



**FERNTREE GULLY
NETBALL CLUB**

2022



**ANNUAL
REPORT**

Ferntree Gully Netball Club 2022

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President's Report

What an eventful year it's been. As we reflect on the 2022 season, I'd just like to highlight some of the accomplishments of the club this year.

- A great Winter season with one premiership (15/1 Crystal Blue) and 4 runners ups.
- A fantastic presentation day, with:
 - 20 years of service, Senior Club Player of the Year and Life Membership for Jenny Block
 - Junior Club Player of the Year for Maddie Block
 - Non-Playing Club Person Award for Zoe Ruighaver
 - Best Club Team Award for 13/U Wedgewood Blue
- Our inaugural Ministarz - led by Ellie Koster.
- ...and we all successfully managed to navigate Netball Connect!

A big thanks to all our coaches this year, especially our head coaches Jenny Block, Kath Ferrier and Phil Thorneycroft. Without the dedication of our coaches, it wouldn't be possible to put all our teams on the court. Thanks also to all our team managers, scorers, bin putter outerers (bin putter innerers), goal post and pad carriers and not least of all supporters who come each week no matter the weather.

It's been a huge year for the committee implementing Child Safe Standards, planning for sponsorships, and coaching appointments, navigating the transition to Netball Connect, chasing registrations (and fees) and ensuring players qualify for finals, obtaining numerous grants, keeping all teams supplied with bibs and balls, dealing with the construction work and limited indoor courts for training and sourcing options for more inclusive uniforms for 2023!

To the committee - thank you for all your assistance this past year. You have made running the club the size of FTG a pleasure, especially with all the challenges we have faced. I appreciate all the hard work each of you have put in behind the scenes to ensure that all our members have what they require to focus on their netball. I appreciate how each of you have taken on your roles and tasks with enthusiasm and am grateful that if anything needed doing, there was always someone happily volunteering to do it.

Looking forward to the 2023 season, we're all excited to welcome Hayley Mettes back to the role of 13/15/18 Head Coach and Jenny Block in her continued Head Coach role for the Mods and U11s teams. We look forward to the expertise and experience they bring to help advance the coaching skills of all our dedicated coaches. We're also very excited to welcome Naomi Yates into the FTG community as our A Grade coach and look forward to watching the senior teams evolve under her guidance.

Scott Ramsey
President

Treasurers Report

2021-22 was another productive financial year for FTG Netball Club. Whilst finances were still affected by covid (in particular fee credits and court hire), there was a significant increase in financial activity. This can be seen by almost doubling of income and expenses in comparison to the previous financial year. Please note that with the implementation of the Xero accounting system, categories under income/expenses were altered. Therefore, comparisons between current and previous financial year cannot be directly made for all categories on the Profit and Loss statement.

Whilst figures on the profit and loss statement are generally as expected, it should be noted:

Fee income was significantly increased from \$31,109 in 2020-21 to \$45,455 in 2021-22. This figure is still below “normal” due to the use of outstanding credits to pay fees. Credits have all now been redeemed, so going forward we will expect to see a further increase in income received from fees.

Court hire costs remain significantly reduced due to two factors:

- Initial non charging of court hire due to covid
- Reduced hire costs due to the centre construction (charging for 1 court)

Court hire costs will remain reduced for the majority of this financial year as construction continues at the netball centre, however we will see a significant increase once all indoor courts are available.

The **uniform** expense of \$10,103 includes the initial purchase of training tops (\$6,900), which was partially subsidised by our MOG sponsorship.

Activity/achievements:

The Xero accounting system was set up in July last year- a massive thank you to Trudi Bons for her assistance in the set up and ongoing trouble shooting with this program. After initial teething problems (mostly operator error!) the program is now working well and allowing faster and more detailed reporting of finances.

With the implementation of the Xero system, we have also been able to set up invoicing for fees for the 2023 winter season. This has allowed for a more professional and successful approach to fee collection. As at the start of the season we had 90% of fees paid (significantly higher than previous seasons). A review will need to be completed to determine the most efficient invoicing procedure going forward (ie. Invoice per season vs whole year). A big thank you to Trudi Bons and Jenny Block for their assistance with this process.

Future activity/projects:

A review of our GST registration has been undertaken and it was voted by Executive Committee to deregister the club for GST. This will be done in the coming weeks.

With the increase in cost of team fees and court hire, as well as increases to other general expenses, a review of fees will be completed during the course of this year to determine whether changes need to be made to fees for 2024.

Erin Tucker
Treasurer

Registration Secretary Report

2022 was our first uninterrupted year of Netball since 2019! For the winter season we had a total of 233 players in 24 teams. In Spring we had 238 players in 24 teams and the introduction of our gorgeous Ministarz!

Seeing the introduction of the Ministarz group has been very exciting for FTG Netball Club. This allows us to get kids interested in netball from an earlier age, when in the past we may have lost them to other sports. Our registrations and enquiries for Ministarz have been strong, this is due to some excellent advertising from members of the committee. We currently have the most players participating in this program at MDNA.

We saw a steady stream of registration enquiries all year round. After having some emails go unanswered, I have implemented a new process of text messaging the person to let them know I have emailed in case it has gone to their junk folder. This seems to be working well with most people getting back to me. Over the year we were able to accommodate most players into teams with very few players turned away because our teams were full.

All players are now registering through Netball Connect for their NVM. Initially there were some teething problems with many players selecting MDNA instead of FTG, but Netball Connect has now added a link which we are able to send out to players and parents which automatically chooses FTG as the club which has saved me so much time.

This year we saw the introduction of live scoring on the netball connect app. This allows us to put the player into their team and the scorer is easily able to choose if they are playing and to put them into their playing position, which is why it is important to ensure all players' NVMs are connected to our club.

I would like to say a big thank you to the rest of the committee for your never-ending help and assistance along the way in my first year as registration secretary.

Kara Fogel
Registration Secretary

Uniform Officers Report

Finally, a full season of netball was had, and it was great to see a sea of blue on the courts including at training as the training tops were a great hit and most players wore them to training each week.

Energetic had major issues with the running of our online store and it was not running for most of 2022. They didn't keep check of the orders coming in as they thought it wasn't working. No communication was had, and it was only me keeping on top of it that meant we had an idea of what had been ordered. As of December, we launched our own online store on our website. Orders go through to the treasurer who then forwards them to me to place with Energetic. This means faster orders and no orders being missed. It is also much easier for our members to find our online store.

As well as the issues with the online store, the Energetic Rowville warehouse was closed from March through to December meaning that orders needed to be posted to me from Shepparton adding at least a week to the delivery time of items. As we hold dresses in stock this mainly affected the ordering of hoodies. At some stages it blew the wait times out to 5-6 weeks. They were also affected by the floods that hit the Murray, however we managed to put all players in uniforms for the start of the Spring season.

The uniform policy was updated for the 2023 season with the introduction of our alternative uniform - a vee neck tee and mid length shorts combination. This was well received at grading day and 3 players have ordered this combination with more interested. The material we had been using for our dresses when they were released was discontinued and we had to choose a new fabric. This along with a change in dress pattern (the new pattern is smaller) has changed the average sizes being purchased. Hoodies have been very popular again this year and with the updated sizing charts on our website and samples most people are now ordering correct sizing.

We received another \$2000 from MOG to purchase more training tops for our little mini stars as well as top up our other sizes. It's great to see the players all embrace these tops.

Thanks
Jenny Block
Uniform Officer

Sponsorship and Grants Report

2022 was a big year for Sponsorship and Grants. We successfully applied for 3 Grants last year.

1. Community Shades grant program- we were successful in securing funding of \$700 to purchase sunscreen for each team. Each team now has a supply of SPF 50 plus Sunscreen in their sports bag, with some funding remaining to purchase more later in the year.
2. State Government sporting club grants program- we secured \$2000 in funding for Sports and Life training (SALT) courses Positive Coaching and Positive Parenting sessions. The Positive Coaching course was held on the 14th of February 2023 and was a great night which provided coaches and committee members with strategies to support our players and help them grow in a positive way.
3. The Positive Parenting training is to be held later this year with dates to be confirmed. This will be a face-to-face session.

Active Kids Grant- We were given \$2420 to purchase 70 size 5 netballs and 20 size 4 netballs from HART sport. These have been ordered and should arrive later this season.

Nick Wakeling MP provided a grant of \$500 which was used to provide a small fee subsidy for families requiring financial assistance.

Belgravia (Knox Leisureworks) sponsored us throughout the year and has agreed to sponsor us again in 2023, providing family passes to recipients of the merit awards in the under 11's and mods teams.

We also received sponsorship from Grill'd with a free burger voucher handed out to merit award recipients in all teams. Grill'd have also agreed to sponsor the club again in 2023.

We have been very lucky to have MOG (Melbourne Orthodontic Group) come on board as an ongoing sponsor. In 2022, we received \$2000 which contributed to the purchase of Training tops with MOG logo on the back and ongoing we will receive \$2000 sponsorship each year for the next 5 years. MOG have also generously contributed drink bottles and sweatbands to our Ministarz, mods and 11s groups.

Lauren Elsaman
Sponsorship and Grant Development Co-ordinator

Coaches Convenor Report

The 2023 winter season started very successfully with all teams obtaining coaches quite easily thanks to the FTG netball community. We have 26 teams this season:

- 1 Mini starz team with co-coach's & an assistant coach
- 3 modified teams - 2 with assistant coaches
- 4 under 11s teams with 2 assistant coaches
- 8 under 13s teams. French Blue has an assistant coach
- 2 under 15s teams
- 4 under 18s teams
- 2 open teams
- 1 A grade team
- 1 A reserve team

Having teams with assistant coaches is a great opportunity for our junior co-coaches to gain experience alongside a more knowledgeable and confident coach. It's also a good chance for our younger players to have relationships with older players, encouraging club spirit and keeping our players involved in Netball. I will encourage more of the 15 & 18's players to put their hands up to help next season as there has been a small decrease in assistant coaches this year.

All new coaches were encouraged to join the Coaches corner Facebook group, this has been an excellent tool in sharing the weekly training plans from Hayley & Jenny.

Looking forward to a full year of netball and utilising the new complex.

Tania Leonard
Coaches Convenor

2022 Coaches

Ferntree Gully Netball Club would like to thank all coaches that gave their time and expertise to get our teams on the court in 2022.

Coach	Winter 2022 Teams	Spring 2022 Teams
Mika Baram	Blue Opals (13U)	
Chris Buzgau	Blue Diamonds (18U)	
Jenny Block	BlueBerries (Mods) Blue Topaz (11U) Sea Blue (18U) Blue Gems (A Res)	BlueBerries (Mods) Marine Blue (13U) Sea Blue (18U) Blue Gems (A Res)
Maddie Block	Periwinkle Blue (11U)	Kingfisher Blue (11U)
Megan Boencke	Blue Bells (Mods)	Blue Bells (Mods)
Tom Boencke	BlueBerries (Mods)	
Lynette Carter		Jasper Blue (23U)
Elizabeth Collins	Aquamarine Blue (13U)	
Ella Crivera	Powder Blue (11U)	
Kylie Devlin		Blue Opals (13U)
Fiona Evans	Midnight Blue (15U)	
Kath Ferrier	Wedgewood Blue (13U) Crystal Blue (15U)	Wedgewood Blue (13U) Blue Diamonds (18U)
Tabitha Ferrier	Periwinkle Blue (11U)	Kingfisher Blue (11U)
Emma Goodall	Misty Blue (13U)	
Kaitlyn Gray	Blue Jewel (Open)	Blue Jewel (Open)
Elly Koster		Baby Blue (Ministarz)
Ruby Leonard	Blue Gums (Mods)	
Tania Leonard	Blue Quartz (18U)	Crystal Blue (15U)
Anita McKenzie	Colbalt Blue (15U)	Colbalt Blue (15U)
Hayley Mettes	Blue Sapphires (A Grade)	Blue Sapphires (A Grade)
Melissa Murphy	Kingfisher Blue (11U)	Blue Topaz (11U) Blue Quartz (18U)
Sophie Read		Blue Gums (Mods)
Robin Reid	Steel Blue (15U)	Midnight Blue (15U)
Emma Robertson	Blue Gums (Mods)	Periwinkle Blue (11U)
Jade Ruighaver	Powder Blue (11U) Wedgewood Blue (13U)	Powder Blue (11U) Royal Blue (13U)
Zoe Ruigaver	Raven Blue (23U)	
Ashlea Russell	Kingfisher Blue (11U)	
Nikita Ryan	Misty Blue (13U)	Misty Blue (13U)
Phil Thorneycroft	Aquamarine Blue (13U) Coral Blue (18U) Jasper Blue (23U)	Aquamarine Blue (13U) Coral Blue (18U)

2022 Season Awards

Congratulations to the following 2022 Award winners.

Club Awards

Junior Player Club Award	Maddie Block
Senior Player Club Award	Jenny Block
Non-Playing Club Person Award	Zoe Ruighaver

Best and Fairest, Runner Up Best & Fairest and Coaches Awards

Team	Best & Fairest	Runner/s Up	Coaches Award
13/1 Blue Opals	Hannah Tucker	Izzy Gillespie Aaliyah Di Mauro	Addison Chapman
13/2 Wedgewood Blue	Jade Jones	Eleanor Antemes	Matilda Donovan
13/3 Blue Topaz	Kiara Atkins	Jasmine Dyt	Emily Block
13/3 Misty Blue	Jasmine Vaikus	Ava Xenophontos	Mikayla Bui
13/4 Aquamarine Blue	Alice McKay	Lillea Callow	Millie Orr
15/1 Crystal Blue	Holly McCallan	Tabitha Ferrier	Evie Smith
15/1 Midnight Blue	Amber Canning	Chloe Hoefler	Maya Baram
15/2 Cobalt Blue	Jacinta Kerr	Sadie Searle	Ella Reid
15/3 Steel Blue	Amy Miles	MJ Drake	Addison Jones
18/1 Blue Diamonds	Chelsea Martin	Ella Edwards	Sharnah Atkins
18/2 Sea Blue	Hayley Mavropoulos	Amelia Hodgman	Indi Atkins
18/3 Coral Blue	Taya Papadam	Natalie Christodoulou	Breanna Parker
18/3 Blue Quartz	Laura Giles	Jasmine Benn	Ella Mason
23/1 Jasper Blue	Carla Orfanidis	Cailin Barratt	Sarah Bowie
23/2 Raven Blue	Lauren Evans	Charlotte Creaton	Holly Houston
A Grade Blue Sapphires	Tahlya Stott	Trinity Pierce Jennifer Sahely	Tahra Wright
A Reserve Blue Gems	Jenny Block	Brooke Guy	Emma Robertson
Open 3 Blue Jewel	Kaitlyn Gray	Laura Campbell	Bronwyn Dean

Sponsors

Ferntree Gully Netball Club would like to thank our sponsors for their support in 2022:

