





# News Today

# Our new facility & all the potential it brings !!



As we approach the end of our first season at Holloway Road we celebrate the reality of what this new facility will bring to netball in Bayside. It is time to take stock and reflect on what the new facility has provided in our first 6 months of operation.

Our total team numbers have soared with over 240 teams competing at Holloway Road every week.

We hosted Caulfield & Springvale netball associations and the Under 17 Boys State Netball Team in opening matches for our Rep Program.

Our Strategic Plan has been finalised and 2025 will see the introduction of tournaments, new programs and clinics for players, coaches and umpires at Bayside.

The Facility has been fully utilised over school holidays with external netball programs running across all days.

We are also super proud to provide a home for our VNL Partner Club – Wilson Storage Southern Saints. Saints train alongside our representative teams on Monday nights opening up exciting pathways for both our players and coaches. The Saints team have been a dream to work with and we love their dedication to supporting and fostering grass roots netball – we look forward to a strong relationship for years to come.



# Winter 2024 Competition

#### Saturday Winter Comp

We kicked off our Winter 2024 Season in March with over 220 teams represented by 11 Clubs. Everyone was blown away by our fab new facility – it was a pleasure to see and hear the players reactions.

Thank you to the Vixens for attending on June 22nd, it was such a highlight!

We once again collected for a cause that is close to so many of us – PINK LADY DAY – and we are so happy to announce that raised over \$2,000 . Special thanks to all the volunteers involved on the day and shout out to Firbank Netball Club who support this worthy cause every year.

Volunteers work tirelessly across all our clubs – often a thankless task so on the 25th May we celebrated the volunteers who enable all of us to continue enjoying our netball. We thank each and every one of you who give up your time to see that each Saturday runs smoothly and is a success. Not to mention our very own 2024 Netball Vic volunteer of the year – Graham Scull.

#### Still to come :-

- Under 9/11 Round Robin Tournament Saturday 31 August
- Under 11 Round Robin Tournament Saturday 7 September
- Rep Ready Sunday 8th & 15th September
- Spring Comp starts Saturday October 12th



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# And....

#### NetSetGo

NetSetGo is a dream at the new facility so much more space and the ability to move the program indoors in the event of bad weather is a game changer. With our first term of skills & drills completed term 3 will once again see the participants playing in our GO competition. We welcome teams from St Finbars, East Brighton Vampires and Minties NetSetGo programs to compete against our teams. The players get a taste of real competition with umpires, siren run, scores and ladder points in a relaxed non pressure environment - great preparation for Under 9 & Under 11 comps next year.

#### Wednesday Ladies Comp

Wednesday night ladies competition has been fully subcribed in both semesters. We look forward to the growth of this new program in 2025 when we plan to open up more game slots.

#### **Coaching & Player Clinics**

This year saw Inspire Netball run 2 coaches clinics open to all our clubs as well as over 200 players attending a 3 week clinic at the beginning of the season.

#### **Netball Academy**

Term 2 and term 3 we once again offered our Netball Academy Program. Filming for the program has been completed and we look forward to being able to enhance the program with visual learning via the big screen over our show court.

#### Saints Masterclass

Our new partnership with VNL Club Southern Saints saw our first Saints Master Class - SAINTS players and coaches working with our domestic and rep players to refine their skills. We look forward to offering many more SAINTS classes in the future.

#### All Abilities Netball

Our all abilities program continues to go from strength to strength under the leadership of our dedicated volunteer Emily Higgins. Two AA teams included in our Saturday competition has enabled these players to participate in not just training but weekly games.

See more about AA and their success in our rep section – spoiler alert – they are state champions !!





#### Leah Percy - New Head Coach



It is with great pleasure that we introduce Bayside & District's new head coach – Leah Percy.

Leah brings a wealth of experience, to the role having herself played and coached netball for over 20 years. As well as coaching and playing at VNL level Leah runs multiple coaching clinics and academies, whilst also working with netballers in the AGSV and APS schools program, as well running her own coaching business. Leah has had years of experience and great success in the development of players across all age groups demonstrating an unwavering commitment to our sport and the development of its young players.

With a strategic mindset and a passion for developing talent and programs Leah is set to inspire and elevate our team, players and coaches to new heights. We are excited to welcome her to our family and look forward to an exciting time ahead under Leah's leadership.

Please join us in giving Leah a warm welcome.





#### Association Champs All Abilities State Champions



Two Bayside All Abilities teams competed in the Netball Victoria Association Champs on Sunday 16th June. This year, we introduced our 'Squad' training, giving players extra game play each week, with specific positional coaching and expertise. This certainly paid off as the depth of talent in our program is outstanding, and the results mirrored this.

Both teams had wins against the 5 other teams, and a draw against each other. Both Bayside teams played off in the Grand Final, and it was the best netball that I have seen these players play. The final 2-2 draw demonstrates 8 years of hard work, dedicated learning and continual development of superb netball skills.

We couldn't have asked for a better end to the 2024 Association Champs.

As always, my sincere thanks go to Victoria, Jessie and Emily for being the very best coaches for the role.

And to Lucy and Lucy, our umpires. Umpiring All Abilities games requires additional patience, communication and skill, and these two are the very best.

#### Emily Higgins

#### Association Champs 13-1s 8th in the State



We are super proud of our 13-1 team who qualified through to State Netball Finals.

To make it to finals is a significant achievement – congrats and hats off to the team and to their dedicated coach Olivia Templeton.

Many thanks to Bec Hartigan and Nicole McDonald who assisted the team on the day!!



# Youth Advisory Committe (YAC)



The BDNA YAC was formed in June 2023, as a way to encourage change based on youth feedback within our association. Due to the move to our new facility, the YAC's focus for the past year has been planning initiatives to introduce from Term 3 2024. This productive planning has resulted in 3 exciting initiatives which are already underway!

1. Container Deposit Scheme fundraising for BDNA: From Saturday 20 July, there have been donation bins around the courts for all to donate their recyclable containers. The funds raised will go towards further developments at BDNA.

2. Recycling old sports uniform & equipment: The YAC will be holding donation drives for all old sports uniforms (including old netball dresses & training gear) and equipment. These collections will be donated to charities which focus on making sport more accessible to all. Any club dresses donated will be handed back to the clubs for them to re-issue for second-hand use.

The dates for these donation drives are below: Winter Season - Round 10 Saturday August 3 Spring Season - Round 2 Saturday October 19 Spring Season - Round 7 Saturday November 30

3. Charity fundraising ribbon days: The YAC will be holding 2 charity ribbon days – one in Term 3 and one in Term 4 – raising much needed funds for great causes.

Winter Season - Round 12 Saturday August 17 - Butterfly Foundation Spring Season - Round 4 Saturday November 9 - Team Sports 4 All

For the Butterfly Foundation, we encourage all players and spectators to wear BLUE RIBBONS. For Team Sports 4 All, we encourage players and spectators to wear PURPLE RIBBONS. There will be stalls run by the YAC and participating clubs at the courts for all to donate to these amazing charities.

If you have any questions about the YAC or any suggestions for future initiatives, please reach out to any YAC member: Kari Robinson, Stephanie Ryan, Kiyara Perera, Isabelle Joffe, Zahra Brookes & Lani Yaksich.





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A huge shout out to our sponsors - the new facility is fabulous but expensive. Sponsorship goes a long way to assist us in being able to offer programs, clinics and training opportunities to our community. Hodges Real Estate Sandringham and InForm have provided our association and your players with great support - please support the people who support you !!





# Housekeeping - Please help

We are working hard with the council in regards to

- Expansion and improvement of our over flow car park
- Removal of stones from the garden beds
- Lighting in breezeway entrance
- Water pooling on court 6 & 7
- Water run off onto court 4

We ask for your on-going assistance in following parking guidelines and respecting our neighbours.

In regards to the garden bed stones - please assist us with this and make sure they remain in the garden beds until removed by council to minimise the damage they are causing the courts.





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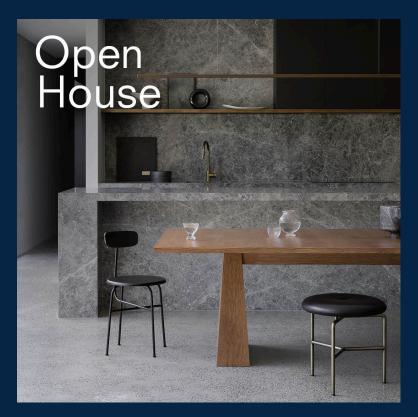


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