



President's Report 2017

Annual General Meeting 22 March 2018

It has been a pleasure to fulfill the role of President of the Port Melbourne Netball Club throughout 2017/18.

Our Club is continuing to excel and expand, as it enters only its fourth year of operation. As always, this is largely due to the commitment and hard work of our volunteer Committee, all of whom have portfolios of responsibility, but work above and beyond them so that our kids can play netball, and thrive in a supportive and stable Club environment:

- Anna Sweeney: Vice President
- Trish Oliver: Club Operations
- Daniel Kogler: Treasurer
- Kate Gellweiler: Marketing & Communications
- Vicki Martyn: Minutes Secretary
- Lisa Burdett: Uniforms
- Di McDonald: First Aid
- Midge Bateup: Events

Sincerest thanks to all of you, and especially to Trish Oliver who continues to work tirelessly in a state of complete dedication to the Club and every individual member. Special thanks to Di McDonald who is resigning her position on the Committee. Di has been active in netball in our local community since before the PMNC existed, and is a dedicated and treasured founding Committee Member.

The work and positive successes of the Committee and Club have not gone unrecognised externally this year, with the PMNC being the recipient of two awards.

The Club was named as a finalist in the 2017 *Good Sports Victoria Club of the Year Award*, and was presented with a certificate in recognition of this honour by Eamonn O'Toole at our end of year celebration in December. This achievement recognises and celebrates our passion for community sport, and demonstrates that we are part of a movement to inspire healthy and strong sporting communities. The Club is proud to be part of the Good Sports Program, which includes over 8,000 clubs across Australia.

Also last year, the PMNC was named as one of only three finalists State wide in the *2017 Netball Victoria NetSetGo Centre of the Year Award*. This was a particularly meaningful accolade for us as it reinforces the values that are at the core of our Club – to support kids to get active and play sport, and to teach, mentor

and inspire them to do their best. The future of the PMNC lies with our 5-7 year old NetSetGo troupe, who leave nothing on the court every Thursday between 4 and 4:45pm! Already this year we have 17 new NetSetGo members, and a full squad of 23 boys and girls.

We have also welcomed many other new members, across all age groups. This season we have 30 new playing members, bringing our new membership tally to a total of 47 for the start of 2018. We have a total of 20 teams playing competitive netball, primarily in the Parkville competition, but also locally in the form of two women's teams and one U17 team. This continual and sustained growth demonstrates the health and great reputation of the PMNC, which is getting better and better every year.

The Club supports 13 paid and volunteer coaches, nine of whom are junior coaches. The PMNC is committed to developing great coaching and leadership skills in these juniors through ongoing mentoring from age group coordinators, and through the provision of tools such as the new Coaching Manual, training plans, education sessions and other resources. The coaches at our Club are much more than just coaches – they are role models, counselors and much more – and deserve our full praise and thanks. As do our dedicated Team Managers, whose excellent communication skills ensure that our kids can take the court every week, and simply enjoy the game.

Another wonderful advancement this year for the Club has been the resurfacing of the courts at R F Julier Reserve. A lot of hard work and many meetings went on behind the scenes to successfully negotiate this for the Club, and we are eternally grateful to the City of Port Phillip for the funding to achieve this as well as their project management throughout the process. The new courts are constructed to Netball Victoria specifications, and have made a world of difference to the safety and workability of our training environment.

I am also thrilled to report that the City of Port Phillip has prioritised our clubroom building for a major upgrade in coming years. The Council has committed the following funds in its Capital Works budget, with the project commencing next financial year:

- 2019/20: \$50,000
- 2020/21: \$190,000
- 2021/22: \$1,900,000

I look forward to the continuation of a productive working relationship with the Council, led by our Mayor Bernadene Voss, and her support staff in the Sport and Recreation Department.

As a not for profit organisation, our Club could not offer all that it does to our members and supporters without sponsorship and grant monies. City Jeep continued its sponsorship commitment throughout 2017, and we will endeavor to re-sign a new sponsorship agreement with them in the near future. As has always been the case, our Club continues to operate within the context of sound financial decisions and management, under the direction of our Treasurer, Daniel Kogler. A full financial statement will be presented and ratified at the AGM.

The end of 2017 was celebrated in style with the inaugural parents' mixed netball competition on our newly resurfaced courts. The day was a great community event with music and activities aptly organized and executed by Midge Bateup, and generous donations from all our local sponsors, including:

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- Cathryn Williams St Tropez linen products

- Melbourne Racing Club
- Country Racing Victoria
- Gumtree
- PFD Food Services
- Schweppes
- Lion Nathan
- Beacon Cove Foodstore

We were also honoured to have Marlene Elliott, a local netball enthusiast and Netball Victoria Board Member, present our inaugural Club Awards at our end of year celebration in December – the *Spirit of Netball* and the *Club Champion* awards. The nominations for each award were put forward by our coaches (one per team), with an assessment provided against set evaluation criteria. The final decision was the responsibility of the President.

The *Spirit of Netball Award* (U11 & Parkville NetSetGo) is for the player who demonstrates exceptional attitude and behaviour, sportsmanship, commitment and netball ability. The first recipient of this award for the Club was Amelia Murphy. The *Club Champion Award* (U13 upwards) is for the player who demonstrates exceptional attitude and work ethic, leadership on and off the court, sportsmanship, netball ability, and contributes to the Club, demonstrating dedicated service. The first recipient of this award for the PMNC was Pia Martyn. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to congratulate Amelia and Pia, both fully deserving award winners and great ambassadors for our Club.

My last role as President is to hand over the reins to our current Vice President, Anna Sweeney. I look forward to continuing to be involved with the Club, and participating in new and exciting initiatives in 2018 and beyond.



22 March 2018

Claire Scott
President
Port Melbourne Netball Club

