



WOODEND DISTRICT NETBALL CLUB

Building strong, confident young people in Woodend

President's Report 2022

Introduction

The 2021 Woodend District Netball Club (WDNC) AGM saw the resignation of the entire committee with the exception of Melissa Smart, who remained as Treasurer. At the conclusion of the 2021 AGM the 2022 committee consisted of Mike Boudrie (President), Melissa Smart (Treasurer), Chris McGregor (Secretary) and Kristy Woodhouse (Database). The outgoing committee also provided the names of several people to approach to join for the other positions. John McBride, the outgoing President stayed on in a General capacity for a short period to assist with handover to the new committee.

Following the meeting no other volunteers elected to join the WDNC committee, and as a result the limited committee picked up the other roles to perform multiple tasks. I would like to thank Melissa, Chris, Kristy for all their work this year. Carly Arkinstall has also made a significant contribution from midway through 2022 and I would like to thank her for that. Without these individuals tireless work, this season would not have been nearly as successful as it has been.

NetSetGo – Autumn 2022

WDNC had close to 50 participants in the 2022 NetSetGo program, an almost three fold increase on 2021 and 2020. Many of these players went on to play in the Macedon Ranges Netball Association Competition (MRNA) 2022 season as 'bottom age' Under 9 players, meaning that they will have two years at this age group.

Thank you to Chris McGregor, Jen Hunt and Georgia Wearne for coaching the players.

The program was a great success with great feedback from the playing and parent group. Our main takeaway for the 2023 NetSetGo program is to start earlier in Term 1 to minimise any overlap with the MRNA season.

Macedon Ranges Netball Association Competition – Winter 2022

WDNC entered six teams in the 2022 MRNA Season comprising two U9, two U11, one U13 and one U15 team. Our U9 and U11 teams all performed well and we look forward to watching them develop further in 2023. Our U13 team were Grand Final Winners for the season, a huge cause for celebration for WDNC. The U15 team also enjoyed some great success reaching the semi-finals.

Our Duty Day at MRNA was well supported by parents and coaches and sponsored by Coles Woodend and Hardwicks with donations of bread and sausages to reduce our costs significantly and allow maximum profit for WDNC.



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I would like to thank all the coaches, parents and other helpers that contributed to an excellent MRNA season.

MRNA Presentation Night

We chose to run a presentation night following the final round of the MRNA season. It was held at Buffalo Stadium outdoor courts with music, BBQ, presentation of medals and certificates to all players and a Coaches Award for one player in each team. Presentations we also made to all coaches and those that had contributed to such a successful MRNA season.

WDNC Twilight Series – Spring/Summer 2022

The Twilight Series saw 96 registrations, 9 rounds of games for 12 teams with 4 teams in each age group (9 and under, 12 and under, 15 and under) including semi-finals and finals for 12 and under and 15 and under players. We hope to continue with many of these players into 2023 to increase our MRNA team numbers.

We were fortunate to only miss one round due to poor weather.

Twilight Series Presentation night

WDNC organised an summer 'break up' celebration on the final week of the twilight series. We estimate over 140 children attended and over 100 parents, family and friends. We organised a Woodfired Pizza truck to attend and welcomed families to bring food and drink with them. The night was a great success, with perfect weather and presentations. Certificates were handed out to all 9 and under players and medals for the winning team in the 12 and under and 15 and under competitions.

We also introduced the 'Living WDNC Values' award for one player in each team to celebrate them demonstrating WDNC's values – Fun, Fitness, Friendship and Fair Play.

WDNC Uniforms

We introduced ICON as a WDNC uniform partner for 2022. During the Winter 2022 season we introduced a player pack comprising a hoodie, long sleeve warm up top and beanie for the players. Beanies and jackets were also made available to committee, coaches and parents. 64 players purchased the player pack, with WDNC subsidising the cost to parents.

We will move to new dresses for 2023 with players purchasing their dress for the year. WDNC purchased one dress in each size to allow players to choose their preferred size.

Sponsorships



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WDNC secured four new sponsors for 2022, Jellis Craig, Talbot Homes, Macedon Ranges Signs and ICON Sports. We thank them for the contribution to the club.

Memberships and Commitments

During 2022 WDNC joined the Victorian Government Fair Play Code that calls out bad behaviour in sports. We also joined the Love the Game not the Odds program that requires WDNC to not accept any sponsorship or promotion from gambling related entities.

Child Safe 2023

New Child Safe legislation was introduced in Victoria in 1 July 2022. There is a 12 month transition phase to adopt the requirements of the new legislation. There is a significant step up in the requirements of the new Child Safe under the Legislation with a clubs having to adopt a much higher and active approach to child safety. We will need a specific person to manage these requirements for 2023. WDNC has made some initial steps to adopt the new Child Safe code, however a significant amount of work is required to meet the standards as well as maintain compliance each year.

Initial 2023 Plans

We are planning to introduce some new initiatives for 2023 including:

- Summer Clinic 2023 – a one day / half day program for players to be held in January 2023.
- Early Bird MRNA – We have opened registrations for the MRNA Season from 2 December, offering early bird discounts. I also note that we have increased fees for 2023 MRNA season, however still remain within \$5 of the other clubs in the competition. Players will also be required to purchase their uniforms for MRNA 2023. Players membership will include a 10% discount on the WDNC store, player number wrist band, uniform (to keep) and sticker.
- Vixens Games – we plan to invite players to attend at Melbourne Vixens Game in 2023.
- Tournaments – Once the 2023 season dates are released we plan to take representative teams to single day tournaments.

We will again run NetSetGo in Term 1 2023, enter the MRNA season and run a twilight Spring Summer season in Term 4 2023.

Closing



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Thank you to everyone, players, committee, coaches, scorers, umpires, volunteers and families for making 2022 a great season and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

Mike Boudrie
President 2022