



Banyule & Districts Netball Association Inc.

Representative Team Newsletter July

2022 Tournament dates

7th August LYVNA CANCELLED

11th Sept Doncaster

2022 Presentation night

9th September 7.00 to 11.30pm

Arrangements are currently underway for this very important night which has been cancelled for the last 2 years. Hopefully everyone is really excited that we can finally get together and celebrate our netball year.

Unfortunately, but not unexpectedly prices have increased since 2019.

Payment will be required in about **4 weeks**.

More info will be emailed shortly.

Please just remember this is a night of celebrate for our players so hopefully everyone can attend.

Parkville Teams – last season results

All 7 teams made finals which is a huge result.

Open

Div 1 lost second round of finals by 1 goal.

Div 2 lost grand final by 1

Div 3 lost grand final by 4

Div 4 lost grand final by 6

Div 5 **Won** Grand final by 13

15&U

Div 1 **Won** grand final by 8

Div 2 lost grand final by 1

This is our best result ever. Hopefully we can go one better in the new season which has already commenced.

Hi everyone,

Well what a month July has been for all involved in the Banyule rep program.

Great outcomes at the Whitehorse Tournament

- our 11&U teams finishing second on the ladder
- our 13&U teams all finishing on top of their sections taking away 2 grand finals and one runners up.

Congratulations girls. No doubt playing indoors was a real treat for you all.

Outstanding success at Association Champs Day 1 at Wyndham with all 3 open teams making through to finals day and the 17&U reserves taking out the grand final. Well done to everyone involved. Just shows the depth of talent at Banyule.

Again great success at Association Finals day with all 3 teams making it to Finals. The 13&U unfortunately lost the first semi in the cross over finals beaten by the team that eventually won the title. Our 17&U team went through 12 games undefeated but unfortunately lost the grand final and our 15&U team who went through undefeated for 13 games became the **15&U Associations Champions**.

Congratulations to all involved. An outstanding display of great netball by all 3 teams.

Thank you to those parents who lived scored on the day. A new task for some.

Thank you to our amazing team managers that go about their tasks quietly and diligently, behind the scenes. Their work goes unrecognized by most.

Thank you to the umpires who support us through our tournaments. We couldn't compete without you.

Thank you to our amazing coaches who support our players in all aspects of their netball journey. You are an amazing group of women and great role models for our players.

And Thank you to our playing group who play in the true spirit of the game. Win or loose you always do us proud.
GO BANYULE!!

WHITEHORSE TOURNAMENT

11 & UNDER PINK

On Sunday the U/11s 1s had a fantastic day at the Whitehorse tournament.

We had five teams to play, and four of them we had never come up against before, so we knew it was going to be a challenging day!

Our very first game was against Waverley. A very strong team with some tall players. We started off a little slow, but were able to come back in the 2nd half and finish with a draw.

From there the girls progressively got better as we won the next three games. As they were new teams it meant we had to be switched on from the start, which the girls did very well. The Banyule game plan worked well as the girls all played their role, and contributed to our success.

Finishing off the day we had to play Waverley again, unfortunately we came up short and had a loss. Overall, we finished 2nd on the ladder which is a fantastic achievement after a big day!! Congratulations girls, and thank you to Bic for keeping us organised for the day!

Ruby Bainbridge



11 & UNDER BLUE

A great day was had by all the players, coaches and families at the Whitehorse tournament. An early start meant an early finish, so games were almost back to back for both teams on the day. This meant lots of opportunity to maintain continuity and momentum, but also meant players were experiencing fatigue by the final game.

T.J. and Millie were elevated into the team and did a fantastic job in the mid-court, along with Adelaide and Violet. Their speedy transition from attack to defence was pleasing, as well as their ability to move the ball smoothly and efficiently when required, excellent work by all four girls. Molly and Mercedes provided fantastic defence each game, lots of pressure on the centre pass and over the opposition's shot, great effort by both.

A big shout out to our two goalers, Amy and Peyton, who played every game with composure, confidence and flair, despite being unable to come off and have a rest. Well done girls, your persistence was admirable.

Altogether, the players had six games, with one draw, one loss and four wins! Such an awesome result! The girls were a pleasure to coach as per usual. Their willingness to listen, receive feedback and then implement it into their game is fantastic and I appreciate their desire to learn and improve. Lots of energy, enthusiasm, sportsmanship and plenty of laughs made for a terrific tournament, looking forward to the Doncaster tournament. Go Banyule!!! – **Sharon Hunter**



13 & Under

The indoor tournament at Whitehorse promised our netballers stayed dry for the afternoon games.

The stadium was noisy with support and encouragement, quick on court game turnarounds and all 3 teams seated for medals at the end of the tournament.

Congratulations to all the players for contributing to the U13 squad success, especially given it was our return to netball post the school holidays.



13 & Under Pink

A successful day of goals scored as a result of great team work from our defenders in Rosie, Chiara and Mia and our midcourt of Aisha, Amy and Emily– we gave our shooting team of Ava and Talia as many opportunities to score as possible.

We continued to rebound in attack and defense, clean intercepts across court and continual improvement with the angled reoffers. Fabulous to coach, great to see the girls making their own on court decisions and being rewarded with convincing wins.

The unusual format meant we player the same teams each twice. Rarely do we get the opportunity to adjust and see how effective positional change and game focus can be on the one tournament day.

Congratulations to the girls for maintaining their sportsmanship, respect for the opposition and competitive efforts in all games. A positive netball day to lead us into Association Champs next week!

- **Jo Davies**



13 & Under White

Sunday was a busy afternoon for our tournament at Whitehorse.

The girls started off strong, showing up with game faces and fast feet ready to take action. Our first game was a stunning show of netball which the girls won 16-1. It was a great game for the girls to dust off the cobwebs from the school holidays and get their netball brains switched on.

Mietta and Lily L both showed dominance throughout the day in our attacking half with their strong, decisive drives and sharp movement. Our second game was against Ringwood saw Hannah get hands in and intercepts all over the court, helping us to win 14-4. Kartika also had an amazing run in WA after showing great drives and movement in the shooting circle.

Lily I had an outstanding game against Essendon, with defensive pressure forcing turnovers in WD and a strong, determined run in C. We then had a trickier game against Whitehorse but thanks to Evie's persistent effort, back-to-back intercepts and phenomenal passing we won 8-6! Waverley was next where we won 9-3 with the help of Demi's super shooting, strong holds and incredible accuracy.

Our super defence duo had yet another extraordinary tournament with countless intercepts and deflections. Sabah and Storm's speed, tenacity and determination never dropped helping the team get all the way to the grand final after beating Ariels in the semi 13-2. The girls were excited and eager. The game against Waverley was tight, goal for goal. We headed into overtime after a last-minute goal from Lily. Unfortunately, the team didn't come away with the win but everyone should be exceptionally proud of their efforts, intensity and persistence throughout the day. Really well done girls!

– **Scarlet Elliott**

Yesterday, at the Whitehorse tournament Banyule white played all games amazingly and were able to finish undefeated up until the grand finals. We beat every team confidently and all played our absolute best to help our team win and get the ball down the court. After an exciting day we were lucky enough to make it to grand finals where we were sadly defeated by Waverley by only two points after an exciting game that led to over-time. Everyone played amazing and I can't wait for the next tournament! – **Mieta**



13 & UNDER Blue

The Whitehorse tournament was a successful day for Banyule Blue!! The girls won all their games during the day by a convincing margin, leading us to winning our second grand final for the year!

It was great to see heaps of excitement after not playing a tournament for a while, and it was clear that our hard work at training and over the holidays paid off. Elsie and Chloe worked well together in the goal circle, rotating seamlessly and having a crack at some impressive shots at goal from ranges all over the circle. Ruby, Audrey and Alannah displayed some fantastic feeding into the circle, as well as strong leads down the court, both in transition and on the centre pass. Freya, Zoe and Phoebe were fantastic in defence with relentless one on one pressure throughout the day. Their fast footwork and determination created many intercepts to help push out our score!!

Overall we had a fantastic day and the girls worked super hard to achieve a great result. We are looking forward to the last few tournaments for the year.

- **Steph Calabrese**



U13 Banyule Blue had yet another brilliant tournament at Whitehorse. We went through the round robin undefeated, ending up on the top of the ladder. We knew finals were a different game, so we knew we had to work hard. In the semi, we had Parkville to beat. We had beaten them earlier quite comfortably, but we knew they'd come out firing. The end score was 11-3 our way. We had a nervous start to the grand final, but some amazing intercepts kept us in the game. The end score was 12-8, Banyule blue taking out our second premiership. Good job to everyone and thanks to Steph for coaching. - **Elsie**

ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

13 & Under Open

With the promise of 8 games and the chance to move into the finals day for Association Champs, we knew the tournament day was important! We were actually aiming for a 10 game day!

Many of the teams were “new” to us, having not played in the same tournaments to date. The couple of teams “known” to us were strong competition: St Albans giving us a lesson in keeping possession early in the day! With an overall 8 game score sheet of 122 for / 51 against, we approached the finals with shooting confidence, defensive intercept and rebounds as expected strategies. 7 wins / 1 loss.

Ava and Talia were on fire! Rotations and forward leads giving us close to post shooting options. Amy, Aisha and Emily playing a strong drive and reoffer attacking game. Mia and Lily creating defensive pressure to add to our intercept tally. Chiara and Rosie with timely rebounds and transitional passes that gave our attackers more of the ball. Thanks again to Peta our TM for keeping us all on track!

We experienced a few fades in intensity and flat pass options resulting in turnovers, but the finals reignited the desire to win and gain a position in the finals. With a close SF win against Altona we were matched against St Albans again for the GF. As we know, finals are a whole new game.

With a crowded stadium cheering us on, we worked seamlessly as a team, taking out the win and earned ourselves a place on the finals day.

Such a delightful group of netball players to coach. You each deserved your medal and the accolade of making it into the finals association day later in July. - **Jo Davies**



13&U Reserves

A huge congratulations to the U13 Reserves who were selected to play at the Association Champs this year. Sunday was an extremely exciting day for everyone, although the morning started off with a few nerves which quickly disappeared as the day went on.

Our first game was against South Geelong which was a challenging start to the day but the girls started off strong, nailing the basics and hit the ground running with our partnerships through the midcourt and in the rings looking solid. It was an extremely tight game that ended in a draw, but it was a great place for the girls to build from.

Next we had a challenging game against Altona, who we have played previously and been close to winning but never quite got on top. However, the girls knew it would be a tough game and went in with the mentality that winning was the only option and absolutely smashed our set plays and transitions down the court, winning 12-3. Storm had a brilliant game, moving around her player, confusing the space and getting every high ball that came to her player. Demi also had a really strong game, demonstrating her newly found holding skills and movement around the ring exceptionally well.

St Albans was another tricky game, but Lily, who played amazingly, showed very strong movement as a GA and got almost all of her shots as well as Freya who played out of her skin; kept her player unavailable throughout the game, getting hands in and deflections, both helping the team win 8-5.

Throughout the day Mietta showed persistence and determination through her strong drives and movement. Her vision of the game helped the team on many occasions through her precise passing and reoffering. Kartika also had an exceptionally strong day showing that her holding skills, baseline drives and her 'popping' was very hard to defend which led her to have a very high accuracy rate throughout the whole day. Sabah was also a force to be reckoned with; her speed and tenacious attitude helping her to get intercept after intercept and her determination showing her passion and eagerness to never give up.

As the day moved on, we knew we had to finish in the top 2 to make finals which meant the girls needed to step up and win their remaining games. After a substantial win against Colac the girls were high-spirited but knew they needed to beat Parkville to make sure they finished second. Evie had a beautiful game, getting four intercepts in a row in the first half and sticking to her player for the whole game. Her passes were strong and precise and all her drives showed determination. Hannah also had a brilliant game, keeping their WA covered and her quick three feet recovery and dictation made it difficult for Parkville to get the ball into the ring. With everyone giving 110%, the girls won 14-3 which meant they were heading for a semi-final against Sunbury.

Heading into the semi finals, the girls were nervous but ready to give it everything they had. After leading for almost the entire game, in the last 90 seconds, Sunbury scored three goals which put them two goals ahead, unfortunately meaning the girls just missed out on finals.

A massive thank you to the parents for all their support and help throughout the day as well as to my TM Sarah, who did the maths and kept everybody in the loop about finals.

It was a fantastic accomplishment to make finals of an Association Championships and the girls should all be very proud of their achievements and efforts throughout the day. Well done girls!

- **Scarlett Elliott**



13 & Under OPEN

I'm not sure who was more nervous and excited in the days leading up to the Association Championships played at Parkville. Players, Parents or the coach!

Firstly, a full team thank you to Peta, our brilliant Team Manager, who took on the task of scoring prior to and for multiple games during the day. Also thanks to Scarlett for her calm coaching support when 2 messages needed to be shared at the same time!

With a balanced team of 9, Ava, Talia, Aisha, Amy, Emily, Mia, Lily, Chiara and Rosie, we prepared for a manageable 5 games with 2 game opportunity between to refuel and support our U15/17 teams.

We were fortunate to experience seeing the "older age groups" of Banyule players as on court mentors to emphasize and reinforce how we approach and play netball.

We started strong and confidently on the stadium courts, with wins over Ballarat and Casey. Clear goal runs and equally matched for on court speed and stature. The next 2 games we were challenged by the defensive pressure and we unfortunately forced our passes resulting in turnovers that were reflected on the scoreboard. With losses to Murray NL and Sunraysia FNL, we were determined to come out strong for our 5th game against West Gippsland.

All teams on our side of the Pool had a wins and loses, testament to approaching every match as a winnable game. Our best game of the day was the win against West Gippsland, accurate shooting, reoffers mid court and timely defensive intercepts and pressure.

Play of the day – Rosie's GK deny. Go girl!

We were ready for the semi final.

Hampden was the strongest and most successful team in the other U13 Pool. Convincing wins all day and the team to beat. We knew how to play our game, we had our confidence back and we were ready! A few nervous passes gave them an early lead, but we pegged the score back to a 4 - 8 half time challenge. Winning the second half by 1 didn't get us the full time score we needed, but we were their toughest opposition all day and I was pleased our girls maintained the pressure to the final whistle.

Unfortunately we didn't make it to the GF, but I am enormously proud of this group of amazing young athletes, their support for each other, the team cohesion they displayed all day and the desire to keep working hard for each other moving forward. - **Jo**

15 & Under - Day 1

Open - I am so proud of the way the U15 teams conducted themselves throughout this tournament. With good opposition and a big schedule of games plus finals, the girls put on some outstanding performances.

The U15 Open girls started the day in fine form, playing some well controlled games whilst holding firm with strong defensive pressure and displayed some really good form. The team come up against Caroline Springs/St Albans and Parkville midway through the rounds so were well warmed up when they withheld the physical pressure applied by both of these teams. The girls were fabulous with sticking to our game plan to achieve wins over both of these teams and then went on to win the remainder of their games in the rounds.

The girls ended up first on the ladder to play fourth placed Altona in the semi-final. The second semi final was held between 2nd placed Caroline Springs/St Albans and 3rd placed Parkville – a very interesting game that, as the loser of that game would not progress to the Finals Day in July. The girls went into the semi final focussed on the task ahead of them as they knew this was the most important game of the day for them to just make it through to the grand final with a result of either first or second, and they held off a spirited Altona team to again produce a good win.

Our grand-final was against Caroline Springs/St Albans so we knew we would be in for a tough encounter. The girls wanted this win after achieving 9 wins throughout the day, they wanted the icing on the cake to make a clean sweep of it. Again the girls stuck to our game plan and applied fabulous defensive pressure all over the court to hunt a turnover and capitalise on the opportunity. Caroline Springs/St Albans kept coming but the girls held them off under tough and loud courtside pressure and come away with a courageous win by just the 1 goal! 😊

We now go on to play at Parkville in July, alongside our U17 and U13 teams so are really looking forward to the day and to challenge the next level.

Fabulous job girls – you conquered all your games and continued on with the determination you have to win both finals as well, when we had Nara out for the majority of the day with the Flu and Gracie going down in the grand final with an injury to her foot.

Kenz, Al, Gracie, Lyss, Sars, Em, Nars, Phoebes and Leina - I couldn't be more proud of you!! ★★

-Sharon Ashworth

Reserves - Eagle stadium was a great stadium to host such a great tournament. 15/2's were placed together all day, playing only on the one court.

We had a difficult start to the week with Matisse having to isolate, devastatingly unable to play, leaving us with 7 players. However ever Sierra stepped up and joined the 8 for the day.

We had an easy start to the day winning our first 5 of 7 games convincingly until we came up again our rivals St. Auburns and Caroline Springs. Knowing it would tough game the girls went out fighting hard from the start, matching them goal for goal, however a few errors in the second half slowly allowed them to take the lead 14-11.

This then secured our place as second on the ladder, facing off 1st on the ladder from the other pool in finals.

We faced Altona, another strong team in the semi, who were undefeated for the day. Unfortunately we panicked under the pressure of a bigger and stronger team in the final and they just took it away from us. This team then went on to win the tournament.

Unfortunately we had very few competitive games in our pool which only made the couple of tough games tougher. Overall great achievement from the girls finishing 3rd on the ladder with just 8 for the day!

- Lilli Florance

FINALS DAY - I am just so very proud of the way the U15 girls conducted themselves throughout both the Association Championships and the Championships Finals Day as both tournaments had good opposition and a huge schedule of games plus finals and the girls put on some outstanding performances.

We welcomed Savahna as our tenth player for the day as 10 games, plus finals is a huge schedule to overcome. The girls started the Finals day in fine form and had come to play - they played some well controlled games whilst holding firm with their strong defensive pressure and displayed really good form throughout the rounds.

There was a couple of games where the girls had to fight and come from a few goals down to get across the line and they did it in fine form by sticking to their game plan whilst keeping a composed head on their shoulders. The girls completed their ten games in the rounds with 10 wins!!

We finished the rounds first on the ladder to play fourth placed Hampden in the semi-final. The girls went into the semi final focussed on the task ahead of them as our encounter with Hampden earlier in the day was tough and we knew we had to apply our defensive skills from the start to earn some turnovers early. The girls did extremely well to withhold the pressure and to remain focussed to narrowly come away with the win to then face our old rival in Caroline Springs/St Albans in the grand final.

We knew the grand-final against Caroline Springs/St Albans would be a tough encounter as each time we come up against them they are becoming physically harder at the girls. I so wanted the girls to win this game, after achieving 11 wins throughout the day and doing it in fine style, I wanted them to put the icing on the cake to make it all worth their while. Again the girls stuck to their game plan and applied fabulous defensive pressure all over the court to hunt a turnover and capitalise on the opportunity. Caroline Springs/St Albans kept coming but in the second half the girls held them off under tough and loud courtside pressure to come away with a well deserved fabulous win. 😊

Fabulous effort girls – you conquered all your games and continued on with the determination you have to win the Association Championship Finals undefeated!!

Kenz, Al, Savahna, Gracie, Lyss, Sars, Em, Nars, Phoebis and Leina – You are superstars and I couldn't be more proud of you!! ★★♥

Sharon Ashworth





17 & Under

Both our 17's open and reserves team were a class above with their performances on the qualifying day with convincing, comfortable wins throughout the day. Both teams were undefeated all day and came out premiers of the Central West Association Championships, which is a credit to Banyule and the depth of talent we have in this age group.

Heart-in-mouth moments and close shaves seemed to be the memo for the 17's throughout the final's day at Association Championships.

To the girl's credit, many of the players have not played together officially as a team, as they are selected from all our open teams that play in Parkville on a Tuesday night. Ten players were selected for the day as a 12 games schedule was a relentless ask by any team. Our solid game plan was executed well from the beginning, with strong partnerships building throughout the day.

A massive feat for us to win 19 games straight across the Central West qualifying and Finals Day showed the fantastic calibre of our athletes. Unfortunately, going down to an impressive Hampden FNL by three goals in the grand final was disappointing; it was a fantastic game of netball that could have gone either way with the result.

Our midcourters - Teaghan, Jess, and Chelsea were all about speed; it was hard to stop and defend them all, transitioning from first phase centre pass to second phase and hitting deep pocket or top of the circle.

Our formidable defensive end with Grace, Ayva, Bailee and Georgia H was rock solid all day, turning the ball over time and time again. They came up against various attacking partnerships from moving circle to goalers, 6 foot tall. Their constant hustle allowed us to win the ball back and to do so cleanly.

Our goaling combination of Helen, Georgie A and Alyssa was tough to stop, with Helen having a dominant presence that could not be shut down during the tournament. Alyssa and Georgie worked tirelessly out the front as the decoy to draw defenders to open up Helen under the post. Accuracy was solid all day, and the girls gave the opposition defence plenty of headaches.

Well done, girls, Bron and I are proud of you all and are honoured to coach you. Not only are you great netballers but also a special bunch of girls to be around.

A big thank you to all of our parents, who were an excellent cheer squad on the day and HUGE THANKS to Jenny Murray, whose organisation behind the scene as team manager was greatly appreciated.

- **Kelli Zealley**

