Waratah Netball Club

(Inc # 2450240)

Annual General Meeting
03 November 2026
via Teams vidcon

Attendees: Nicole Cadogan (President), Nadine Gallaway (Secretary), JA (Nick) Osborne (Registrar), Dwight Graham (Treasurer),Liz Gold (Uniform/ Equipment), Jane Stoodley (Social Media), Janine Curtis (Coach), Bec Farquharson (Coach), David Cadogan (Volunteer)

Apologies: Veronica Lange (Coaching Development Officer (Senior))

AGM Opened: 6.37pm

1. **Previous Minutes:** Nick moved that the minutes from the previous AGM held on 01 December 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record**.**
   SECONDED: Bec Farquharson
   CARRIED

2. **President's Report:** The President did not present a report.
3. **Registrar's Report:** Refer to Attachment 1
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
   a. The report cannot be issued until the year has concluded. It will be provided in February 2027, once the reporting period is complete.
   b. The Treasurer will liaise with the Registrar re 2027 fees, and then present a 2027 budget to the Exec out of session
5. **Club Awards 2026:**
   a. The following Waratah members received the Annual Club awards:
      - Club Commitment Award – Laura McAllister
      - Senior Club Player Award – Kirsten Smith (CATS)
      - Junior Club Player Award – Pheobe Stitt (Chipmunks)
      - Coach of the year Award – Nick Osborne
      - Club Spirit Award – Maes (Snr Div1)
      - Senior Umpire Award – Mason Cadogan (Spitfires)
      - Junior Umpire Award – Emily Rowley (Kittyhawks)

6. **Confirmation of Life Members 2026**
   a. The following Waratah member was awarded Life Membership in 2026:
      - Renee Nicholes

7. **Confirmation of 10 Year Service Award**

   a. The following Waratah members were awarded the newly introduced 10year Service Award:

   - Amy Kahler
   - Tilly Taylor-Vincer
   - Amber Collits

8. **Election of Office Bearers**

   a. The following people were elected for Executive positions:

   - President – Nicole Cadogan
   - Vice President – Rebecca Farquharson
   - Treasurer – Dwight Graham
   - Registrar – James (Nick) Osborne
   - Secretary – Nadine Gallaway

9. **Election of Committee Positions**

   a. The following people were elected for Committee positions:

   - Tri-Series Coordinator – Dwight Graham
   - Coaching Development Officer (Seniors) – Veronica Lange
   - Social Media Team – Jane Stoodley & Isobel Stoodley
   - Social & Fundraising Coordinator – Chelsea Walford
   - Uniform Officer – Liz Gold

   b. The Exec will seek further nominations for the following vacant positions:

   - Assistant Secretary
   - Sponsorship Officer
   - Equipment Officer
   - Senior Umpires Development Officer
   - Junior Umpires Development Officer
   - Assistant Umpiring Development
   - Coaching Development Officer (Juniors)
   - Assistant Social & Fundraising Coordinator

AGM Closed: 6.54 pm

D. Graham
Treasurer
November 2026

James (Nick) Osborne
Registrar
06 November 2026

Attachment 1

Registrar's Annual Report
03 November 2026

Registration. The PlayHQ registration system is well established and embedded. There were a few minor problems that were not able to be resolved by the Club Registrar, however NNA Registrar was able to fix those issues eventually. NNA support for the registration process, including transfers, day registrations, and de-registrations, was good. There was one registration day held at Mayfield West Bowling Club. The day was well supported by Committee members and was a very good opportunity to welcome many new players.
Membership.

The Club had 250 (+33) players and 18 (+3) Non Playing Members (NPM) register in 2026.

Total Player Membership

	2023	2024	2025	2026	Delta 2025 to 2026
Players	171	195	217	250	+33

Teams

	2023	2024	2025	2026	Delta 2025 to 2026
NSG Skills	5 pers	5 pers	8 pers	5 pers	-3
6 - 9s	2	3	3	3	3
10 – 15	3	3	5	6	+1
16 – 21	2	2	2	4	+2
Seniors	6	6	7	8	+1
Tri-series	3	3	3	3	-
Mens	-	-	-	1	+1
TOTAL Teams	**16**	**17**	**20**	**25**	**+5**

Coaches and Managers. Coaches were registered as NPM if they were not already registered as players. The policy by Netball Australia to the effect that NPM fees were free is a positive outcome for the Club. It should be noted, however, that any player who intends to coach or manage, must also register separately as a coach/manager in PlayHQ so they can be assigned to a team. Additionally, officials must register separately in 5-9yrs age groups and 10 – seniors age groups if they are coaching in both those groups. Eg – a coach for 15yrs who also coaches in 9yrs must register in PlayHQ in both age groups.

Day Registrations (Casual Players). The NNA process (brought in in 2024) precluded the Registrar from registering casual players – players were required to register online via a specific "Day Registration" link. This was introduced by Netball NSW, and created considerable confusion – mainly due to refunds not being available if the game was cancelled, and the significant increase in "Day Rego" fees.

Late Registrations. Late registrations were conducted IAW Club Policy Late Registration Policy, with any reduced fees made in consultation with the Executive.

Committee Positions. All 2026 Committee positions were recorded in MyClubMate. A separate export version is kept in OneDrive/2027/Registrar/"2026 Officials.xlsx"

Register of Players. The Club Registration Spreadsheet has been updated and is in OneDrive/2027/Registrar/”Rego Data 2003-2026.xlsx”

Nick Osborne
Registrar
03 November 2026

Management Committee Meeting
03 November 2026
via Teams vidcon

Management Meeting Opened: 6.55 pm

Attendees: Nicole Cadogan (President), Nadine Gallaway (Secretary), Nick Osborne (Registrar), Dwight Graham (Treasurer),Liz Gold (Uniform), Jane Stoodley (Social Media), Janine Curtis (Coach)

Apologies: Veronica Lange (Coaching Development Officer (Senior))

1. **Previous Minutes:** Nick moved that the minutes from the previous Management Committee Meeting held on 11 August 2026 be accepted as a true and accurate record**.**
   SECONDED: Nicole
   CARRIED

2. **Action Items and Business Arising:** Nick reviewed the action items in Attachment 1

3. **Correspondence:** See Attachment 2.

4. **Out of session Business:**
   - The Exec approved the new Service Awards Policy for 10 years of Service to the Club. (See *Exec Chat 27 Aug – 02 Sep 26)*
   - The Exec approved Coaching Development Officers' recommendation to allocate $349 from the Local Sports Grant Program to be spent on an Elevate Coaching seminar to be held on 21-22 November. (See *Exec chat 04 Sep 26.*)

5. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer presented the August report per Attachment 3, and moved that it be accepted.
   Seconded: **Jane**
   Carried

6. **Registrar's Report:**
   - The Registrar's report was presented at the AGM.

7. **End of Season Report**
   - Nick presented the End of Season Washup Report (see Attachment 4). Nick will send to Exec for further discussion and action. (**AI #240**)

8. **Tri-Series Report:**
   - Dwight advised that the Tri-series trials had been completed, and that all personnel had been advised of their selection status. Due to the small number of 21s trialing, there will be a recall trial on Wed 11 Nov.
   - Dwight advised the following coaching appointments:
     Champs Co-coaches – Dwight Graham and Nick Osborne
     Opens Head Coach – Jane Stoodley
     23s Co-coaches – Rhiannon Peters and Lauren McIlveen
     21s Head Coach – Veronica Lange

- Nick presented the Uniform & Fees Proposals (see Attachment 5)

    - **Recommendation 1:** Provide a Long-sleeved Training Shirt to the free allocation to Tri-series players.
      Not Agreed – Members get a free issue of singlet.
      If they want a long sleeved shirt they may buy one at the members cost

    - **Recommendation 2:** Adopt the apparel return rules for Tri-series as per Attachment 5
      Agreed

    - **Recommendation 3:** That any Tri-series player who received a Tillys sponsored hoodie in 2025 and 2026, and is selected for 2027, have their hoodies swapped with a Currawong sponsored hoodie**.**
      Not Agreed – the meeting noted the sponsors comments re not wasting money

    - **Recommendation 4:** That any Club player promoted to 23s in 2027 to have their hoodies swapped with a Currawong sponsored hoodie
      Not Agreed – the meeting noted the sponsors comments re not wasting money

    - **Recommendation 5: Tri-series pay full rego fees.**
      Agreed

9. **Sponsorship and Grants**
    - The discussion re Sponsorship prioritisation (as per Club Policy *Sponsorship and Grants Expenditure*) was deferred. Prioritisation to be confirmed by end of 30 Jan 27 (**AI #252**)
      ACTION: Dwight icw Nick

10. **Coaching Development Officers' (CDOs) Report**s

Junior Development

- No report

Senior Development (Veronica)

- No report

11. **Umpiring Convenors' Reports:**
    - No report

12. **Uniform and Equipment Report**:
    - **Equipment Stocktake**. Liz is conducting a stocktake of all items. Once this has been completed and the Club understands what needs to be kept, then the items can be moved to a permanent storage facility once a suitable location has been determined.
    - **Equipment Return** The condition of returned items has been inconsistent. A policy outlining acceptable equipment condition will be distributed. The Executive will be consulted when issues of this nature arise.
    - **Uniform report.** Nicole and Liz will meet with S-Trend on 5 November 2026 to confirm uniform requirements, including shop opening and closing dates, and uniform try-on dates.

13. **Social Media Report**:
    - No report

14. **Fundraising and Social Coord Report**:
    - Nick reported on behalf of the Social Coordinator and Fundraising Committee that 2026 was a successful year, with additional events and fundraising opportunities being planned for 2027.

15. **Other Business**:
    - **Use of Gmail Inbox.** There have been issues with secretary inbox with emails not coming through to this account or the exec email inbox – Secretary will discuss with Nick about opening a new email account to link to and get some tech support for exec inbox. **(AI #253)**
      ACTION: Nick and Nadine

    - **Grading for juniors for 2027 (10yrs and up).** It has been noted in the washup that some players are leaving due to not having grading. Players will need to submit an EOI at end of season and attend grading for the different age groups. Players can remain in the previous team, but need to be mindful that some players may opt to be graded. **(AI #254)**
      - **ACTION**: Nicole to organise grading for juniors. Nick to assist.

16. **Next Meeting**: Early Jan 2027

17. **Meeting Closed**: 8.02pm

Attachment 1

Committee Action Items
as of 03 Nov 26

	Action Item	Lead	Due Date	Status
	ACTIONS from meetings 15 Oct 24			
203	Liz to buy table skirts	Liz	31 Dec 24	08/09/25 - Liz to investigate skirts now she has hi-res logo 03 Nov - still ongoing – Liz to get quotes with design
	ACTIONS from meeting 12 May 26			
236	Update the Uniform Policy	Nicole icw Liz	01 Nov 26	07/07/26: Nicole and Liz are working on the Policy, and have a meeting with S-Trend. The policy should be ready by 01 Nov 26 03 Nov: Liz and Nicole have meeting on 05 Nov with S-trend so this action on hold until after the meeting
	ACTIONS from meeting 07 July 26			
240	Washup meeting 2026 to include review of goals for 2026, and create new goals for 2027	Nick	30 Jan 27	Washup Topics on OneDrive, meeting date yet to be set 03 Nov 26: Wash up report in the minutes of 03 Nov 26 Attachment 4. New action for Nick to set up Wash Review with Exec (possibly via email chat).
243	Nicole to draft a Service Awards to complement the Life Member policy	Nicole	CLOSED	The Exec approved the new Service Awards Policy for 10 years of Service to the Club. (See *Exec Chat 27 Aug – 02 Sep 26)*
	ACTIONS from meeting 11 August 26			
244	Look for appropriate storage for Club equipment	Lauren Nicole Nick	01 Oct 26	12/089/26: Lauren checked with the Bowlo and they have no storage available. 12/08/26: Nicole will liaise with Social Media Team to do a Facebook post to see if anyone has facility to store equipment. Nicole will also send out Club wide email. 03 Nov - Liz will maintain equip until final decision is made
245	Liz to implement and advertise the return process, with support from the Committee	Liz	CLOSED	Equipment has been returned. Management process will be part of equipment relocation later this year.

246	Nick to draft Equipment Management guidance	Nick	01 Sep 26	3 Nov: still in draft
247	Nick to put new Tri-series proposals to Exec	Nick	CLOSED	Proposal presented at meeting of 03 November 2026
248	Advertise Waratah's status as a Gold Good Sports member	Nick	01 Sep 26	03 Nov: Still outstanding
249	Policy document to be created for costing of presentation events - standard fees for coaches/manager/life members	Nick	01 Nov 26	03 Nov: still outstanding
250	Nicole and Liz to advertise plan for photos	Nicole	CLOSED	12/08/26: Nicole put out message on Coaches and Managers Chat
251	Send out End of Season Awards guidance	Nick	CLOSED	13/08/26: Links sent out via chat. Email address (awards@waratahnetball.asn.au) updated.
	ACTIONS from meeting 03 November 26			
252	Sponsorship prioritisation to be confirmed	Dwight icw Nick	30 Jan 27	
253	Nick enable Nadine to link to waratahnetballnewcastle gmail account	Nick	15 Nov 26	
254	Nicole to organise grading for juniors	Nicole icw Nick	30 Nov 26	

Attachment 2

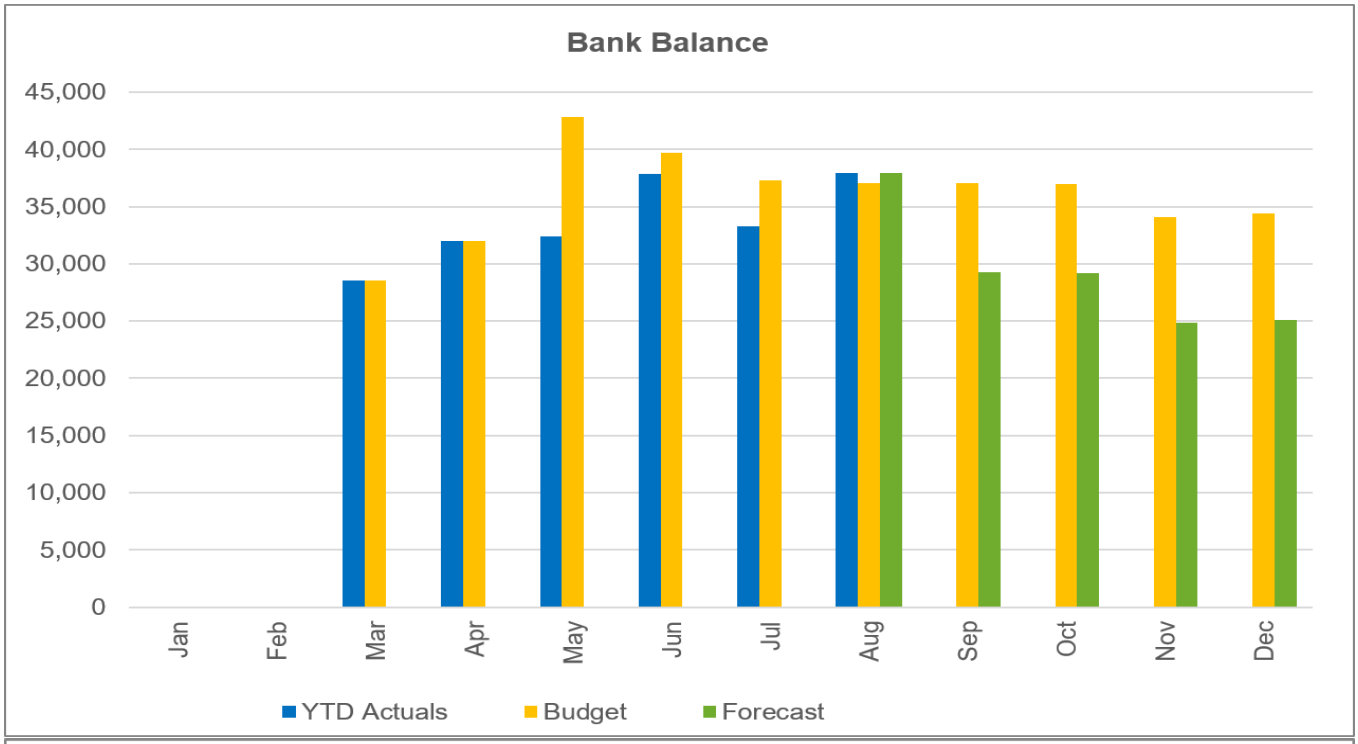
Date	To/From	Topic	Action Required
14 Sep 26	From WNC President to NNA	Proposed change to Regrading Policy	Saved as OneDrive\2026\Sec..\Corr…\260914 - Email to NNA re PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GRADING POLICY.pdf
20 Oct 26	Email from NNA to WNC -	Response to our application for Tri-series sent 15 Oct 26	OneDrive\2026\Sec..\Corr…\TS Successful EOI Email 2027 - Waratah Netball Club.pdf
14 Nov 26	Email Registrar to Port Waratah	Response to our (unsuccessful) bid for PWCS Grant	OneDrive\2026\Sec..\Corr…\ 261104 - Port Waratah Youth Sport Application.pdf

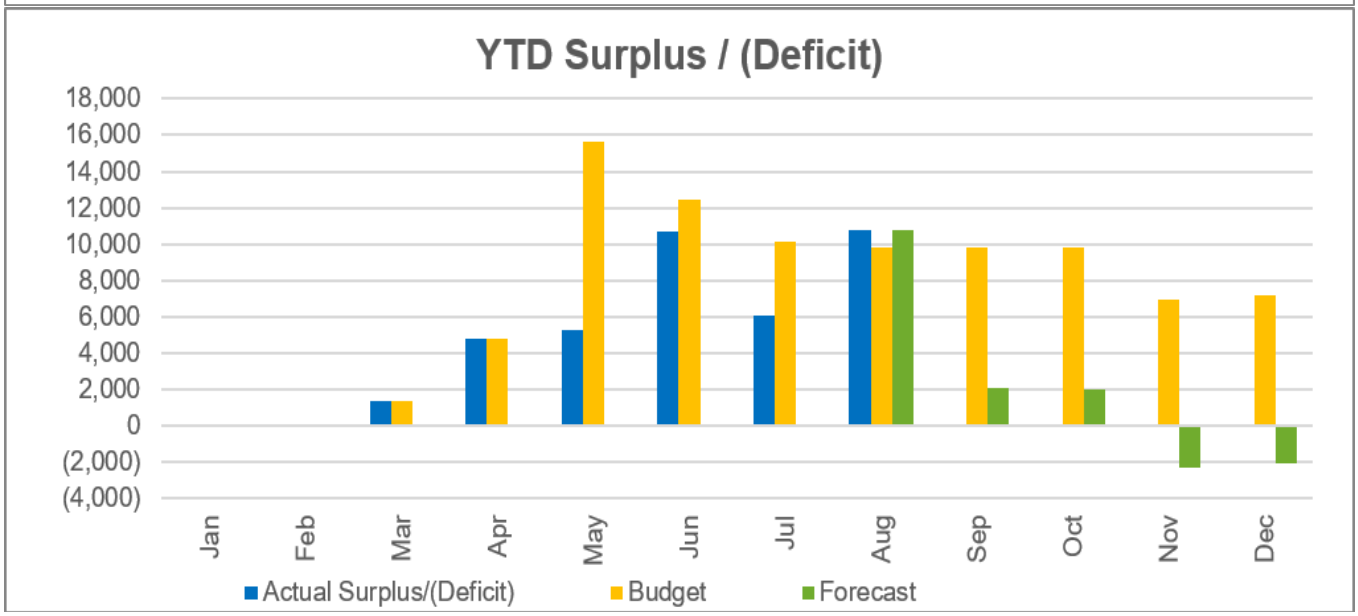
Treasurer's August Report
03 November 2026

August 2026 Financial Report

Recommendation:

1. This report be noted.





Notes

Current

As at 31 August 2026 there was a total of $37,928 in the bank and a year-to-date surplus of $10,742.

Revenue
Year to date (YTD) Revenue of $36,904, is above budget due to a higher level of grants and sponsorship. The Club received additions of GAVS Group sponsorships and the Office of Sport Govt grant.

Expenditure
Expenditure of $26,162, is well ahead of the budget mostly due to the purchase of apparel ($12,310 actual compared to budget of $2,282), with the majority of the extra paid for by sponsorships but some from club reserves. Looking forward, if there is an influx of players next year, we will need to think carefully about the uniforms that are gifted.

Bank Balance
As at the end of July there was $37,928 in the bank across the three accounts, including $15,981 in the term deposit account.

Forecast
I am now forecasting a loss at year-end of $2,068 and a total of $25,118 in the bank. This assumes the following:

- $3,500 of expenditure will be incurred against the Office of Sport grant
- $1,500 of balls will be purchased, ready for the 2027 season
- $500 of uniforms will be purchased for 2027 Tri Series and stock
- The end of season functions will cost $5,500.

Investment
The 12-month investment of $15,982 is earning 5.35% over it's 12 month period to June 2027.

Payment Plans
All players are now up to date, with no outstanding debt.

Waratah Netball Club Inc

Financial Report

YTD, ending 31 August 2026

Income	August Budget	August Months Actuals	Variation Fav / (Unfav)		2026 YTD Budget	2026 YTD Actuals	Variation Fav / (Unfav)		2026 Budget	Forecast	Variation Fav / (Unfav)
Registration Income	2,297	-	(2,297)		22,634	14,288	(8,346)		13,847	14,288	441
Sponsorship & Grants	1,500	4,000	2,500		10,000	17,000	7,000		19,500	17,000	(2,500)
Fundraising	-	239	239		551	2,442	1,891		2,151	3,242	1,091
Pie Drive Income	-	-	-		-	-	-		6,500	-	(6,500)
Apparel Sales	72	50	(22)		613	1,836	1,224		373	1,836	1,463
Other Income	-	78	78		-	678	678		150	778	628
Presentation Fees	-	660	660		-	660	660		1,000	1,000	-
Total Income	**3,869**	**5,027.00**	**1,158**		**33,798**	**36,904**	**3,106**		**43,521**	**38,144**	**(5,377)**
Expenditure:											
Development	-	-	-		614	822	(208)		3,114	3,322	208
Equipment	433	93	340		2,163	570	1,593		1,433	4,070	2,638
Coaching Equip & Balls	-	303	(303)		3,028	3,331	(303)		5,028	4,831	(197)
Pie Drive Costs	-	-	-		-	-	-		5,700	-	(5,700)
Preseason	-	-	-		336	336	-		586	586	-
Presentation	-	-	-		-	-	-		-	5,500	5,500
Presentation Vouchers	-	-	-		-	-	-		1,500	-	(1,500)
Court hire	-	-	-		-	-	-		1,800	-	(1,800)
Registration Expense	30	-	30		6,332	8,134	(1,803)		11,970	8,134	(3,835)
Apparel Purchases	-	-	-		2,282	12,310	(10,028)		3,482	12,810	9,328
Miscellaneous Costs	-	-	-		627	658	(32)		1,727	958	(769)
Total Expenditure	**463**	**396**	**67**		**15,381**	**26,162**	**(10,781)**		**36,338**	**40,212**	**3,873**
FY18-19 Inc/(Exp)	**3,407**	**4,631**	**1,225**		**18,417**	**10,742**	**(7,675)**		**7,182**	**(2,068)**	**(9,250)**

Bank Account		Petty Cash	
Balance at 01 Jan 26	27,186	Balance at 01 Jan 202	292
Total Credits	36,904	Income:	
Total Debits	26,162	Outgoing:	
Current Balance	**37,928**	Closing Petty C	**292**
Trading Account	20,449	Balance at 01 Jul 24	292
Uniform Account	1,498	Income:	
Investment Account	15,982	Outgoing:	
Total Current Balance	**37,928**	Closing Petty C	**292**

Net Worth		Outstanding Debtors	
Bank Balance	37,928	Registration	-
Petty Cash	292	Uniforms	-
Less debtors	-		
Net Worth	**38,221**		-
Increase/(Decrease)	**10,742**		

check ok

check ok

DI Graham

Dwight Graham
Treasurer

Waratah Netball Club
2026 Feedback Report

The Registrar sought out feedback from the Club members via a survey. The response was surprisingly low, possibly indicating that the Club was not doing too many things wrong. Notwithstanding the feedback will serve to improve the way the Club supports its membership.

The feedback below is presented for Executive Committee action as the Exec see fit.

Good:

- Waratah continues to build a positive community vibe. The introduction of the new dress was a positive initiative
- Such a supportive and family friendly club.
- I loved the additional support provided to the girls training for their umpire badges. It was very much appreciated.
- Sense of community and supporting our players
- Very organised umpiring
- Coaching / social engagements
- Social media
- Communication, sportsmanship and general organization were done well.
- Social media officer it was amazing to see how big the club is now and how much fun so many of the teams experienced. I think the community spirit is still one of the biggest things about WNC that makes it so special.
- Supportive club. Was able to offer two experienced coaches to my daughters who were both very encouraging and helped promote skills and development.

Improvements:

- Expectations around commitment to raffles and duties need to be reinforced from the start of the season for all teams. Improved Education of the importance of these activities at all levels is imperative.
- Ongoing coach development needs to be facilitated to ensure our young players are being taught strong basic skills. Simplify training structures to support novice and time poor coaches, establish mentors, insist on parent involvement. Establish guidelines of skills that need to be achieved developmentally.
- Consistent acknowledgement of the efforts of volunteers is essential to continue to build a strong workforce. Potential issues - volunteers overwhelmed by time commitment, volunteers feeling unvalued due to lack of recognition and long-standing volunteers retiring from roles resulting in a knowledge vacuum.
- Solidify existing systems or create procedures so that there is easy transition. It feels that whenever someone new takes on a role at the Club there is a period where they re-invent the wheel rather

than taking the baton and running forward. Timelines for annual events need to be cemented into meeting structures; checklists for events passed on to new volunteers.

- More notice for the end of year presentation, assuming this date and venue is locked in much earlier. Even if a save the date could be given towards the start of the season.
- Start thinking about grading teams and having promotions for this for anyone who wants to break away from their current team and stretch themselves further. to continue in TS we need to keep the stronger players, and that isn't going to happen if they keep playing with weaker players. still allow players to nominate to stay in their current team, however have the option for specific targeted grading
- Dedicated positional training/clinics for all teams (e.g. shooter sessions / mid court sessions / defence sessions) - opportunity for lower graded players to learn from more experienced players.
- Minimum number of players in a team to be at least 9. Our team had 8, difficult to run between available players including training, and number of parents available to help.
- The umpiring seems to place the inexperienced players (at umpiring) in a position where they are forced to umpire with little or no training and limited or no on court support. I feel this leads to anxiety over umpiring and possibly players not returning to the sport which would be a real shame.
- Selections- I know this is hard every year, but in a lower div team with an abundance of shooters (6++) this led to many issues. If I had been made aware of that balance in the team I would have offered to go to another team, or at least been able to make a consenting choice to change positions to midcourt. I think we as players could've been included in those decisions when there wasn't quite enough numbers to make up the team splits as the selectors thought
- Commitments- despite multiple notifications to the team as a manager, it felt like there was no buy in for any of the events or fundraising requirements (except from a handful of players, who would always be the ones around). Is there a way to mandate viewing this as part of the registration process (e.g., you consent to participant in fundraising activities)? Idk if it would help but as usual, the same people attend every time.
- Coaching- there were a large number of senior teams with no coaches. We were lucky to have a partner offer to coach, however he was unable to continue and then a player was able to step up and player/coach. If this situation happens again, a suggestion would be to just have senior squad training on at a set time for any of these teams - perhaps this might be something to be standard next year anyway? I don't foresee WNC having enough coaches next year either. I think the player and manager (me) felt like we didn't really have another option and I realised later in the season that some of the other coach-less teams trained with coached teams/squads on Thursdays. I guess as always this will work/not work for people as it is but maybe saying ""If there isn't a coach for your team, squad training will be offered on X day"".
- Volunteer awards- there are so many volunteers in the club and while we try and showcase them all with various awards etc. it still doesn't cover how many man hours are volunteered across everyone in the club. Volunteer awards at end of season for anyone who volunteered in any capacity would be a nice
- Bowling club raffles- I don't think this is well explained to players/members that it is a fundraising initiative. Even players who have been there for years thought it was just to be nice to our major sponsor, without realising there is a financial benefit for us. I also wonder if the team split isn't perhaps the best model (though it should be). Maybe everyone has to put down the date they will be doing at start of the season- it encourages teams to book together, but rather than make it a team commitment, it can be a player commitment. I also think it might encourage others to go and if a whole team has an event, you're not just relying on them if something falls through. "
- For the teams moving from net set go to the next stage if the club has the numbers I think it would be very beneficial to grade the teams to help strengthen the skills and club and to retain strong

players. You can see other clubs do it very early and there can be a big discrepancy in ability which can be disheartening for young ones still learning.

- Providing an assistant coach or asking if one of the parents can help out may take some of the pressure and responsibility off the coach.
- Clearer pathways for those wanting to umpire, coach etc

Other Comments:

- I know it's hard to organise but if possible can we do all the different uniform orders at once? No big drama if not as I know there are sponsors etc to coordinate would just be handy to reduce the back and forth.
- I wish we could get more coaches onboard for our teams!
- Thanks for another great season and all the time and effort that goes into running this lovely club
- WNC is a beautiful club and I'm so excited to see how much it has grown since I've been a player (>10 years). Happy to discuss anything but sadly won't be there for wash up.

Attachment 5

2027 Tri-series Uniform & Fees Proposals
03 November 2026

1. On 02 August 2026, the coaches and assistant coaches of the Tri-series and 21yrs teams met to review 2026. The minutes of the meeting were presented at the Club Management Committee meeting of 11 August 2026.

2. An outcome of the Management Committee meeting was "to put new Tri-series proposals to Exec" (AI# 247). Therefore the recommendations below are presented for Committee decision.

Recommendation 1: Provide a Long-sleeved Training Shirt to the free allocation to Tri-series players.

3. The uniforms supplied free of charge to Tri-series players would therefore be:

   a. Playing dress

   b. Training singlet

   c. Long sleeved training shirt

   d. Hoodie

   e. Molycop shirt

4. In feedback from 2026 Tri-series teams, several players highlighted that the training singlets are often not warm enough for training, but the hoodies are too bulky. They requested a long-sleeve training shirt as a training option.

5. If the Club is concerned about the overall cost, then I think the players could be given the choice between a singlet and long-sleeved training shirt. This of course, means that the overall uniformity will be in jeopardy.

Recommendation 2: Adopt the following apparel return rule for Tri-series**:**

   a. Leave after 1 season – all apparel to be returned

   b. Leave after 2 or more season – can keep all apparel except the playing dress

   The meeting agreed that two years was a reasonable match life of a playing dress, and a two year old dress is not suitable to be provided to a full time player. A full time player should not be issued a uniform that has been used for more than one season.

6. Therefore uniforms over two years old will only be used as spares for the occasional use (eg borrowed players). However, if a current player wants to continue to use their uniform for a third year, they may do so if the uniform is in reasonable condition. It was noted that uniforms over three years old suffer from Velcro issues.

Recommendation 3: That any Tri-series player who received a Tillys sponsored hoodie in 2025 and 2026, and is selected for 2027, have their hoodies swapped with a Currawong sponsored hoodie**.**

Recommendation 4: That any Club player promoted to 23s in 2027 to have their hoodies swapped with a Currawong sponsored hoodie

Recommendations 3 and 4 ensure a standardised look for the Tri-series players, while also ensuring that our major sponsor for Tri-series is appropriately acknowledged.

7. It was agreed that good condition hoodies that are returned from Tri-series could be sold to Club players (at a reduced cost), or used for any initial free issues.

8. Notwithstanding the comments above, the major sponsor is pragmatic on this point and does not want money wasted on replacement hoodies. However, every effort should be made to ensure that the correct logo is used going forward.

Recommendation 5: Tri-series pay full rego fees.

9. The meeting agreed that the subsidised fee for Tri-series players does not appear to be a determinant in attracting players to the Club. The 2026 subsidy was $80, reducing the fee for Tri-series players to $160.

10. Making Tri-series players pay full rego would make registration considerably easier. Additionally, the full rego will help offset cost of the additional long sleeve training shirt, and reduce the financial burden on the Club.

11. It was noted that there will require a significant increase in Tri-series sponsorship to enable both increase in free merchandise and reduced or zero fees. Although uniformity is likely to have limited promotional value, it does encourage a sense of belonging.

Conclusion

12. While the above five recommendations would incur an additional cost to the Club, which would require additional sponsorship, the meeting agreed that the recommendations would have a positive effect on the Tri-series, and therefore Club, overall.