

ARIELS VCNA 2024 ANNUAL REPORT











ARIELS VCNA 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Sunday 19th January 2025

Time: 2:00pm

Venue: Maroondah Nets, HE Parker Reserve, 154 Heathmont Road, Heathmont 3135

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

- 1. President's Report
- 2. 2024 Activity Reports

Head Coach Report Events Report Association Tournaments Report Social Competition Report

- 3. Financial Statements
- 4. Acknowledgments



VISION, MISSION & VALUES

VISION

To be recognised throughout the netball community as a club which delivers netball programs that develop athletes, coaches and umpires to their full potential

MISSION

To provide pathway netball programs in an inclusive, enjoyable and healthy environment to grow and develop our athletes, coaches and umpires

OUR VALUES

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Individual goals for every athlete
- Structured development pathways
- Personal skill, strength and conditioning sessions

TEAMWORK

- Working together for the best outcome of the team
- Sharing ideas, knowledge, and experience

EMPOWERMENT

- Supporting our community to achieve and believe in their goals
- Acknowledging and celebrating our individual and team strengths

INNOVATION

- Taking risks
- Building creative solutions to our challenges
- Evolving and growing with our sport and changing environment

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Submitted by Committee That the President's Report be received and noted.

President's Message

The year has been one of exceptional milestones and significant transitions for Ariels VCNA. As we reflect on our achievements and challenges, it's clear that our community's passion for netball continues to strengthen our mission of developing talent, participation, and love for the sport. This annual report encapsulates the key highlights of 2024, a year marked by growth, dedication, and excellence.

Highlights of 2024

19's Win Inaugural SSSN Competition

This year, our 19's team etched their name in history by winning the inaugural 19 & Under State Super Series Netball Competition. This remarkable achievement is a testament to their hard work, resilience, and team spirit. Their success highlights the strength of our Representative Program and our commitment to developing players who excel both on and off the court.

Launch at Fairlea Reserve

In partnership with Netball Victoria and the City of Yarra, we celebrated the official launch of the Fairlea Reserve Netball Complex. This state-of-the-art facility is now a vibrant hub for our programs, including the highly successful Net Set Go sessions. The launch marked a significant step forward in our mission to increase participation and provide a top-tier environment for players of all ages and skill levels.

Ariels Home Tournament

We hosted our annual Ariels Home Tournament at Knox, bringing together representative associations and clubs for a day of spirited competition. The event highlighted the incredible talent within our community and served as an excellent opportunity for teams to refine their skills in a competitive setting.

Mildura Tournament

Our teams showcased exceptional talent and sportsmanship at the Mildura tournament this year. The event provided a fantastic opportunity for players to compete, bond, and represent Ariels VCNA with pride. The experience of traveling and competing in a regional setting underscores our efforts to provide diverse opportunities for growth and exposure.

Preseason Camp at Phillip Island

In preparation for the season, our athletes and coaching staff participated in a preseason camp at Phillip Island. This immersive experience allowed players to build fitness, refine skills, and strengthen

team bonds in a focused and supportive environment. The camp's success has set the tone for a strong and cohesive performance throughout the year.

Farewell to Coaches

This year, we bid farewell to some of our esteemed coaches who have dedicated their time and expertise to Ariels VCNA. Their contributions have been instrumental in shaping our athletes and the broader netball community. We extend our heartfelt thanks and best wishes as they embark on new chapters in their journeys. Our ongoing efforts to recruit and mentor talented coaches ensure that we maintain the highest standards of training and player development.

Congratulations to 5-Year and 10-Year Members

We celebrated the enduring commitment of our 5-year and 10-year members. These milestones symbolize the strength of our community and the shared dedication to Ariels VCNA's vision. We thank these members for their loyalty and the integral role they play in sustaining our vibrant culture.

David O'Hare Inducted as Life Member

It is with immense pride that we welcomed David O'Hare as a Life Member of Ariels VCNA. David's unwavering dedication, leadership, and significant contributions over the years have left an indelible mark on our Association. His induction as a Life Member is a richly deserved recognition of his extraordinary service.

Looking Ahead

The year ahead promises to be just as dynamic and rewarding. With the Fairlea Reserve Complex now operational, we aim to further expand our programs and enhance opportunities for players of all ages and skill levels. Our strategic partnership with Netball Victoria will continue to guide our efforts to grow netball participation and deliver excellence in coaching, umpiring, and administration.

We thank all our members, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters for their invaluable contributions to our success this year. Together, we will continue to inspire a lifelong love for netball and build a strong, inclusive community.

Acknowledgments

We extend our gratitude to:

- Players, for their dedication and sportsmanship.
- Coaches, for their expertise and commitment.
- Volunteers, for their tireless efforts behind the scenes.

With warm regards,

Julie-Anne Le Nepveu Ariels VCNA President

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEAD COACH REPORT

2024 has been a period of growth and change for Ariels, our first year without a VNL licence and entering a team into the inaugural Under 19s SSNS competition. While across the board we had mixed results we have gained valuable insights into areas for improvement and development. Each team and their coaches have worked hard, and the lessons learned will set the foundation for a stronger 2025.

A big congratulations to our Under 19s team taking out the premiership in the inaugural year of the competition as well as several other teams making finals and grand finals through the year. Most importantly all teams showed notable improvements both in individual player performance and in team cohesion as the year progressed.

Across all teams, players showed commendable determination and resilience, even during difficult moments. This collective effort is a great foundation for future success. A key highlight this year was the camaraderie across all teams. The support between teams, the coaching staff, and our club members created an environment conducive to growth and learning.

We have had a strong focus on developing players at all levels this year. With an emphasis on getting the fundamentals right to allow for greater skill progression. We will continue to implement a structured development pathway that allows players to grow within the club, with opportunities to advance to higher teams.

We would like to extend our thanks to all players, coaching staff, and committee members for their dedication, hard work, and ongoing support. Together, we will build on this year's lessons and work towards greater success in the future.

Ron and Fiona Smith

Ariels VCNA Head Coaches 2024

EVENTS REPORT

Pre-Season Camp

Ariels annual representative pre-season camp in 2024 was held at CYC The Island from 3-4 February. All our teams and coaches attended the overnight camp, along with Shaun and staff from SRA Sports Therapy. The 11&U squad attended an all-day session on Saturday.

The camp provided the opportunity for players and coaches to get to know each other through a range of fun team building exercises and camp activities. Fitness testing activities were conducted by SRA Sports Therapy, and netball specific exercises were run offsite at the local Primary School in their new air-conditioned gym.

Ariels Tournament

Our annual tournament was held at the Knox Regional Netball Centre on March 3. The renovations at the centre were completed and all courts and facilities were available for use again. With over 130 teams entered, and the use of Live Scoring through Netball Connect, we were very pleased with how well and efficiently the day ran. We were also able to run a BBQ on the day which was very popular and a great fundraiser for us. Overall it was a hugely successful day for the Association.

Mildura Netball Carnival

We had 5 teams represent Ariels at the Mildura Netball Carnival, which was held at the Mildura Sporting Precinct. We hired a coach to transport the athletes, coaches & umpires over the 4 days, departing Friday morning from Maroondah Nets, and returning Monday afternoon. We stayed at a caravan park and our Catering Managers ensured that everyone was well fed, both at the accommodation and at the tournament. All our teams competed in semi-finals with four teams making it through to the grand final. Both our 13's teams played off in their grand final, with 13 Black taking the win. Everyone attended a pizza dinner on Sunday night to celebrate our weekend away and a fun and successful tournament.

Presentation Night

The 2024 Presentation Night was held at The Coach, in Ringwood. With 200 attendees, it was a great evening for our coaches, athletes and their families to celebrate their achievements throughout the year. We recognised athletes and coaches that have been with Ariels for many years, and David O'Hare was awarded his Life Membership for his dedication, leadership and massive contribution to the Association over the past 13 years.

Nina Panagopoulos

Events Coordinator

ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENTS REPORT

Ariels representative teams compete in tournaments held on Sundays throughout the year at various venues across Melbourne. Each tournament typically consists of 5 to 10 shortened matches, with games played in a round-robin format usually featuring two 8-minute halves. In addition to the involvement of our coaches and athletes, Ariels must also provide an umpire for each team, and with the assistance of the Team Manager and parents, scorers for each match, and support for athletes.

Each year in March Ariels hosts our home tournament at Knox Regional Netball Center, which is the first tournament in the Representative calendar year. In 2024, 122 association and club teams competed across all junior age groups, making it one of the largest tournaments across metropolitan Melbourne.

Across the remainder of the year Ariels entered teams into tournaments hosted by other associations across metropolitan Melbourne.

- 11&U competed in 9 tournaments.
- 13&U competed in 6 tournaments.
- 15&U competed in 5 tournaments.
- 17&U competed in 5 tournaments.

Selected 15&U and 17&U athletes also completed in Association Championships held in June 2024 in Frankston.

Athletes were invited to nominate to attend the Mildura Carnival, held over 4 days during September. Ariels fielded teams in each of the 13&U, 15&U and 17&U age groups.

Planning is well underway for our 2025 Tournament Schedule, with our home tournament kicking off the 2025 calendar on March 2nd.

Cindy Myers

Association Tournaments Co-ordinator

SOCIAL COMPETITION REPORT

	Women's – Thursday Nights	Mixed - Sunday Nights
Autumn Season	- 08/02/24-20/06/24 (inclusive	- 04/02/24-23/06/24 (inclusive
	of 2 rounds of finals; Semi	of 2 rounds of finals; Semi
	Finals & Grand Finals)	Finals & Grand Finals)
	- 7:15pm-8:45	- 7:30-9:45
	- Access to 2 courts over the	- Access to 2 courts over the
	evenings 2 time slots (4	evenings 3 time slots (5
	games), 1 bye	games played each night)
	- 14 Home & Away rounds	- 13 Home & Away rounds
	- Had 9 registered teams	- Had 10 registered teams
	- Teams played in 1 division,	- Teams played in 1 division,
	however we split finals into 2	however we split finals into 2
	(top 8 teams)	(Teams 1-4 & 5-9)
	- Teams; Bali Ballers, Bluebells,	- Teams; Ball Handlers, Fatties,
	Goal Getters, Lovies, Panthers,	McBallers, McSteelers, Mixed
	Scorpions, Shewolves, The	Mayham, Mixed Nuts, Rim
	ERRICAS, Tough Plus	Rascals, Setballers, Skittles,
	- 67 players registered,	The Spuds
	averaging 7.4 people per	- 85 players registered,
	team registered	averaging 8.5 people per
		team registered
	- Updated competition rules	
Winter Season	- 18/07/24-12/12/24 (inclusive of	- 21/07/24-15/12/23 (inclusive to
	2 rounds of finals; Semi Finals	2 rounds of finals; Semi Finals
	& Grand Finals)	& Grand Finals)
	- 7:15pm-8:45	- 7:30-9:45 (6:30-8:45)
	- Access to 2 courts over the	- Access to 2 courts over the
	evenings 2 time slots (4	evenings 3 time slots (6
	games)	games)
	- 18 Home & Away rounds	- 15 Home & Away rounds
	 Had 8 registered teams 	- Had 14 registered teams
	- Teams competed in 1 division,	- Teams competed in 2 divisions,
	including finals, 1 RD finals	7 per division, including finals
	played – All Finals had been	- Teams; Ball Handlers, Couple
	forfeited	Goals, Fatties, How I Net your
	- Teams; BlueBells, Give us a	Mother, Love the Ball,
	shot, Goal Getters, Lovies,	McBallers, Mixed Nuts, Net
	Panthers, Scorpions, The	Very Good, Setballers, Skittles,
	Erricas, Tough Plus	The Long Bombs, The
	- Following from 2024 Autumn	Rockets, The Spuds, The

	Season, we lost 2 teams, + 1	UnderACHIEVERS	
	new team registered	- Following from 2023 Autumn	
	- 84 players registered,	Season, we lost 2 teams, + 8	
	averaging 9.4 people per	new teams registered	
	team	- 167 players registered,	
		averaging 11.99 people per	
		team	
	- During the Winter season we mov	- During the Winter season we moved from our 7:30 start time on	
	Courts 1 & 2, to a 6:30 start time on courts 3 & 4 . Unfortunately, we lost		
	this booking for 2025 and are nov	this booking for 2025 and are now reverting to Courts 1 & 2 at	
	7:30		
	 Any single games purchased wer 	e \$10 per voucher	
2024 Umpires	- Over the course of the year we ro	tated between 21 different umpires	
	- 8 of the mentioned umpires ump	ired all year. These 8 Umpires had	
	permanent games		

Chantelle Herbert

Social Competition Coordinator

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion 4.5: Submitted by Committee and Statutory motion - That the Committee's Financial Statements be received and accepted

Profit and Loss

ARIELS VCNA

For the year ended 30 September 2024

	2024
Trading Income	
Canteen Income	669.9
Mildura Tournament Income	26,763.9
Stripe Fees Reimbursement	1,405.13
Tournament Income	25,084.5
Uniform Sales	14,011.8
Total Trading Income	67,935.3
Cost of Sales	
Canteen Expenses	870.19
Purchases	6,842.7
Subcontractors (120)	4,500.0
Tournament Costs - Mildura	21,090.0
Uniforms Costs	24,511.6
Total Cost of Sales	57,814.6
Gross Profit	10,120.7
Other Income	
Court Rental / Hire Fees Received	770.4
Player Fees & Registrations	194,820.9
Player Sponsors - Income	(213.64
Presentation Night - Income	3,210.7
Sponsorship	1,000.0
Trials - Income	2,898.1
Total Other Income	202,486.6
Operating Expenses	
Advertising & Promotion	10,721.5
Association Administration	636.3
Association Tournament Fees	4,287.4
Bank Charges	164.8
Bank Charges - Merchant Fees	3.6
Camp Expenses	17,901.2
Coach Courses	363.6
Coach NV Membership	920.8
Coach Payments	35,432.5
Competition Fees	33,520.0
Court Hire	58,776.9
Debt Collection	158.0
Depreciation	1,250.8
Donations	(140.00
Entertainment	1,694.9

	2024
	444
Fund raising Costs	466.7
General Expenses	1,598.9
Office Expenses	206.02
Postage	158.18
Presentation Night - Expenses	7,112.82
Printing & Stationery	1,404.87
Safety Equipment	150.00
Salaries & Wages	9,629.75
Signwriting	96.36
Strength, Fitness & Conditioning	4,545.46
Stripe Fees	122.52
Stripe Fees (no GST)	1,357.65
Subscriptions	3,382.73
Superannuation	1,075.25
Tournament Costs	7,409.69
Tournament Umpires	14,196.00
Training Costs	159.05
Training Equipment	3,761.56
Trials - Expenses	183.03
Trials Umpires	1,075.40
Trophies	390.93
Umpire Payments	1,062.20
Umpires - Social Competition	1,575.18
Workcover	360.30
Total Operating Expenses	227,173.33
let Profit	(14,565.94)

Balance Sheet

ARIELS VCNA

As at 30 September 2024

30 SEPT 2024
1,161.30
5,000.00
123,923.22
130,084.52
2,996.52
2,270.00
5,266.52
8,345.64
(6,735.70)
4,875.29
(4,875.29)
1,609.94
136,960.98
7,438.30
958.04
512.81
3.08
1,529.60
10,441.83
10,441.83
126,519.15
(14,565.94)
141,085.09
126,519.15

TREASURER'S REPORT

In summary:

Operating loss of \$14k – First year without any income or expenses relating to VNL

<u>Income</u> was down due to fewer teams and players fees not paid resulting in unmanageable debt.

• Home Tournament income up \$10k as we operated our own BBQ and Canteen

Expenses up from previous year

- Court Hire up by \$20k due to allowing for MLeague which did not go ahead and timing of when the invoice was paid.
- Printing & Stationery up by \$1,300.
- Subscriptions up as we subscribed to platforms to give us more options and flexibility with social media.
- Umpire expenses up due to increased rate.
- Advertising up \$4k again related to website.

Lea Robinson Treasurer

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Life Membership Inductee David O'Hare

5- and 10-Year Awards	
Erin Jefferis	5 Years (Players)
Annie Parker	
Emilie Mansell	
Natalie Barr	
Ruby Gibson	
Bailea Robinson	
Narelle Bahlo	
Penny Sciacca	
Alyssia Panagopoulos	
Meg Gurney	5 Years (Coaches)
Jessica Day	
Chelsea Myers	10 Years (Players)
Emily Napier	
David O'Hare	10 years (Coaches)
Fiona Smith	

Appreciation Awards – Departing Coaches	
Jamie O'Hare	13 Years
Fiona Smith	10 Years
Ron Smith	9 Years
Rod Le Nepveu	8 Years
Trudi Hattwell	4 Years

Submitted by Committee -

That the Committee members, volunteers, coaches, support and administrative staff, umpires and sponsors be thanked for their contributions to Ariels VCNA in 2024

ARIELS COMMITTEE, NON-COMMITTEE & VOLUNTEERS

President	Julie-Anne Le Nepveu
Vice President	Jessica Day
Secretary	Mark Rogers
Treasurer	Lea Robinson
Registrar	Cindy Myers
Events Manager	Nina Panagopoulos
Social Media	Sian Giuliano
Association Tournaments	Cindy Myers
General Committee	Mark Provis Lee Stack
Social Competition	Chantelle Herbert
Uniform	Trudi Hattwell
Equipment	Marita Steward

ARIELS 2024 COACHES

State Super Netball Series 19&U	David O'Hare
	Jamie O'Hare
17&U – Open Coordinator	Danie McNeil
Premier Black	David O'Hare
Premier Blue	Bernardine Brennan /
	Trudi Hattwell
Premier Gold	Mary Pinjo / Trudi Hattwell
17 Black	Danie McNeil
17 Blue	Chelsea Myers
17 White	Rodney Le Nepveu
15 Black	Megan Groenewegen (Autumn)
	Jessica Day (Spring)
15 Blue	Meg Gurney
15 White	Mark Provis
15 Gold	Julie-Anne Le Nepveu
11&U – 15&U Coordinator	Lee Stack
13 Black	Jessica Day
13 Blue	Lee Stack
13 White	Jasmine Panagopoulos
11 Black	Chelsea Myers
11 Blue	Alicia Rogers

ARIELS LIFE MEMBERS

Ann Alexander
Keith Dealy
Pat Fisher
Maureen Manuell
Warren Murdoch
Jan Seedy
Janet Woolhouse
Jenny Coulthard
Bev Bullas
Sue Dickinson
Beryl Lawson
Nancy Miller
Barbara Ritchie
Rose Weaver
Colin Naylor
Rosie Poulton
Bev Atkinson
Shirley Dealy
Kim Holmes
Christine Melnikas
Lorraine Perks
Bobby Trembath
Christina Puopolo
Gus Puopolo
Nicole O'Hare
Dorothy Aiken
Bessie Devenish
Jan Knight
Helen Mihalic
Nancy Watts
Bessie Wall
Bruce Wills
Karen Black
Keisha Noble
David O'Hare