

It is my pleasure to present the President's Report for the 2026 season on behalf of the North Perth Dynamites Netball Club. This year has been one of growth, development, community connection and celebration of everything that makes our club such a special place.

Our Growing Club and Community

In 2026, the club continued to grow, welcoming 167 players and more than 216 registered participants when coaches, umpires, team managers, officials and committee members are included. Our end-of-season celebrations brought together almost 300 members, families, volunteers and supporters, highlighting the strength of the Dynamites community.

As a community club, our focus extends beyond netball. We are committed to creating an environment where players can learn new skills, build confidence, develop friendships and remain physically, mentally and socially connected. Throughout the season, we continued to focus on providing opportunities that support both player development and wellbeing.

Player Development and Wellbeing

A key focus in 2026 was supporting player development both on and off the court. Through sponsorship support from the City of Vincent, we worked with **Stitch in Time**, and introduced a mindset programs for our Year 5-6 and senior players, helping build confidence, resilience and positive sporting experiences. We also expanded **specialist training opportunities** for senior players, providing access to additional coaching and development experiences.

The club was delighted to see increasing participation in Perth Netball Association development pathways. Congratulations to **Elsey Lohman-White**, **Xanthe Semmens** and **Aliesha West**, who were selected for PNA pathway programs during the season. Their achievement reflects not only their hard work and talent but also the quality of coaching and support provided across the club.

Coaching Development

Building on the foundations established in previous years, significant work was undertaken to strengthen our coaching program. Under the leadership of **Robyn Newman** and **Eloise Kellam**, supported by Coach Mentor **Deanne Heeley**, the Club continued to enhance coach induction, training, mentoring, feedback processes and coaching resources. These initiatives have helped create a more connected and capable coaching community while supporting coaches at all stages of their development.

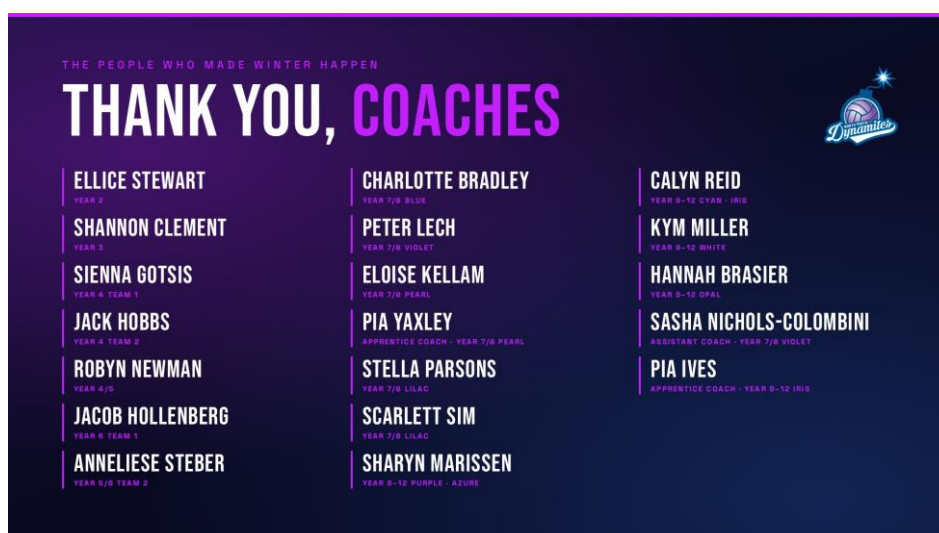
During 2026, the Club also piloted the development of Apprentice Coach role for those players who are interested in exploring if coaching is something they wish to be involved in. This season has enabled the Club to develop a Coaching Pathway Framework that introduces **Apprentice Coach**, **Assistant Coach** and **Coach** roles and the hierarchy of moving through the coaching pathway. Thank you to Vice President and 7/8 Coordinator **Carly Willcox** who has been critical in this development.

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Designed for implementation from 2027, the framework provides clear progression opportunities, mentoring, training, accreditation and assessment processes to support the recruitment, development and retention of coaches while creating leadership opportunities for our players.

We will continue to build on these initiatives in future seasons to ensure our players receive consistent, high-quality coaching experiences while creating sustainable pathways for coaches to develop their confidence, skills and qualifications within the Club.

The coaching team this season has been outstanding in both their commitment and support of our players. Many coaches embraced professional development opportunities throughout the year, undertaking additional training and progressing their Netball Australia accreditation levels through further study. A sincere thank you goes to all coaches, assistant coaches and participants in our pilot Coach Apprenticeship Program, whose dedication has played a significant role in the development of our athletes and the success of the Club.



Umpire Development

Our umpire program continued to flourish in 2026 under the leadership of Umpire Coordinator **Hannah Brasier** and a dedicated team of umpire mentors. Supported by the Perth Netball Association Umpire Grant Program, our umpires benefited from ongoing mentoring, feedback and development opportunities throughout the season.

We acknowledge and thank every umpire who picked up a whistle this year. Umpiring remains one of the most challenging and important roles in our sport, and the contribution of our umpire squad plays a critical role in the success of both our club and the wider netball community. A special congratulations to those umpires who were awarded their C badge this season, Chloe Chatfield and Quinn Short. We would also like to acknowledge Quinn Short who was recognised as the inaugural Umpire of the Year, and joint recipients of the most improved umpires of the year, Erin Bamborough and Pia Ives.



Competition Success on and off the court

The 2026 season delivered many highlights on court. All our teams competed with determination, sportsmanship, teamwork and respect throughout the year.

The club was particularly proud to have seven junior teams qualify for finals, including all four of our Year 7-8 teams: Violet, Lilac, Pearl and Blue. Teams Lilac and Blue progressed through to Grand Finals, demonstrating the strength and development of our year 7-8 competition program.

Within the Year 9-12 competition, three teams qualified for finals. Both White and Cyan competed on Grand Final day, with Team Cyan securing a premiership following an outstanding season. This achievement is a testament to the commitment of the players, coaches, team managers and families who support them.



The strong presence of coaches, players and families supporting one another throughout the finals series also reflected the culture of collaboration and community that continues to define the Dynamites

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Our Net Set Go and Junior 5 and 6 teams enjoyed a season filled with fun, friendship and skill development, continuing to build strong foundational netball skills. As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting all athletes, the Club also identified opportunities to further enhance engagement, communication and visibility of our primary school teams, ensuring players and families across all age groups feel connected, recognised and valued within the Dynamites community.

From the Net Set Go Coordinator:

This year we registered a record 5 teams in Net Set Go, with players from six schools. Most teams included a mixture of schools, providing players with a great opportunity to make new friends as well as build their skills.

We saw great progression and player development throughout the season, with some great wins along the way. We wound the season up with our annual **Come and Try day event**, which took place during the final training session and was attended by nearly 40 prospective players.

Very exciting to see so many returning and new players also putting through EOIs for next year!

From the Junior coordinator: This season, we had two teams competing in the Year 6 competition: a Year 6 team and a combined Year 5/6 team. Throughout the season, all players demonstrated great commitment, dedication and perseverance, continually developing their netball skills, improving their technique and growing in confidence on the court. It has been wonderful to see their progress and the effort they have put into their season. A huge thank you to our two amazing coaches, Anneliese and Jacob, who did a fantastic job supporting, encouraging and developing our players throughout the year. We are incredibly grateful for the time and dedication they have given to our teams. A huge congratulations to all our players on a fantastic season!

Recognising and Celebrating Our Players

Throughout the season, the Club continued to strengthen its focus on recognising and celebrating players who demonstrated the values that define the Dynamites community, including participation, teamwork, respect, commitment and personal growth. These initiatives aimed to ensure members felt valued not only for their achievements on the court, but also for the positive contribution they make to their teams and the broader Club environment. The Club introduced the Yochievers Program, creating a meaningful way to recognise and celebrate the positive contributions, personal development and achievements of our members throughout the season. We also piloted a Player Recognition Program, as part of our commitment to developing well-rounded athletes, the Club successfully piloted a values-based player recognition program that extended beyond on-court performance. The initiative celebrated qualities such as teamwork, commitment, leadership, sportsmanship and personal growth, reinforcing the culture and values that underpin the Dynamites community.

Member Engagement and Future Planning

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, the club launched its most comprehensive member feedback initiative to date. Players from Year 6 through to Year 12, together with parents and guardians, were invited to participate in surveys and focus groups to help shape future club programs and priorities.

This research has been supported through grant funding through the **WA Government Game On Grant** and will provide valuable insights to assist future the 2027 committee in designing programs that meet the evolving needs of our members while maintaining the welcoming and inclusive culture that has become synonymous with the Dynamites.

Brand and Digital Transformation

During the year, the Club launched a new website, refreshed its marketing identity, and developed new communication templates for our newsletter. This contemporary brand presence has improved communication with members, strengthened our public profile, and better reflects the professionalism and values of the Club. The Committee acknowledges the valuable support provided by sponsor Clout Marketing in delivering these initiatives. In the interests of transparency, it is noted that Vice President Carly Willcox is also an owner of Clout Marketing.

Our social media presence has also grown with the stewardship of Carly Willcols, with the Club's Game On Open Day a significant success, generating 1,256 social media engagements, more than double the grant target of 500. This strong result demonstrated growing community awareness of the Club and the effectiveness of our promotional activities.

Grants, Sponsorship and Partnerships

The club enjoyed another successful year securing grants and sponsorship support that enabled us to expand programs and opportunities for members. Key grants received during 2026 included:

- Perth Netball Association Umpire Grant Program.
- City of Vincent Open Day Grant.
- State Government Game On Grant.
- Yochi Sharing the Chi Grant.

These grants directly supported coach development, umpire mentoring, player wellbeing initiatives, specialist training opportunities, club marketing and member engagement activities.

We are also grateful to our valued sponsors whose support allows us to deliver experiences beyond what membership fees alone could provide. Special thanks to:

- Community Bank North Perth Bendigo Bank.
- Clout Marketing.
- Print and Sign Co.

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- Perth Property Co.
- Spex Design.
- ID Athletics.

Much of the sponsorship grants has been set aside to ensure that the club has the necessary equipment and set up for our training at Robertson Park. It was hoped that this would occur mid-season 2026 however is now marked for the 2027 season.

Volunteers and Committee

Like all community sporting organisations, our success depends on volunteers. Every coach, umpire, team manager, committee member, parent volunteer and supporter contributes to the experience our players enjoy each week.

ROSTERS, BIBS, GROUP CHATS AND MORE

THANK YOU, TEAM MANAGERS



JULIANA WILKS YEAR 2	CLAIRE FINLEY YEAR 7/8 BLUE	ANGELA NICHOLS YEAR 9-12 OPAL
ALENE SULLIVAN YEAR 3	JENNIFER GIRSCHIK YEAR 7/8 PEARL	MELINDA JAMIESON YEAR 9-12 AZURE
BROOKE LAU YEAR 4 TEAM 1	NATALIE MUELLER YEAR 7/8 LILAC	CATHERINE BEAMISH YEAR 6 TEAM 1
LISA MCGUFFIN YEAR 4 TEAM 2	CASS WALTON YEAR 9-12 PURPLE	SALLY HEWITT YEAR 9-12 IRIS
GEMMA OWEN YEAR 4/5	CARLEE PRIDER YEAR 9-12 CYAN	ANNETTE PERRIN YEAR 7/8 VIOLET
JOANNE DACKO YEAR 5/6 TEAM 2	DEBORAH HOLTMEULEN YEAR 9-12 WHITE	

I would particularly like to acknowledge our committee members, competition coordinators, coaching coordinators, umpire coordinators and team managers for the countless hours they contribute behind the scenes. Their leadership and dedication ensure that the club continues to grow and thrive.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2025

CLUB COMMITTEE



PRESIDENT ASHLEIGH BRAND	VICE PRESIDENT - YEAR 7-8 COORDINATOR CARLY WILLCOX	SECRETARY BROOKE LAU
TREASURER - SENIOR COORDINATOR 9-12 SHARON O'REILLY	UNIFORM COORDINATOR JODIE GRAY	EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR KRISTY JONES
COMMITTEE MEMBER SHARYN MARISSSEN	JUNIOR COORDINATOR SARA MILES	NET SET GO COORDINATOR GEMMA OWEN

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We also extend our appreciation to the many parents and families who assisted throughout the season with fundraising, events, promotional activities, finals support, photography, venue presentation and many other tasks that often go unseen. Your contribution is sincerely appreciated.

Continued Governance and Management Improvements

In 2026, the Club adopted a new Constitution that modernises our governance framework, improves readability for members and better reflects the way the Club operates today. The revised membership provisions now enable over 18 coaches, umpires and volunteers who are not parents of players to become active members of the Club by contributing to its governance, including serving on the Management Committee.

These changes are intended to strengthen the long-term sustainability of the Club by broadening our membership base and encouraging greater involvement from passionate members of the netball community who are committed to the development of our players, volunteers and Club. In addition to the Constitution review, the Club undertook a broader governance improvement program during the year, updating a number of policies, procedures and operational documents to support effective, transparent and sustainable club management.

Looking Ahead

As we prepare for the 2027 season, we remain focused on strengthening our programs, supporting participation pathways, developing coaches and officials, responding to member feedback and continuing to build a club where every member feels they belong. We are particularly excited by the prospect of establishing our first Open team in the near future, providing a pathway for players to continue their netball journey beyond junior competition.

Thank you to every player, coach, umpire, volunteer, sponsor, supporter and family member who contributed to the 2026 season. Together we continue to build a club that is welcoming, inclusive and committed to providing outstanding community netball opportunities for current and future generations.

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