



# ACT MEN'S & MIXED NETBALL

## 2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT



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# Presidents Report

2022-23 has been one of the biggest years yet for the ACT Men's and Mixed Netball Association (ACTMMNA) and has seen some significant achievements ticked off the to-do list.

This year has also held special significance for me as the President of this organisation, as it is my final year leading this amazing and spirited bunch of netballers.

Following some tough decisions about the composition of the ACT representative teams for the 2023 National Championships in Perth, the ACTMMNA Committee settled on two teams, consolidating in a men's reserves and mixed reserves team. Both teams performed incredibly strongly at the competition, solidifying the ACT's reputation as a small but talented force to be reckoned with.

The mixed team finished the competition as minor premiers and third overall in their division while the men's team reached not only the finals for the first time, but claimed the Association's first ever men's reserves spot in the grand final, ultimately finishing in second position overall. Both teams exhibited the Griffins spirit on and off the court and their respective success is a testament to the talented coaching staff who led them to success over the week of the tournament.

The exciting men's division continued in the Netball ACT HCF State League competition with five teams fighting for the annual trophy. This competition has become a crucial flank of the offering of men's netball in the ACT and is proving to be an exciting and integrated feature of the overall netball offering in Canberra.

In a major achievement for the Association, 2023 saw ACTMMNA host our first Emerging Griffins Academy, led by Academy Coach Lauren Grimes. The program took place over several weekends and provided boys under 15 with the opportunity to connect with other young male netballers while having a professionally coached environment to develop their netball skills.

The Academy program paved the way for the first ever boys only invitational division as part of the ACT Junior Championships competition which was held in June 2023. Two teams of boys participated in the invitational division and played three games over two days with large crowds watching on in breaks from the girls competition. This moment is a significant one for ACTMMNA. It not only realises a goal that ACTMMNA Committees have aspired toward for some years, but also proved that the future of men's netball in the ACT is bright.

Plans are underway for ACT representative team trials for the championships to be held in Brisbane. We hope that the ACT can boost it's number of teams once again and include youth teams in the compliment that will compete for the 2024 trophies.

I would like to thank the Committee which started small following the previous AGM but grew steadily over the year. This dedicated and enthusiastic group of volunteers are the lifeblood of the ACT Men's and Mixed Netball Association. They contribute countless hours of time to the growth and success of the Association and I couldn't have done it without them.

This moment marks a bitter-sweet one for me. The last six years as President and eight years as part of the ACTMMNA Committee have been incredibly rewarding and enriching. I have not only been able to work with an incredible team over the years to grow men's and mixed netball in the ACT but have made so many new friends along the way. But, I do believe that change in leadership is crucial to the ongoing success of organisations like this as therefore will be stepping down as the President at this AGM. I do so proud of what we have been able to achieve together over the last few challenging years.

I have truly loved my time in this role. I have loved being a Griff and can't wait to see what is next for this exciting group of netballers who wear the yellow and blue.

Pat Cronan  
**President**



# Governance Report

At the last AGM the Committee had just three members, with a number of long standing members departing - we would like to thank particular Sheree Harrison, Graeme Rochow and Adam Commens for their significant contributions over a number of years. Since then the Committee has grown in numbers and with nearly all positions filled and a Committee that is focused on the development of the Association. The Committee comprised the following membership:

## 2022-23 Committee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		GENERAL COMMITTEE	
<b>President</b>	Patrick Cronan	<b>Publicity and Marketing Officer</b>	Alyssa McInerney
<b>Vice President Game Development</b>	Renaë Pickering	<b>Fundraising and Sponsorship Officer</b>	Nic Hampton
<b>Vice President Business and Policy</b>	Tamara Weatherburn	<b>Player's Representative</b>	Tom Hopkins
<b>Treasurer</b>	Laura Sheehan	<b>Youth and Competitions Officer</b>	Luke Coombe
<b>Secretary</b>	Nicole Crossley	<b>Officials Coordinator</b>	Hannah Ahmad
		<b>General Committee</b>	Olivia Spillane



# Sponsorship and Fundraising

## Bunnings BBQ

Bunnings Belconnen supported the Griffins fundraising efforts in 2019 with a Bunnings BBQ fundraising activity. The BBQ raised a profit of \$1725.15. The BBQ was great opportunity to not only raise some additional funds for the program but a chance to promote men's netball within the ACT community. Bunnings Belconnen has for many years provided ongoing support to community organisations and the program will seek to host BBQ's in future years.



## Annual Trivia Night

The annual trivia night was held at the Ainslie Football Club. The event raised a profit of over \$2917.18. ACTMMNA would like to thank Ainslie Football Club who generously donated the room for the trivia night and the Griffins Presentation Evening.

## Canberra Labor Club

ACTMMNA would like to thank the Canberra Labor Club who have provided a one of donation of \$4,000 to support the development of community sport, youth programs and inclusion in our program. As a volunteer not for profit association, ACTMMNA would not exist without the support of local businesses.

## Tamara Weatherburn

Vice President Business 2022-23

# Treasurer's Report

The following accounts represent the financial position of ACT Men's and Mixed Netball Association.

<b>Income (01 June 2022 - 31 May 2023)</b>	
Player Contributions	\$95,389.94
Fundraising & Sponsorship	\$7,785.23
Other	\$480.63
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$103,655.80</b>

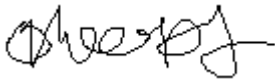
<b>Expenditure (01 June 2022 - 31 May 2023)</b>	
Tour Costs	\$62,364.61
Management Team Costs	\$14,500.00
Court Hire	\$3,144.50
Uniform Reimbursements to Participants	\$345.90
Uniform Supplier Payments	\$5,339.16
Accounting Systems	\$658.35
Physiotherapists/Trainer Equipment	\$229.15
Refund to 2022 participants	\$2,900.66
Griffins presentation night	\$2,910.26
Tournament Packs	\$6,900
Tournament & Affiliation Fees	\$3,400
Trophies	\$371.65
Expenses for Fundraising Events	\$1,373.40
Other Expenses	\$248.83
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$104,686.47</b>



<b>Total Income</b>	\$103,655.80
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	\$104,686.47
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>-\$1,030.67</b>

# Third Party Review

I have reviewed the bank accounts and statements for the ACT Mens and Mixed Netball Association for the financial year ending 31 May 2023. In my opinion, they reflect the true financial position of the organisation.



Georgia Victoria Moody

Date: 17 July 2023

# Griffins Representative Program

Two Griffins Teams were selected in 2023 to represent the ACT at the AMMNA Championships in the Mens and Mixed Reserves Divisions. The following participants attended this competition:

Division	Given name	Surname	Role
Men's Reserves	Dayna	Waterworth	Assistant Coach
Men's Reserves	Laura	Sheehan	Coach
Men's Reserves	Kim	Symons	Head Coach
Men's Reserves	Bronwyn	Motion	Manager
Men's Reserves	Austin	Bird	Player
Men's Reserves	Thomas	Burrow	Player
Men's Reserves	Andrew	Cross	Player
Men's Reserves	Christopher	Gogala	Player
Men's Reserves	Damien	Pyne	Player
Men's Reserves	Thomas	Hopkins	Player
Men's Reserves	Nathan	Mazengarb	Player
Men's Reserves	Lachlan	Paolo	Player
Men's Reserves	Joshua	Rochow	Player
Men's Reserves	Isaiah	Samau	Player
Men's Reserves	Jordan	Uhr	Player
Men's Reserves	Tyler	McLean	Player
Mixed Reserves	Elizabeth	Crossley	Assistant Coach
Mixed Reserves	Alisha	Anderson	Coach
Mixed Reserves	Cassandra	Turnbull	Manager
Mixed Reserves	Luke	Coombe	Player
Mixed Reserves	Dennzyl	Costa	Player
Mixed Reserves	Samuel	Denmead	Player
Mixed Reserves	Deonye	Fyfe	Player
Mixed Reserves	Nicholas	Hampton	Player
Mixed Reserves	Caitlin	Hanna	Player
Mixed Reserves	Nathan	Hosie	Player
Mixed Reserves	Jordyn	Kearney	Player
Mixed Reserves	Alyssa	McInerney	Player
Mixed Reserves	Evan	Packard	Player
Mixed Reserves	Olivia	Spillane	Player
Mixed Reserves	Carly	Symons	Player
Mixed Reserves	Thalia	Uilelea	Player
Mens Reserves	Ioane	Saula	Training Partner
Mixed Reserves	Cameron	Bennett	Training Partner
Mixed Reserves	Taylah	Chancellor	Training Partner





**Support Team:**

Program Head Coach: Kim Symons

Head Physiotherapist: Alisha Koskinen

Primary Carer: Thomas Fletcher

Tour Leader: Unfulfilled

Squad Captains: Olivia Spillane & Joshua Rochow

Mixed Reserves Captains: Carly Symons & Nathan Hosie

Mens Reserves Captains: Andrew Cross & Chris Gogala, Isaiah Samau (Vice)



Pictured: 2023 squad and team captains.

**Renae Pickering**

Vice President Game Development 2022-23

## Indigenous patches

In 2023 local Indigenous artist, netballer and umpire, Mandy Allan presented the ACT Griffins squad with their indigenous patches ahead of the 2023 Australian Championships.



Mandy designed an artwork that represents the close netball community in the ACT. She spoke to the four campsites featured in the artwork that represented the tightness of the community with a strong sense of inclusion and belonging.

We thank Mandy for the beautiful artwork that we will wear proudly.

## 2023 Griffins Men's Team Finish in 2nd place





# Player Honours

## Australian squad selection

Dennzyl Costa (ACT Mixed) and Liam Platt (2023 NSW U17's) were both selected into Australian Squads for their respective age groups. ACTMMNA would also like to thank Netball ACT for including Liam and Dennzyl as training partners in the NACT Academy to support their Australian Squad preparations.



## All star selection

In its inaugural year, the All Star 7 concept recognised individuals for their performance at the championships as voted by state and national coaches. It recognises the player voted to be the best in position for specialist skills, with the highest positional impact on games as assessed by coaches.

## Mens Reserves

WA - Thomas Hopkins

GD - Nathan Mazengarb

## Mixed Reserves

GS - Deonye Fyfe

GA - Nic Hampton





## 2023 ACTMMNA and Griffins Awards

	<b>Mens</b>	<b>Mixed</b>
<b>Best and Fairest</b>	Jordan Uhr	Deonye Fyfe
<b>Coaches Award</b>	Andrew Cross	Jordyn Kearney
<b>Team Placing at Nationals</b>	2nd Place	3rd Place
<b>Member of the Year 'Jillian Joyce' Award</b>	2023 Renae Pickering and Bronwyn Motion	2022 Sheree Harrison

# Junior Development

## Academy Program

In 2023 the Committee had a renewed focus on developing the youth boys pathways in the ACT. A 6 week academy was held in support from Netball ACT who kindly provided court and equipment hire for the program. The program was led by head coach Lauren Grimes and supported by a number of Griffins players who regularly trained alongside the youth boys.



## Junior Representative Championships

As part of the annual Junior Championships held by Netball ACT, ACTMMNA held a three game exhibition match for youth boys aged 13-15 years. The success of the tournament was evident from the positive feedback of players and parents, community engagement and the smiles on all the players' faces. We look forward to working with Netball ACT for this to be developed further and thank them for their support of the exhibition matches.



The Committee will have a strong focus on developing youth boys pathways.

# Umpires



ACT umpires were again well represented at the AMMNA Championships. Selected from The ACT to participate in the 2023 AMMNA Championships:

- Annette Sloan-Gardner
- Karen Hargraves
- Trent Rawlings
- Carly Brown
- Christina West
- Jake Shepherd (ADF)
- Hannah Ahmad



ACT umpires also assisted regularly with matchplay, trials, the Mark Kerr Cup, State of Origin and Australian Camps. They are a vital component to the success of our organisation and ACT Griffin's program.