



2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT

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President's Report

2023-24 was another exciting year for ACTMMNA and the ACT Griffins. A number of significant milestones have been achieved, which have continued to take our programs from strength to strength. In a historic first for our association the ACT Griffins entered both a men's and mixed team into the open division at the 2024 Australian Championships. There has been a renewed focus on our youth program with the re-inclusion of the 17's to Nationals and the second year of our Griffins academy. We have grown in leaps and bounds and none of this would have been possible without the amazing group of volunteers that we have on our committee and in our programs. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated time whether small or large, it is the combined efforts that make this family what it is today.

It would also be remiss of me not to acknowledge another significant achievement for our Association. At our 2023 AGM, ACT Men's and Mixed Netball Association acknowledged our first Life Member Patrick Cronan. Life Membership in our constitution is to be voted on and awarded at the Annual General Meeting. Patrick was a driving force in establishing our association and helping it grow to where it is today. He was in the first ACT Griffins Men's team and a part of the Committee since 2016.

There have been significant personal achievements across our Griffins program highlighted in this report through Australian selection, All Star 7 and team awards. As an association we welcomed the Mark Kerr Cup back to the ACT, with 9 fantastic games played between the Griffins and NSW. We have grown our coaching and manager numbers and capacity and have increased our umpire representation at Nationals. Our Committee's policies and procedures continue to strengthen as do our relationships with AMMNA, member states and Netball ACT.

In the 2024 program year, the Committee took an important step to contract a Head Coach for a period of two years to deliver the Griffins program. Kim Symons was appointed to this role and has had an incredible first year of her appointment, leading the Griffins Squad into the opens environment. Thank you Kim for your passion and knowledge. We are lucky to have you leading a wonderful group of coaches, managers and primary carers who were all instrumental in a fantastic Griffins program and AMMNA Championships.

On behalf of the Committee I would also like to thank the ACT Government for their grant to allow us to run a planning day later this year. This will be an important milestone to develop our future focused strategic plan and priorities. Thank you to Netball ACT who continue to support our programs and in particular the growth of youth boys programs and the inclusion of male athletes into the ACTAS program. Thank you as well to Sandy, Erica and Tuggeranong Netball Association for their partnership to deliver a very successful youth boys come and try day and academy program. These have both been significant steps in growing youth boys pathways.

None of the significant achievements outlined above would be possible without the hard work of the entire ACTMMNA Committee. I want to thank each and every member of our fantastic Committee for their time, dedication and passion that has been poured into our programs over the last 12 months. In particular Nicole Crossley who will be finishing up in her role as Secretary at the upcoming AGM. We have been so lucky that you have shared your knowledge and experience with us and on behalf of the Committee a big thank you. If you are thinking about getting involved, I encourage you to put your hand up. In addition to official Committee roles there are smaller projects that we rely on our community to help deliver on. Lastly I would like to thank our Committee Members who will not be returning at the upcoming AGM, Nicole, Tom and Nathan. Thank you for your support, passion and energy you have put into the Committee. I am beyond grateful for the continued support of the whole Committee and our broader Netball community.

As a player and now as a President my goal is to leave this association just a little better than when I started but mostly for this association to outlast me and continue to grow and thrive into the and I look forward to seeing what can be achieved in the years to come

Tamara Weatherburn

ACT Men's and Mixed Association President

Governance Report

The Committee comprised the following membership:

2023-24 Committee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		GENERAL COMMITTEE	
President	Tamara Weatherburn	Sponsorship Officer	Will Dredge
Vice President Game Development	Renae Pickering	Fundraising Officer	Nic Hampton
Vice President Business and Policy	Nathan Spillane	Competitions Coordinator	Thomas Hopkins
Treasurer to January 2024	Laura Sheehan	Officials Coordinator	Hannah Ahmad
Treasurer from January 2024 (non executive)	Nic Hampton	Media and Marketing Officer	Olivia Spillane
Secretary	Nicole Crossley	Uniform Coordinator	Jenny Hanna
Executive member appointed January 2024	Will Dredge	General Committee	Nathan Hosie

Sponsorship and Fundraising

ACT Government Grant

In 2024 ACTMMNA received a grant from the ACT Government to host our planning day. We look forward to holding this later this year to set our strategic direction and priorities to work towards in the years to come. Thank you to the ACT Government for your support.

Bunnings BBQ

Bunnings Belconnen supported the Griffins fundraising efforts in 2024 with a Bunnings BBQ fundraising activity. 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 organizations 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 was full of laughs and dancing with our ACT Griffins athletes also presented with their playing uniform. ACTMMNA would like to thank Ainslie Football Club for hosting the event again as well as the Griffins Presentation Evening.



Treasurer's Report

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

Income (01 June 2023 - 31 May 2024)	
Player Contributions	\$112,755.00
Fundraising & Sponsorship	\$14,867.01
Other	\$3264.38
Total Income	\$130,886.39

Expenditure (01 June 2023 - 31 May 2024)	
Tour Costs	\$72,259.12
Management Team Costs	\$8,481.24
Court Hire	\$6,711.05
Uniform Reimbursements to Participants	\$0.00
Uniform Supplier Payments	\$1930.35
Accounting Systems	NIL
Physiotherapists/Trainer Equipment	\$277.11
Refund to 2023/2024 participants	\$8,306.00
Griffins presentation night	\$4112.00
Tournament Packs	\$11,359.00
Tournament & Affiliation Fees	\$6,700.00
Trophies	\$581.40
Expenses for Fundraising Events	\$2,043.55
Other Expenses	\$853.84
Total Expenditure	\$123,614.66

Total Income	\$130,886.39
Total Expenditure	\$123,614.66
Net Profit	\$7271.73

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 2024. In my opinion, they reflect the true financial position of the organisation.

JWLand - Accounts Payable Manager,

Amy Harding

Date: 30.07.2024

Griffins Representative Program

Three Griffins Teams were selected in 2024 to represent the ACT at the AMMNA Championships in the Mens and Mixed Opens Divisions. The following participants attended this competition:

Division	Given name	Surname	Role
Mens Opens	Thomas	Burrow	Player
Mens Opens	Dennzyl	Costa	Player
Mens Opens	Andrew	Cross	Player
Mens Opens	Samuel	Denmead	Player
Mens Opens	Christopher	Gogala	Player
Mens Opens	Thomas	Hopkins	Player
Mens Opens	Tyler	McLean	Player
Mens Opens	Evan	Packard	Player
Mens Opens	Benjamin	Sharp	Player
Mens Opens	Jordan	Uhr	Player
Mens Opens	Archie	Webb	Player
Mens Opens	Tristan	Vergano	Player
Mens Opens	Iain	Harvey	Player/Training Partner
Mens Opens	Damien	Pyne	Training Partner
Mixed Opens	Alisha	Anderson	Coach
Mixed Opens	Kate	Coffee	Coach
Mixed Opens	Taylah	Chancellor	Player
Mixed Opens	Christopher	Eldridge	Player
Mixed Opens	Deonye	Fyfe	Player
Mixed Opens	Kimberly	Goodearl	Player
Mixed Opens	Nicholas	Hampton	Player
Mixed Opens	Nathan	Hosie	Player
Mixed Opens	Jordyn	Kearney	Player
Mixed Opens	Kyle	Robertson	Player
Mixed Opens	Olivia	Spillane	Player
Mixed Opens	Carly	Symons	Player
Mixed Opens	Benjamin	Todd	Player
Mixed Opens	Sophie	Immonen	Player
Mixed Opens	Austin	Mills	Player
Mixed Opens	Kaycie	Arena	Training Partner
Mixed Opens	Caitlin	Hanna	Training Partner
Mixed Opens	Ashley	Scensor	Training Partner
Mixed Opens	Thalia	Uilelea	Training Partner
Mixed Opens	Tamara	Weatherburn	Training Partner
U17s	Luke	Frakes	Player
U17s	Theodore	Leigh	Training Partner

U17s	Liam	O'Connor	Training Partner
U17s	Dylan	Bryant	Player
U17s	Jake	Handel	Player
U17s	Llandan	Vergano	Player
U17s	Daniel	Flynn	Player
U17s	Benjamin	Fisher	Player
U17s	Harrison)	Orton	Player
U17s	Finn	Riley	Player
U17s	Tim	Bugden	Player
U17s	Henry	Kanis	Player
U17s	Ashton	Poole	Player
U17s	Heath	Buttler	Player

Support Team:

Program Head Coach: Kim Symons

Open Mens:

Coach: Kim Symons

Assistant Coach: Rhia Austin

Team Manager: Bronwyn Motion

Primary Carer: Dr Tom Fletcher

Captains: Andrew Cross (CC), Chris Gogala (CC), Jordan Uhr (VC)

Open Mixed:

Co-Coach: Alisha Anderson

Co-Coach: Kate Coffey

Team Manager: Cassie Turnbull

Physiotherapist: Alisha Koskinen

Captains: Carly Symons (C), Nic Hampton (VC)

U17s:

Coach: Dayna Waterworth

Assistant Coach: Lizzie Crossley

Team Manager: Christine Kanis

Physiotherapist: Sophie Moseley

Captains: Finn Riley (C) & Jake Handel (C), Llandan Vergano (VC)

Squad Captains: Olivia Spillane & Tom Hopkins

Squad Vice Captains: Dennzyl Costa & Nathan Hosie



MENS & MIXED
NETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIPS

NISSAN ARENA, BRISBANE
31 March - 6 April 2024



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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY OPEN MENS
BACK ROW: AKim Symons (Coach), Bronwyn Motion (Manager), Thomas Burrow, Archie Webb, Christopher Gogala (c), Andrew Cross (c), Evan Packard, Thomas Fletcher (osteopath), Rhia Austin (Asst. Coach)
FRONT ROW: Thomas Hopkins, Benjamin Sharp, Tyler McLean, Dennzyl Costa, Samuel Denmead, Tristan Vergano, Jordan Uhr (vc)





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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY OPEN MIXED
BACK ROW: Alisha Koskinen (Trainer), Alisha Anderson (Coach), Kimberly Goodearl, Sophie Immonen, Jordyn Kearney, Taylah Chancellor, Deonye Fyfe, Olivia Spillane, Carly Symons (c), Cassandra Turnbull (Manager), Kate Coffey (Coach)
FRONT ROW: Nathan Hosie, Benjamin Todd, Austin Mills, Kyle Robertson, Christopher Eldridge, Nicholas Hampton





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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY 17 & UNDER BOYS

BACK ROW: Christine Kanis (Manager), Elizabeth Crossley (Asst. Coach), Luke Frakes, Henry Kanis, Tim Bugden, Harrison Orton, Heath Buttler, Dayna Waterworth (Coach), Sophie Moseley (Trainer)

FRONT ROW: Finn Riley, Ashton Poole, Daniel Flynn, Benjamin Fisher, Dylan Bryant, Llandan Vergano, Jake Handel



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TOURNAMENT UMPIRES

BACK ROW: Rheannon Turton, Kelly Reaburn, Malachi Young, Leearna Bennett, Amanda McLachlan, Alice Anderson, Zoe Jaenke, Mackayla Harrison, Rachel Thomas, Carly Brown, Betty Zhang
THIRD ROW: Sarah Horne, Amy Winchcombe, Jarrod Hiberson, Erin Carlis-Thompson, Joel Owen, James Matthews, Zachary Van Hoff, Grant Mitchell, Keenan McMahon, Trent Rawlings, Andrea Curr, Thomas Morton
SECOND ROW: Cara Gare, Karen Hargraves, Stewart Ting, Caitlin Weaver, Morgan Dick, Lauren Foy, Christina West, Belinda Hares, Laura Rigby
FRONT ROW: Jacquelyn Osborne, Chenyen Lim, Chantal Keane, Sammy Golding, Stephanie Coble-Runge, Ryan Ahearne, Chloe Walker, Annette Sloan-Gardner, Jamie Robinson, Emma Gregory



Mark Kerr Cup

With Mark Kerr Cup alternating between NSW and ACT it was the Griffins turn to host teams from NSW. The U17's Men's Reserve and Mixed Opens teams travelled to Canberra to play a best of three series. The Mark Kerr Cup is an important opportunity for athletes to get quality matchplay in the lead up to nationals. NSW took the trophy back home in 2024 after a hotly contested tournament. The MKC is a staple in our season for quality competition as we continue to build strong relationships with players, coaches and committees. Thank you to NSW and we look forward to bringing the Griffins teams to NSW in 2025



Indigenous uniform

For the 2024 Nationals a long sleeve warm up top and track pants were added to the ACT Griffins uniform. These uniform items featured beautiful indigenous designs by talented local artist and Griffins athlete, Thalia Uilelea.

Thalia spoke to uniform pieces saying: “this design holds a special place in my heart right next to the love I have for the ACT Griffins program. I’m honoured to have been given the opportunity to design it and share my culture on a national scale. The meeting circles which connect along the sides of the jersey represent the different stages of our athletes and the moments that brought them to this high performance pathway. The ripple designs that run adjacent to them as well as on the sleeves, represent the influence the program has on our young people coming through Netball in the ACT as well as our impact on the wider ACT community who we represent at nationals.”

“I wanted the griffs to have their own design to go along with the NACT bogong moth which I also designed. So even though it shares a similar style it belongs to the griffs family.”

We thank Thalia for the beautiful designs that we will wear proudly for many years to come.



Player Honours

All Star 7

U17's Centre – Llandan Vergano

Open Mixed Centre – Nathan Hosie

Australian squad selection

U17s:

Llandan Vergano (Squad Member)

Dylan Bryant (Squad Member)

U20s:

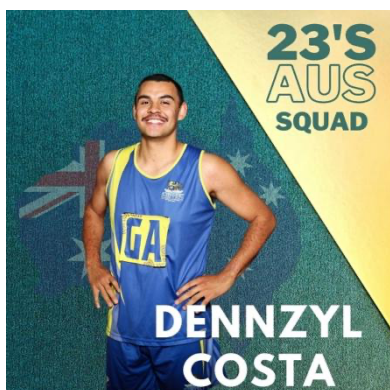
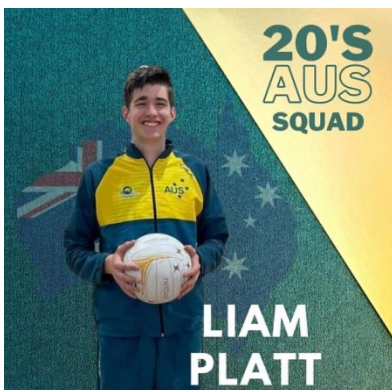
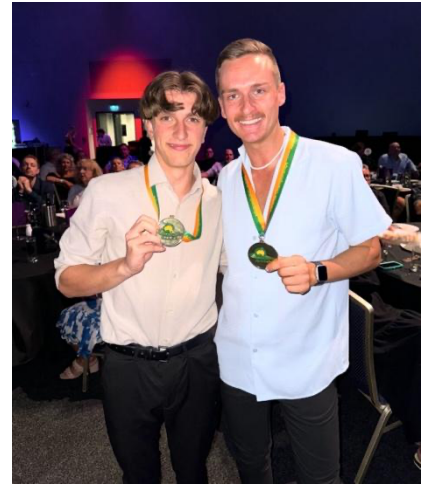
Liam Platt (Squad Member, Shadow)

U23s:

Dennzyl Costa (Squad Member, Selected Team Member)

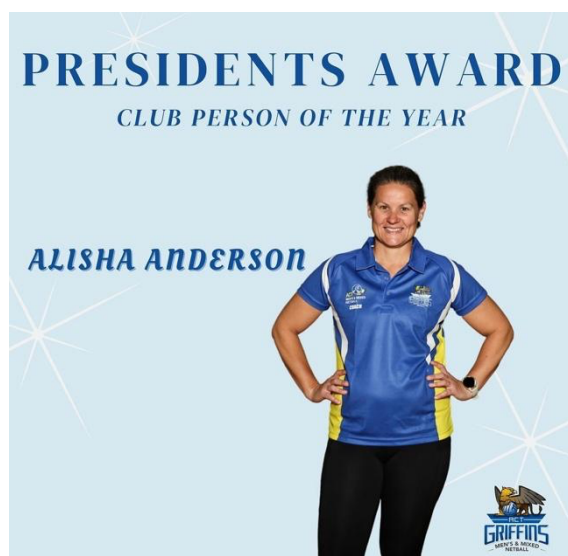
Open Mixed:

Nic Hampton (Squad Member)



2024 ACTMMNA and Griffins Awards

	Open Mens	Open Mixed	U17s
Best and Fairest	Chris Gogala	Nathan Hosie	Luke Frakes
Coaches Award	Jordy Uhr	Carly Symons	Ashton Poole
Team Placing at Nationals	6 th place (out of 6)	6 th place (out of 6)	6 th place (out of 7)
Member of the Year 'Jillian Joyce' Award	Alisha Anderson and Olivia Spillane		
ACTMMNA Volunteer of the Year Award	Will Dredge		
ACT Griffins Rising Star (Umpire)	Cara Gare		
ACT Griffins Rising Star (Athlete)	Dylan Bryant		
ACT Griffins Umpire of the Year	Annette Sloan-Gardiner		



Junior Development

Academy Program

In addition to the ACT Griffins U17's team re-entering the AMMNA Championships, significant focus went towards growing our youth boys' programs. This included talent identification at local schools carnivals, targeted advertising and a youth boys program in partnership with TNA.



The TNA partnership was instrumental to the growth of our youth boys' pathways. This partnership resulted in a successful Come and Try Day held at the Tuggeranong Courts and a subsequent 8-week boys Academy. This was coached by Michael Catley with support from ACT Griffins athletes and head coach Kim. The program was a huge success increasing youth boys participation and building a pathway for boys to play netball.

We would like to thank TNA for their support and contribution.

Junior Representative Championships

As part of the annual Junior Championships held by Netball ACT, a youth boys division was included for the first time. This was built from a successful 3 match exhibition series in 2023. It was a historic step for boys' netball in Canberra and we thank Netball ACT for their support and growth of this pathway. The age group was 13-17 years, to support the introduction of the division. Two teams entered made up largely of players who participated in the 8-week academy program.



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 continuing to work with Netball ACT to continue to develop the boys division.

Umpires

ACT umpires were again well represented at the AMMNA Championships, with 9 ACT umpires being selected. Selected from The ACT to participate in the 2024 AMMNA Championships:

Christina West
Annette Sloan-Gardner
Trent Rawlings
Jamie Robinson
Carly Brown
Amanda McLachlan
Cara Gare
Caitlin Weaver
Karen Hargraves

We also acknowledge umpires Hannah Ahmad and Jake Shepherd (ADF, ACT based) who were both selected to umpire at the Australian U17/19s women's Nationals in 2024.

Thank you as well to Carmel Weatherburn and Hannah Ahmad who umpire coached ACT umpires in the lead up to Nationals at local matchplay opportunities.

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

