

FINANCE

Simone Garner - Treasurer

2020/2021 Financial report

- Financials were more stable this financial year but were still impacted due to the lockdown.
- We did incur some extra cleaning costs by having a cleaner at the courts each Saturday.
- Our canteen income was better, however we did lose quite a bit of stock after order stock for the Woy Woy Carnival that got cancelled and then the cancellation of the remainder of the season due to lockdown.
- Due to Junior State being cancelled, we did incur some non-refundable costs, however most costs for Junior State were recovered. Some of the refunds though were not received in this financial year.

Please see audited financial report for more detail.

GAMES AND GRADING

Leesa Edgar – Games and Grader

Unfortunately, our 2021 Season was again affected by COVID and had to be cut short, but we still managed to get some great games in! It was great to see everyone back on the courts and following COVID guidelines! It certainly was a trying and restrictive year and I just wanted to thank everyone for their patience and help throughout the year in particular the Clubs' Games and Grading co-ordinators Jo, Andrew, Stephanie, Fiona, Renee, Nicola and Catherine for your assistance and teamwork in making another unprecedented season bearable. I am very grateful for the support given to me throughout the year. Due to COVID open day was cancelled and the season shortened. I know that this was difficult for all involved and even though we were unable to play the last few rounds WWPNA's netball community was very supportive.

This year we had 21 net set go teams split into 4 grades. Unfortunately, again due to COVID we were unable to hold our NSG celebration day and am looking forward to it being implemented again next year! We are also very lucky to have some great players coming through the NSG grades and hopefully over the next few years as the NSG progress up the grades this will strengthen the Junior and IJ grades and allow for a stronger competition. It was also great to see some more male players participating in our great game this year and hopefully this again increases next year.

We had three senior grades this year with senior blue to be split into two grades for finals at the completion of normal rounds, 19 teams in total, two IJ grades with 10 teams across this grade as well as the WWPNA's 11's Development Squad and three Junior grades 13 teams in total. As a Games and Grading Committee, we decided to regrade after the first round moving some teams to allow a more equal competition based on the results up to that round which meant a draw change and again want to thank the games and grading committee as well as the umpires for the way we all worked together as a team to get this done in such a short time frame. As a collective the games and grading coordinators decided that due to COVID no finals series would be played and to allocate the title of winners and runners for each grade based on final standings from our last round played which was round 10 a big congratulations to all teams and to those named as winners or runners up! I am looking forward to another successful year in 2022!

REPRESENTATIVE

Tracey Burraston – Representative Convenor

The 2021 Representative season was again a challenging season for WWPNA, as it was more broadly for all sporting organisations across the state.

I would like to begin by thanking all Coaches, Managers, Players, and families for their ongoing commitment to WWPNA. It has been a somewhat tumultuous time for you all and will be another season that we will remember for many years to come.

Fortunately, WWPNA senior teams had the opportunity in 2021 to compete at the Senior State Titles. With COVID restrictions in place those who were lucky enough to come along and support our teams witnessed some fantastic netball over the long weekend. All 3 teams were extremely competitive and went out on the court in each game giving their all.

WWPNA Opens team played a total of 18 games in the Championship Division over the course of the weekend, the team impressively won 14 of these games with some nail biting finishes to come in 4th place overall.

WWPNA 17's team played 17 games at the State Titles and managed to come away with 6 wins and place 12th in Division 2. This was an outstanding result for this team who were overcome with injury throughout the year.

WWPNA's 15's team also played 17 games over the weekend and came away with 7 hard fought wins to place 10th in Division 3. Another impressive result for the team who also battled ongoing injuries throughout the season.

WWPNA Opens and 17's also had the opportunity to compete in Hunter Regional League, as always, the girls displayed great sportsmanship and were competitive throughout the competition placing 4th and 2nd respectively.

Unfortunately, Junior State Titles was cancelled at the last minute and again our community was placed in lockdown. This a disappointing time for all of our junior players, coaches and managers who had been preparing for what must have felt like an eternity to go away and compete. I can't wait to finally get to see the girls out on the court representing WWPNA in 2022!

WWPNA have successfully appointed Coaches to all age groups for the 2022 season with selection dates and times TBC.

In closing I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the WWPNA Executive who were all so incredibly supportive of the Representative program and myself throughout this season. Throughout the season there was always a team of people behind the scenes willing to help with whatever was required. I am extremely proud to have been a member WWPNA Executive this season and look forward to the 2022 season.

GO WOY!!!

UMPIRING

Ann Dufty

We started 2021 off well.

Holding umpiring training on rules and game situation discussions over 4 weeks. We eventually got onto the courts for some game training. Approximately 20 participants took part in these sessions which were well received. Thank you to Kath Styant from Gosford Netball Association who gave up her time to run these sessions.

Following on from this, all club umpires were encouraged to do their theory pass. Thanks to club convenors who followed this up and we ended up with all umpires with current passes each week umpiring.

Hopefully 2022 allows a full season of netball and the umpires to gain better skills and improve their level of umpiring.

The 11-year-old Development Squad attended the Aspire Netball Gala Day at Newcastle run by Sam Poolman from the Giants. This also gave the opportunity for 2 up and coming umpires the chance to attend and gain excellent coaching from A level umpires from the Hunter Region.

I was hoping to work with the club umpires weekly to improve the standard of their umpiring but due to the lack of umpires available each week it meant I had to be available to cover games not covered by clubs.

I'd like to also thank Catherine Bailey who also gave up most of her Saturday and covered a lot of games without umpires being allocated by other clubs.

It's very disappointing that our season ended when it did. I didn't have the opportunity to badge any umpires in 2021 but hopefully there will be some badged next season to boost the badge pool at WWPNA.

Each season we must supply umpires for Carnivals, Hunter League, State and State Age.

Our Association does not have the depth of badged umpires to draw from to cover 7 teams attending 1 carnival x 4 carnivals before State and State Age which meant we needed to borrow umpires from other Associations mainly Gosford. Remember without umpires' teams cannot take the court.

We were able to take a few umpires from our Association away to carnivals and I am sure they enjoyed the experiences gained.

Thank you to GNA once again who kindly covered our State for senior representatives and were also going to cover our State Age which unfortunately was cancelled for a second year in a row.

It has been a pleasure working with the current Executive and the continual support from our President has been appreciated.

I wish the new Umpire's Convenor and Committee for 2022 all the best for a great season of netball.