our umpires that attended these carnivals were enthusiastic, extremely proficient and a credit to our Association, even with the early starts and some wet and muddy weather.

It was such a good experience spending time with each other and the rep teams and I want to thank every umpire who umpired at these carnivals and many who umpired multiple carnivals over the season.

We were represented at Senior State by Ellyce Crabb and Genevieve Little, who did a fantastic job. Thank you.

We were represented at Junior State by Sophie Planicka, Sophie Barnes and myself. We had a great time and was wonderful experience for us all. Thank you.

Our regular season started in April, and it was a challenge every week to cover all the games with suitable standard umpires. As we all know there are never enough umpires! Thank you to the club umpire convenors who worked together so well every week helping each other out and covering unallocated games and swapping when needed. Lisa and I really appreciated your support as we could have not done it without your help and co-operation.

A special mention to our junior umpires. They turned up enthusiastically every week with beaming smiles and wore their green arm bands with pride. We need to support and nurture these girls as they are the part of the future of our Association. No umpires, no games.

Congratulations to Krystle Lee from TKT who attained her C badge accreditation. It was thoroughly deserved after all her hard work all season.

We have a number of umpires who are almost ready to be badged next season, which is very exciting and I wish them good luck.

Our finals series went really well and we were so happy that we were able to use WWPNA umpires for the whole three weeks. Thank you to Sophie Barnes who stepped in for myself and Lisa on Grand Final day and did a great job.

A huge thank you to the WWPNA committee who welcomed me with such kindness and supported me every week (even when I had no idea what I was doing!). This team of volunteers are an awesome group of people who are extremely passionate about our Association and every single one of our players, coaches, managers, umpires and parents.

Lastly but definitely not least, is my eternal thanks to my assistant, Lisa Holt. She guided, helped, supported me through the whole season. We spent hours every week with the draw and

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allocations trying to work out the best solutions for every game. (thank god for Lisa's spreadsheets) and we were able to achieve that every week. Even with her health problems half way through the season, she continued helping me from home. Thank you, thank you.

My suggestion is to leave the umpire payments for next year as they stand.

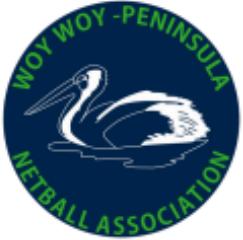
Seniors \$30, Cadets \$25, IJ and Juniors \$20, Learners \$10. Badged an extra \$5 per game. I wish the incoming Umpire Convenor the best of luck and I will be around to assist in any way.

Thanks

Lynne Bates
Umpire convenor



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We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our sponsors and partners for their generous support during the 2025 season.

Your commitment plays a vital role in nurturing our grassroots netballers and driving the growth of netball across our community.

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association looks forward to continuing this positive partnership into the 2026 season and the exciting years ahead.