



SUMMER HILL LAKERS NETBALL CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

2022 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Executive Summary

2022 was a good consolidation year for the Club, after the interruptions of COVID in 2020 and 2021. The Club was able to complete a full winter season and at the time of writing, is participating in summer season.

Unfortunately, winter season this year was affected by the La Nina weather system and several rounds were cancelled or impacted by rain. Heavily affected were our grass court teams, the Modified NetSetGo Goannas and Kangaroos, and as a response, the Club refunded the SHLNC registration fee for these players at the end of winter 2022.

Overall, Winter 2022 saw the Club somewhat decline in comparison to 2021 registrations:

2022

Total registrations: 232 players

Total teams 25

2021:

Total registrations: 271 players

Total teams: 31 teams

We are uncertain what affected our registration numbers this year but anecdotally, other clubs seemed to struggle to reach their pre-COVID registration levels too.

Disappointingly, we had no Mini Magpies this year which has a bearing on our NSG and junior teams in the future. It is a club priority to push for these players in 2023.

The Club was extremely proud of the grand final winners in 2022:

Quolls (15/4)



Firetails (Senior A1)



So much effort goes into every week and to make it through to the Grand Final, and then win, is a fantastic achievement. The teams should be very proud of themselves, as we are of them!

We had runners up in: Cadet 1 Possums, Cadet 2 Wagtails, Senior B3 Bullants and 9 out of an eligible 23 teams played in Finals.

The club would like to thank all the people that contribute to keeping the club ticking, many of whom are mentioned in this report. The club would also like to acknowledge & thank all parents and guardians who encourage, support and deliver players to training and competition. Seeing everyone learn new skills, be active, develop new friendships and have fun is what it is all about.

Registrations

Registrations this year were completed using a new portal, Play HQ, as MyNetball was discontinued as a directive from NetballNSW. The portal had some issues, many of which came from the inexperience of IWNA, and the clubs, in using it effectively. We hope by winter 2023 many of these issues will be ironed out.

This year we registered 232 players.

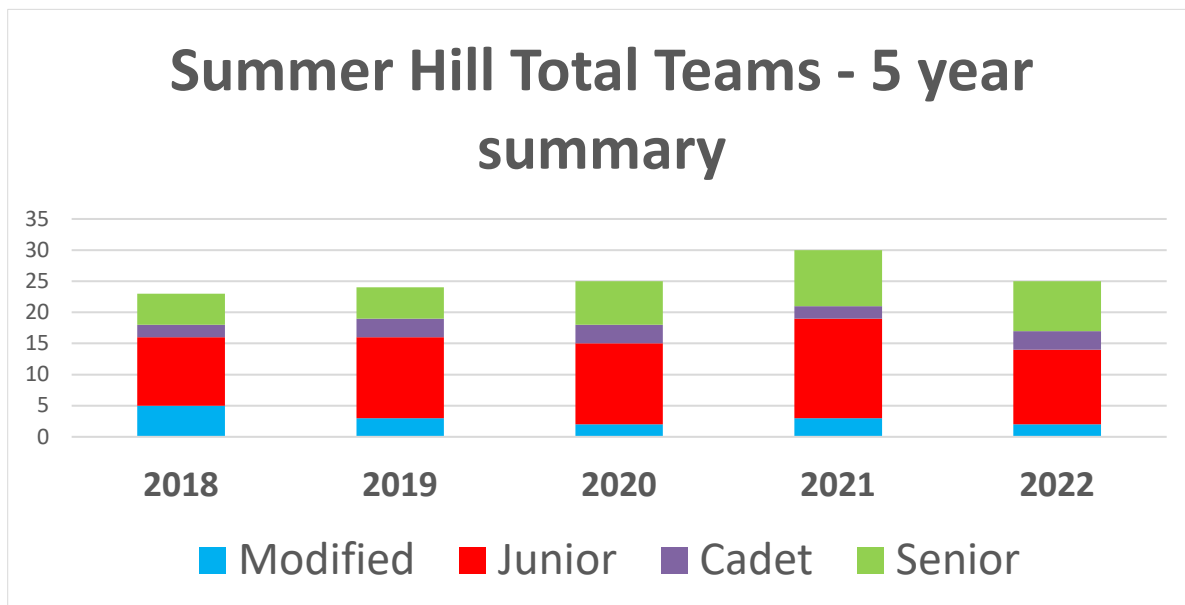
- 18 players NSG (2 teams)
- 109 players Junior (12 teams, two in each age group)
- 27 players Cadets (3 teams)
- 78 players Seniors (8 teams)

Our overall numbers are a decrease from 271 in 2021. Unfortunately, there was a decrease in our numbers at:

- the entry level age groups (Minis)
- Modified NetSetGo
- 13s and 14s in Juniors
- 1 senior team

With these 232 players we formed a total of 25 teams, which is down from 31 teams last year. We decreased our team numbers in all areas except Cadets, where we increased by one team.

In our junior teams we saw two teams entered into each age group, often in a high and low division. This is an issue for the Club and its players, without a range of options in each age group/division.



In 2023, the Club must strive to increase minis teams, hold on to junior players and ensure diversity of teams to be a Club who caters to all age and stage players.

Our club was again a registered provider for the NSW Government Active Kids Program. The program allows a \$100 voucher to be used to subsidise the cost of registration fees for players between the ages of 4 ½ and 18 who are enrolled in school. The large majority of eligible players used the rebate to contribute to their registration fees this year.

The club thanks Julie McBride for fulfilling our registrar role in 2022, and for her tireless efforts especially in Jan-Feb when registrations, grading and team collation is a chaotic business!

Grading

The club would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Jacinta Fletcher, Cassie Robinson and Liz Leonard for their assistance in administering the grading process this year.

As per club policy, teams are graded in age groups from competition age (10) where there are multiple teams in the age group. The purpose of grading is to ensure that the players with the right fit of age and skill are placed in the correct divisions to get the most out of their netball throughout the season.

This year we graded teams in the 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s and cadets and formed 15 teams. That is a decrease of 6 (21 teams in 2021).

The success of our grading program over the last 3 years has enabled us to enter division 1 teams in the 11, 12, 14 15 and cadet age groups in 2022.

As last year we are still looking to grow our numbers in our junior teams to address the lack of breadth across age groups. In some age groups there is a large gap between divisions in which we have teams. As stated previously our goal is to grow player numbers particularly in the younger age groups to help address this issue.

Secretary

Court bookings

The booking process went smoothly, we completed our EOI and (as usual) were granted the courts that we asked for. We decided to stick with the older courts as there are only three new courts (we require 4) and the toilets are across the canal from the new courts.

A code to turn on the lights is given to 3 people from the club, currently Gemma, Liz and Alicia.

Council communications

Our council contact is Heather Palmisani. She is the point of contact for court bookings and any other issues (eg lights).

Photos

For the first time in 3 years, we managed to have netball photos! The rain held off and we took photos at the Courts.- thanks to our photographer Charlie and the managers for corralling their teams.

Coaching

This year saw a continuation of our coaching processes:

1. **The Netball Coach Subscriptions**

We renewed our subscription for 'The Netball Coach' this year. This is a fantastic resource for our coaches. There is a huge number and variety of drills, suitable for netballers of all levels, from beginner to elite. Coaches are also able to create session plans and share them amongst each other if you're coaching together or if another coach is filling in for you at training. Each drill has a comprehensive video showing how the drill works and with the coaching breaking down the steps and explaining key coaching points. This is an exciting investment in our Lakers coaches.

2. **Coaching courses**

It is a compulsory requirement for all new coaches to attend the IWSNA practical coaching course.

This year we had 22 coaches across our 17 junior teams. Our coaches are a group made up of parents and players.

The club welcomed a number of new coaches & would like to extend its thanks to the following people: Halle Robertson, Elissa Hook, Mel Thomson, Claudia Cox, Mila Smith, Rose Graham-Hillard, Sally and Anna Hopwood.

The club would also like to make a special mention of the coaches who took on more than one team and took on a mentoring role providing support and guidance to all our coaches;

- Becky Flint (Wagtails, Echidnas & Coach Mentor)
- Liz Leonard (Joeys, Possums, Bandicoots & Coach Mentor)
- Edie Hynes (Goannas & Koalas)
- Jacinta (Bilbies & Coach Mentor)
- Maddie Hampson (Bilbies & Coach Mentor)

We are extremely grateful to all our coaches, for their dedication, enthusiasm and the time that they devote to developing the players & netball at our club.

The club acknowledges and thanks Caroline Snelling for her role as coaching convener.

Umpiring

In 2022 Lakers had a **cohort of 27 umpires** who umpired regularly. Of these, **19** were experienced umpires, accredited before the 2022 season. There were **8 trainee umpires in 2022**, with most umpires commencing training for the first time. All trainee umpires attended an Introduction to Umpiring Course conducted by Inner West Netball Association, before commencing courtside training. The course was facilitated by Club National umpires from within the Association. All umpires successfully completed the Rules of Netball Exam, prior to gaining accreditation.

Training and accreditation of trainee and badged umpires continued during the season, resulting in **6 umpires gaining a Club Badge and 4 umpires gaining Association Badge accreditation.**

Lakers also continued ongoing umpire training for many of the accredited umpires. These umpires received training from National umpires - on higher age groups and divisions. This allowed for ongoing development and support within the Club Umpiring Development Scheme. Unfortunately, no umpires were trained for National badging this year, due to a time clash between National umpire availability and playing times. Several umpires were identified for National training and accreditation in 2023.

A big thank you to Zara Linkous for umpiring the A2 team each week.

A big thank you to Jacinta Fletcher, Becky Flint and Pauline Tierney for their contribution to training umpires of varying levels.

Representative Umpires:

Flora Grant umpired the Metro League Competition and at State Championships

Jacinta Fletcher - umpired Opens and Under 17 age divisions at State Championships

A big thank you to the dedicated and highly skilled umpires at Lakers, for your ongoing motivation and commitment throughout the season.

Uniforms and Merchandise

This year saw the changeover to purchasing uniforms from Player HQ. This came with a few obstacles as families worked out how to navigate the system. The system is clunky, but our only option at this point. With this in mind, the club has explored the option of moving to a separate online merchandising provider. This would mean that all uniform sales would be handled by a separate company and mailed to families. No more picking up from front verandas! Club members will need to be well-informed of the shift as it will mean ordering can only be done at the start of the season as the uniforms are made to order.

The club is also considering introducing a new line of merchandise that includes a singlet and short model. This is consistent with being an inclusive club. The design and production is still in progress.

There is still considerable stock with the dress and the shorts.

There is limited stock of visors and caps, although these are not heavily sought after items.

There is old stock of hoodies with an incorrect colour logo that we may want to give away. The newer hoodies are in shorter supply in the larger sizes. The sizings on these were extremely small.

Jillian will return all the stock to the storage shed. The goal is for the online uniform platform to be operational for 2023.

We acknowledge & thank Jillian Wolfe for all her efforts as uniform coordinator in 2022. Jillian is leaving the role this year; she will be missed.

Equipment

This year each team was provided with the following:

1. Coaches bag; sports bag for game ball and any other necessary equipment
2. Training kit; net bags with balls and other training equipment such as ladders, cones etc
3. Managers kit: backpack with game bibs, player folders, first aid kits

For 2023, there's enough equipment to accommodate 25 teams, only purchasing a training ball each. We expect an order of SHLNC branded game balls in Nov 2022.

We have continued with a rented storage facility to keep the equipment and we keep an inventory that is managed by the equipment officer.

The club extends its thanks to Alison Sayer for all her efforts with the club, over an extensive time period and now that she is leaving the role for 2023, know she will be missed! She has offered to help the next Co-ordinator in any way

Communications

Throughout 2022 we have continued to use MailChimp email and Facebook as our primary communication tools. We also use Instagram and Twitter to increase our reach.

This year a new website was developed, as we lost the previous platform with the demise of MyNetball. The new website is hosted by Wix.com and sits on our domain, shlnc.com.au. This domain came through our purchase a number of years back of our targeted email addresses: president@, registrar@ and uniforms@shlnc.com.au

The Summer Hill Lakers Facebook account now has a total of 471 followers, up from 437 reported in the 2021 Annual Report. We encourage all Lakers players and parents to subscribe to their social media of choice.

Website: www.shlnc.com.au

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SHLakersNetballClub/>

Instagram: @shlakersnc92

Twitter: www.twitter.com/lakersnetball

The club's other major resource for communications is our team managers. Team managers are the key link for the club to the teams and they do a great job in organising and mobilising parents. Many teams took to using WhatsApp as the preferred tool to communicate amongst the team and we have had lots of positive feedback so will encourage future/further use of this app. The club would like to acknowledge & extend its thanks to all those that took on a team manager role this year.

The club thanks MaryAnne Fesq for tirelessly looking after communications in 2022.

Promotions and fundraising

We introduced one new promotional activity in 2022:

1. SHLNC chocolates

These delicious items were very popular at the SHLNC Presentation Day. As they are a good promotional tool, the Club should consider ordering more at appropriate events throughout the year.



(The Club attempted a ball-branding exercise by ordering, and ironing, labels onto our game balls for winter 2022 season. These labels were a failure and we have already ordered pre-printed game balls for 2023!)

2. SHLNC bumper sticker

This sticker was created in 2021 after a member competition asking for a catchy slogan. The inaugural winner was Hermione Campbell with her “punny” entry:



The club funded the creation of 500 stickers and in 2022 still provided these to all players at club events.

3. Pride Round

Unfortunately we didn't hold Pride Round again in 2022 after our first time in 2021. The Club should consider appointing a Pride Round Coordinator in 2023

Fundraising activities

This year we held our annual BBQ fundraiser and were able to raise \$4 700 for the club. The BBQ Fundraiser is an excellent day for our Club with enthusiastic participation from all ages, parents and grandparents. We thank everyone in volved in making this happen, especially the Fesq family who were involved in every way!

We held our first Presentation Day this year after two years of COVID cancellations. The Day was a great success, hosted by the Canada Bay Club.

This year we secured a grant for the club – 2022 Local Sports Grant from Labor member for Summer Hill, Jo Haylen, in the amount of \$2000.

The club would like to acknowledge Greta Sharples for her all her work & support in acquiring the grant.

IWSNA Representative Teams

The club is proud to have a number of players selected for the Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association representative teams.

11s Development Team

- Lily Harman

12s Development Team

- Arianna Mousamas

14s State Age

- Ava Morgan
- Halle Robertson
- Sienna Robertson
- Claudia Cox

15s State Age

- Irie Beall
- Athena Nikolakopoulos
- Amelia Turnor–Browne

We also acknowledge the following club members who took on coaching positions:

- 14s State Age team: Cassie Robinson & Jacinta Fletcher (assistant)
- IWSNA Junior Representative Coordinator: Susan Robinson

IWSNA Metro League

The club is also proud to have members involved in metro league netball. Recognition is awarded to the following people for the roles they play in the metro league:

Coach

- Therri Ellison

Executive retirements

The Summer Hill Lakers Netball Club is run by volunteers. We acknowledge the effort of the executive committee for their time, dedication experience and general can-do attitude to run the club and provide the players with the opportunity to play and have fun. As is the way in modern life there are many and varied demands on our time, so I thank all members for their contribution and sense of humour to get the job done.

This year we have three members of the executive committee retiring. The club would like to thank them for their contributions over a number of years.

1. Alison Sayer – Equipment Co-ordinator (2017-2022)
2. Jillian Wolfe – Uniforms Co-ordinator (2020-2022)
3. Alicia Elliott – Secretary (2021-2022)

Life Member Retirement

At the end of the 2022 winter season, Therri Ellison decided to take a break/retire from playing due to persistent injuries. Therri has a never-say-never attitude, so we hope this is just a break rather than a full retirement.

Therri is one of the founding members of the Summer Hill Lakers Netball Club and her influence is felt across the board – in playing, coaching, club ethos, local reputation and higher-level representation and metro league. Therri's influence cannot be underestimated, and Saturdays will feel strange without Therri courtside at Cintra! The Club wishes Therri all the best.

Finances

Attached to this report are the accounts prepared for the financial year ended 30 June 2022. Overall the club is in good financial health. Our accounts are prepared on a cash basis and do not account for stocks of uniforms and other merchandise.

The club thanks Sandy Fesq for being our Treasurer in 2022.

| Income and Expenditure Statement | |
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| Year To Date 22nd June 2022 | |
| Income | |
| BBQ - 2021 (cashed in 2022 year) | 2,883.40 |
| BBQ - 2022 (net of expenses) | 4,702.92 |
| Grants | 2,000.00 |
| Interest received | 0.73 |
| Registration Sales (net of IWSNA fees, incl Active Kids Vouchers) | 24,303.74 |
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| Uniform Sales | 5,551.83 |
| Total Income | 39,442.62 |
| | - |
| Expenditure | |
| | - |
| Bank fees | 70.00 |
| Courses | - |
| Equipment | 977.32 |
| Marketing/Promo | 19.33 |
| New Website | 312.00 |
| Presentation Day Awards/Trophies | - |
| Training court hire 2022 | 2,484.00 |
| Grading Day | - |
| Umpiring Fees | 710.00 |
| Coaches Fees 2021 | 5,185.00 |
| Uniform purchases 2021 | 5,356.12 |
| Refunds | 750.00 |
| Administration and sundry | 289.16 |
| Storage | 1,959.50 |
| | - |
| Total Expenditure | 18,112.43 |
| | - |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year | 21,330.19 |
| <i>Opening Cash position</i> | 49,270.86 |
| | - |
| <i>Closing Cash position</i> | 70,601.05 |
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| | - |
| Saver Account | 14,804.62 |
| Business Account | 55,796.43 |
| | 70,601.05 |
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| Total Registrations | 330 |
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| Presented 32nd June 2022 | |

| Notes to the report | | | | |
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| 2021 BBQ revenue posted in this year | | | | |
| \$3715 in umpiring payments to be distributed before 30th June | | | | |
| No presentation day/Grading Day expenses this year | | | | |
| \$2000 in grants forthcoming | | | | |
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