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# FROM OUR PRESIDENT

After the turbulent year that was 2020 we all So in steps me. Amy Ferris! Who is she I hear you programs finish out the Autumn season with Grand walking netball myself. Finals being played thanks to our amazing make some tough decisions.

zoom trainings and meetings and while we tried committee reps, club, families, life members. our best to be upbeat and positive it was harder the second time round. In true MENA style though Anyone who is involved in volunteering at MENA terms we now know how to implement and feel!

It would be amiss of me not to mention that during 2021 our very own Kylie Spears stood down at our Amy Ferris AGM as our illustrious President after 13 years President serving MENA. Some may say we should rename the Maroondah Nets the Spears Centre! Maybe there is a petition coming! I would like to acknowledge Kylie's amazing contribution over this time and wish her all the very best with her future endeavours. We are sure Kylie will continue to be seen around the MENA community for years to come.

started 2021 with great optimism and enthusiasm say. Well I'm a wife, mum of three, life long netball to be back out on court! Things were looking good lover and at the time of taking on the President as we kicked off Autumn. Covid Safety procedures role I was on a Career break contemplating my were in play and our players, coaches, umpires and next move after working 20 years in State families where back on court with big smiles loving Government. Since then I have pivoted my career netball again. A little hump three quarters through, and am now a casual relief teacher, I continue to COVID got us again for a few weeks and our Uber my kids (like so many others) to various Autumn season hit a bump but we forged through sporting and extra curricular activities including like MENA does and managed to see all our netball. I'm coaching an under 11 team and playing

administrators and committee pulling together to I've learnt a lot in my first 6 months of being the President. But the main thing I've realised its that MENA has a lot of very amazing people supporting We were all so hopeful that our Spring Season it. MENA is and always will be each and everyone would go forward without a hitch but as we have one of you!!! Without you there is no MENA! Our come to expect no such luck. We were back to players, umpires, coaches, administrators, staff,

we pushed through and continued to train and does it because they love netball and how it brings discuss scenarios and what was next. We were able people together. I encourage anyone who has ever to get players back on court for a 6 week Spring thought about getting involved to reach out to your Back to netball series for our club competition and club or MENA as we all know many hands make boy did we love it!! Flexibility and resilience are light work and we are always looking for some extra hands for all sorts of things. Get involved I promise you won't regret it!



# **COMPETITIONS REPORT**

We all thought 2021 would be different to 2020, however it turns out it was very similar with lots of time in lockdown due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Even though there were lots of disruptions throughout the year we still managed good participation across the programs which was a great result.

When we could play, the games were fun, everyone loved being back on the court and there was a lot of great energy, it was a great place to be. Although the year was a little disappointing for everyone we ended it on a high playing back on the court we love. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to our netball programs in 2022.

### Club Competition—Autumn Season

It was fantastic to welcome back all our clubs and teams for Autumn 2021. We had 189 Teams register to compete across the age groups from NetSetGo Under 9 to Open. We had our COVID safe plans ready to go for round 1 on 12/13th Feb and ready to get the season underway. Round 1 was delayed until 19/20 Feb after a short lock down. Games continued under varying levels of COVID safe restrictions. Lockdowns again loomed and COVID safe restrictions tighten as we approached the final rounds. NetSetGo U9 games & presentations took place on June 18. Grand Finals took place on June 19 featuring teams ranked 1 & 2 on the ladder.

### **Wednesday Night Ladies Competition**

With lockdowns impacting 2021 again we still managed to have 28 teams register to play in our indoor Wednesday Night competition. We want to thank our teams, umpires and staff for their patience and support—especially following each new set of regulations each time we came out of lockdowns and easing of restrictions.





### **Walking Netball**

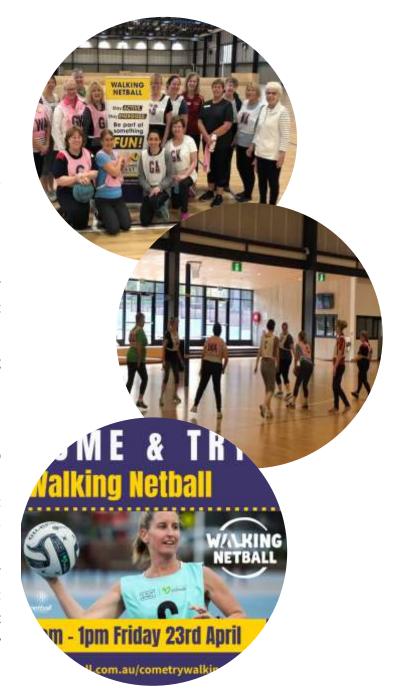
We have 10 regular participants in our casual sessions of Walking Netball. Additional participants come in and out of the sessions. These sessions are offers 10am & 1pm Mondays during Term. 10am is an all ages session and 1pm is a over 65s session. They enjoy the modified rules in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. The coffee in the café provides an important social connection for many of our participants.

We ran a successful Come & Try Walking Netball section on Friday 23rd April alongside other Walking Sports. We had many players participant in fun netball drills and walking netball games.

We had 8 teams register for our Evening Walking Netball Competition. A traditional competition which includes a regular fixture, ladders and season with set teams. It is a social, fun, and participation focused competition with no finals. Players create and enter their own team, to play in this traditional format with a social twist and modified rules. We were 6 rounds into the competition and then Covid hit, we had to cancel all the games which we thought would only be for a short time however with restrictions in force it ended up being the whole year that we couldn't run these competitions which was really disappointing for everyone.

### **Junior Boys Netball Competition**

We kicked off another season of Junior Boys Netball at Maroondah Nets. For Boys who love their netball. Games started 4.30pm onwards during school terms. Umpires are provided. Autumn 2022 saw 6 teams had start our Junior boys competition season. We played 6 rounds and once again COVID restrictions forced the season to end.





# **COMPETITIONS REPORT**

### **Netball at Home**

We went back in to lockdown over Winter. We stayed in touch with our Netball community online through Instagram, Facebook and our web site. We provided Netball Challenges to complete at home, Netball Fitness ideas, Netball Skills to do at home alongside some Wellbeing tips. We also shared Netball Victoria's Home Court Series aimed at keeping our netball community active at home. It's not every day you get to work out with MJ (Mwai Kumwenda) from the Melbourne Vixens. The Netball Victoria homecourt series was a unique opportunity to workout with elite players at home.

Gratitude

SCAVENGER HUNT

### **Spring Back to Netball Season**

As we emerged from lockdown, restrictions slowly relaxed. Each time we updated our COVID safe protocols. October saw our clubs come back to training at the courts.

Spring Back to Netball commenced with Round 1 on 5th & 6th November. The season was 6 weeks aimed at getting maximum participation. club teams participated in Spring Back to Netball season. Original team entries for Spring were 199 with 10 withdrawing by the time we started the season.

It was a great atmosphere to see all the clubs, players, coaches & umpires back on court. Thank you to everyone for their patience and support especially in following the regulations each time these were tightened and eased.

### **Netball Programs recommenced**

Mid week Ladies Social Competition returned for a short social season. Our Casual sessions of Walking Netball recommenced.





### **All Abilities State Titles**

Our All Abilities team played in the Netball Victoria All Abilities Association Championships on 5 Dec 2021. What a terrific day for our team who played. Kudos to our Coaches Sue Ross and Jeanette Hodges who are coached these talented players at the state titles.











# **Our Community**

### **Pink Sports Round**

Our Netball community Pinked it up for a great cause during Round 8. It was heart-warming to see the courts and sidelines filled with a sea of Pink again. Fab to see everyone coming together for our Pink Sports Round to support Australians affected by breast cancer and to raise vital funds for Breast Cancer Network Australia. Thank you to everyone who pinked it up, donated cupcakes, bought cupcakes, bought a raffle ticket or had a guess in the lolly jar competition. We hope everyone enjoyed the Pink Sports Rounds! Congratulations to all our Pink Sports Round Prize winners. There were lots of pinked up teams who entered the Best Dressed "Pink Day" Team competition. What amazing Team spirit. Congratulations to Heathmont United U11 White who won the Best Dressed "Pink Day" Team competition.



# THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

"VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME; THEY JUST HAVE THE HEART." - ELIZABETH ANDREW

A big shout out to all our volunteers for their hard work and dedication in helping our Netball community grow.

To all the Coaches, Team Managers, Committee Members and many others who provide their precious time to help make our association the great association that it is, please know that your contribution, no matter how big or small is hugely

appreciated. Our association is built on volunteers and we would not be able to operate without your support.

Thank you each and every one of you for your contributions. At this time we want to thank volunteers who give so much so our children and families can enjoy this great game.

Every little bit of time & effort our volunteers put in goes a long way but it's those volunteers that continually put the effort in, week in and week out, that keeps our great Association running.

### THANK YOU!!!!

Melbourne East Netball Association sincerely thanks all the volunteers for their contributions

# Our Representative Program took One Foot Forward for the Black Dog Institute

October 2021 was Mental Health Month -1 in 5 people in Australia experience symptoms of mental illness every year.

In October Representative Players, Coaches and Officials participated in One Foot Forward to make a difference to the lives of Australians impacted by mental illness.

While in lockdown everyone walked/ran for the challenge. We raised funds for the Black Dog Institute. Encouraged team mates to walk/run together to achieve their goals. We walked together, stood together and were stronger together pulling together for this fabulous cause.

# Thanks to our Rep teams for blasting their \$8K goal and raising \$9,173 in the One Foot Forward campaign for the Black Dog Institute | Compared to the Black Dog Institute | Compared to



# **Thanks to our Sponsors**

# EASTLAND

### **Eastland**

We are so thrilled to have Eastland partnering with us and sponsoring our umpire, players and our Melbourne East netball community. Our Umpires continue to sport cobranded Umpire Polos. Thanks, Eastland.





**Bendigo Bank** 

### **Bendigo Bank**

Bendigo Bank continues to support our local netball community sponsoring our Game Netballs for our competitions so we can all remain COVID safe. The game balls are delivered to each court by the Umpires. Thanks, Bendigo Bank.



# **Support your local Netball Community**

Melbourne East Netball Association are looking to partner with local businesses, to continue to bring the benefits of community sport to the people in our area.

As we know, participation in sport can have direct benefits for the physical and mental health of individuals, therefore strengthening our community. As we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, we believe that Melbourne East Netball Association's role to play in this space will be much bigger than ever before.

Our association has over 200 teams across NetSetGo, to Open teams, Social Mid Week Netball competition, Walking Netball competition. We have over 130 umpires officiate our games and 11 Representatives teams that train out of Maroondah Nets, one of the best facilities in the area and play at Waverley Netball Centre.

With a history of over half a century, our association is achieving its goals adding greatly to the reach and exposure of our sponsors.

As the Netball continues to grow and participation is on the rise this is the perfect opportunity for your company to partner with us and get maximum exposure throughout the local Netball community.

We have sponsorship options available across all our programs. We are also happy to tailor a package to suit your needs.

Feel free to contact us on the following to discuss: Amy Ferris – President Email: president@menanetball.com.au

# **Umpiring**

another year of stops and starts for community netball?

2021 proved to be another very inconsistent year of playing/umpiring and not playing/umpiring due to Covid lockdowns and restrictions.

For the MENA Umpiring Program, the Autumn season started on a very positive note with 26 beginner umpires (from 11 of our Clubs) attending an "Introduction to Umpiring" Workshop with Jo Davidson and all of our MENA umpire badge testers participating in an "Unpacking the Competencies" session that supported their Netball Australia tester endorsement.

As Netball Australia had granted Victorian netball a COVID exemption that allowed for umpires to be tested on games with 9-minute quarters, intensive training of our training program umpires and 2 of our B squad umpires was implemented.

On March 27, the following umpires were successful in gaining their (Netball Australia) C Grade badge accreditation:

Kate Hine - East Ringwood Gabi Johnson - Heathmont United Maddy Bishop & Jess Begg – Park Orchards Olivia Giglio - Nunawading Ella Grace – Ringwood North Grace Jenkin - Blackburn Lake

Unfortunately, a further 3 umpires were to be tested for a C Grade badge and 1 umpire for their B Grade badge the very weekend of the first Covid lockdown and then did not have another opportunity for the rest of the year.

MENA provided badged umpires for the Autumn Season Grand Final day on June 19.

The "Spring Back to Netball" season in November was a thankful return to netball for our umpires. Club coordinators worked hard to make sure that there were umpires on every game. It was great to

Who would have thought that we would have see how happy umpires were to be back at netball again. There was no umpiring training during this season.

> I am very proud to say that at the end of the year, 2 of our MENA C Grade umpires were "Talent Identified" at the Eastern Region Championships in November. Congratulations to Claudia Schipano (Holy Spirit) and Claire Salmon (Nunawading); we wish them both success as they progress on to the next step of their umpiring journey.

> I want to thank the many, many people who make the Umpiring Program work so well at MENA - this includes, our umpires, MENA and Club Umpire coordinators and trainers and MENA testers - and I look forward to a better year in 2022.

Marian Fitzpatrick **MENA Umpires Convenor** 





# Representative Netball

We headed in to 2021 with a sense of our new 'Covid normal' our coaching team prepared for anything & everything. Trials were conducted a little later than 'normal' in November 2020, from which our Rep Coaches & independent selectors picked an Open team, 17 & Under teams x 3, 15 & Under x 4, 13 & Under teams x 4, 37 players in our 11 & Under development squad and Emerging Talent Squad players across 13 & Under and 15 & Under.

Early February saw the first Annual MENA Rep Camp. Held at the picturesque Camp Toolangi all age groups came together for a fun filled weekend of team building. The camp provided our players & coaches the opportunity to form lifelong bonds with each other beyond the netball court. Highlights of the camp included Gus' yellow tutu, talents on display at our "Talent Show" and NETFIT joining us Sunday morning with Melbourne Vixens star Kate Eddy chatting with our players about her own playing pathway.

Reminiscent of 2020 we commenced and recommenced our weekly matches at Waverley, attended a couple of tournaments before heading in to lockdown and once again post lockdowns. Our coaches quickly pivoted to zoom trainings and continued to lead and motivate their teams, be it from behind a monitor.

Whilst lockdowns may have made for another disruptive Rep year again our players and coaches have so much to be proud of:

- Kiara H & Alyssa O 2021 Netball Victoria Talent Academy
- All 13 & Under teams in Waverley Autumn season Finals
- Narrow semi-final losses for 13.1, 13.2 & 13.4s
- 13.3s Grand Finalists
- 13 & Under 1s team undefeated Waverley Autumn season

- Chisholm Representation -
  - Chloe North-Coombes
  - **Annabel Zammit**
  - Alyssa Ohi (Training Partner)
  - Abbey Whitaker (Training Partner)
  - Paris Dunkley MENA rep Open player
  - Megan Plant (Training Partner) Mullum
  - Coach U17s Lindy Dowell (MENA rep Head Coach)
  - Coach Open Jessica Hopper (MENA Open Coach)
- North East Blaze Future Champs program player selection - Claudia Semos
- One Foot Forward campaign raised \$8,909 and walked 4,420km
- SALT Clubs with Heart program 1 of 50 sporting clubs to participate
- Kiara Matavura selected with VNL club, Peninsula Waves for 2022
- Association Championships Netball Victoria Central East Talent Identification Program
  - Emily B
  - Chloe N-C
  - Alyssa O (2021 Central East Athlete
  - Alexia P
  - Georgia S
  - Annabel Z

I am so proud of the resilience our players, their families and our coaches displayed throughout the year. I would like to thank every parent, coach and official involved in our program, your dedication and passion ensures our players get to play the sport they love.

Thank you to our Rep coaches, your dedication is second to none, always with the best interest of our players at the forefront. Thank you — Jess, Gus, Laura, Ange, Abbey, Steve, Greg, Emily, Loretta, Merryn, Maddie, Alex, Fiona, Geraldine, Cath & Beth.

Thank you Tracy and Merryn for all their assistance throughout the year. Whether it be an ear to run something by or a friendly reminder for me to complete a task, I am so appreciative of all the behind the scenes work you do for our program. Thank you Louise Porteous - coordinating our umpires for both Waverley and tournaments.

To the MENA Executive team – thank you for your ongoing support and your dedication to our association.

Lindy Dowell Head Coach





FAMILY TRIVIA

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# **2021 Representative Teams**

# **Under 11 Squad**













### **Back Row**

Jessica Begg Abbey Whitaker Cus Cody (Coach) Kiara Matavura Georgia Cox Sienna Jones

### Front Row

Jessica Downes Gemma Ogilvy Keira Whelan Ella Brown Tori Stone



### **Back Row**

phie Papadopoulos Jaclyn McCallum Sunday Marsden Elia Long

### Front Row

Samantha Pouesi Stella Smirk Ellie Bain Caitlin Plimmer

### Absent

Steve Slaughter (Coach)



### **Back Row**

Annie Lafferty Rase Hollow Greg Burnie (Coach) Tasha Currie Jessica Bishop

### Front Row Lily Williams

Mila Eastwood Chloe Moore **Gabby Linton** Hayley Wansbrough

### Absent

Alvssa Ohi



### **Back Row**

Clementine Cook Isobel Ritter Olivia Murray Indiana Thek Amity Carter

### Front Row

Katherine Howell Natasha Novak Emily Hine (Coach) Sarah McKenzie Demi Crowl



Bec Dowsey Emma North-Coombes Chice North-Coambes Alexia Plimmer Emily Block Olivia George

### Front Row

Claudia Semos Annabel Zammit Abbey Heron (Coach) Georgia Scheer Bethany Stone



### **Back Row**

Emma Zanon Lauren McDonald laz Little Matrida Nichol Alicia Pumpa Emma Stevens

### Front Row

Ellisha Bett Olivia Murley Laura Knight (Coach) Tamika Hills Matilda Broadhurst



### **Back Row**

Chine Cooper Abbey Bickell Sophia Hanna Ava McEvoy

### Front Row

Amelie Ryan Angela Cullen (Coach) Blanca McCall Jas Thomas



### **Back Row**

Ruby Harrison Isabella Touhy Jessica Hooper (Coach) Kate Hine

### Front Row

Brooke Porteous Ruby Slaughter Megan Plant Jemma Dykstra

### Absent

Emily 8ox Paris Dunkley April Stewart





# **Treasurers Report**

### **Profit and Loss**

For the year ended 31 December 2021, Melbourne East Netball Association made a surplus of \$76,922. This is an extraordinary result, primarily due to grants and COVID stimulus of \$112,986 received rather than operations. Of this, \$98,850 was a combination of JobKeeper and Victorian Government assistance packages, and while not a true operating result the boost to the Association's retained earnings is welcomed given the still uncertain environment we continue to operate in.

The Association again had to issue credits and refunds for our greatly interrupted Spring season, and another stop-start year made it more difficult to review and greatly alter café operations as planned. However, in the last few operating weeks of the year, the changes that had been put in place were starting to take effect and the returns were improving.

### **Bank Accounts**

Melbourne East Netball Association remains debt free and in a strong cash position with \$190,683 Cash at Bank at years end. When reviewing the Balance Sheet please note that due to a change made in the Accounting package, the Term Deposit now sits under the Bank section rather than under Current Assets.

### As at 31 December 2021

As at 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022, the working accounts totaled \$201,973, and the term deposit \$37,273

### A view to 2022

After 2 years of COVID-interrupted play, the start to 2022 has seen a drop a team numbers across all MENA competitions, but hopefully Spring season will see a return to bigger numbers. Following the resignation of our Café manager, the café operations continue to be modified and are improving although ongoing staffing is proving to be a hurdle.

Today we set our 2023 Affiliation Fees at an unchanged \$10 due by 1st February 2023

Ansje Kiewiet Treasurer

# **Audit Report**

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# Independent Accounting

### AUDITOR'S REPORT

FOR

# MELBOURNE EAST NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC

This is a special report prepared especially for the office bearers and members of the above association. It is not available for any 3<sup>rd</sup> person or entity who may wish to rely on the information contained therein without expressed permission in writing by the author.

Your auditor has sampled the audit trail of the income and expenditure of the organisation and reports to the office bearers and members at the AGM at a date to be fixed.

The auditor reports that on the information supplied and the use of other points of reference that the auditor is satisfied that the accounts are prepared and presented in true and fair vision of the income and expenditure for the year ending 31st December 2021 which show in the income and expenditure statement a profit of \$76,922.00 and any changes in the balance sheet of MELBOURNE EAST NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC, have been substanciated. It is not the auditor's duty to recommend what action should be taken as a result of the audit.

CK Somerville MIPA AFA

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# **Profit & Loss Statement**

# **Melbourne East Netball Association Inc.**

# For the 12 months ended 31 December 2021

87,521 <b>360,443</b>	88,354 <b>455,847</b>
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45,952	36,670
57,327	26,960
60,018	20,597
109,626	283,266
103,135	339,627
149	-
102,986	339,627
334,230	122,157
130,75%	35,549
	21,329
	14,221
369,540	157,706
97,577	78,575
62,443	18,452
46,526	17,515
145,948	31,713
17,046	11,452
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# **Balance Sheet**

# **Melbourne East Netball Association Inc.**

# As at 31 December 2021

	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2020
Assets		
Bank Cook Management	140.955	35,681
Cash Management Debit Card	1,076	1,089
	1100	
Petty Cash Advance	27.000	(6)
Term Deposit	37,208	24.425
Working Account Total Bank	11,444 190,683	24,105
total bank	190,003	60,870
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	(78,476)	(63,651)
Cafe Till Difference	409	(31)
Cash on hand - Cafe Float	486	428
Cash on hand - Competition Float	100	100
Cash on hand - Float other	260	260
Prepayments	7,776	
Single Game Vouchers		(663)
Suspense		1,739
Term Deposit - 2504 - Working	121	36,831
Total Current Assets	(69,446)	(24,987)
Total Assets	121,237	35,883
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	11,044	4,850
GST	(8,458)	(7,565)
Income in Advance	9,664	8,636
Netball Victoria Membership		884
Rep Player Fee Deposit	25,091	20,364
Rounding	•	1
Total Current Liabilities	37,341	27,169
Total Liabilities	37,341	27,169
Net Assets	83,896	8,714
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	76,922	5,937
Old MYOB Balances Reserve	204,478	206,218
Retained Earnings	(197,504)	(203,441)
Total Equity	83,896	8,714

# **Committee**

**PRESIDENT** 

**KYLIE SPEARS MAY 2021** 

**AMY FERRIS** 

**VICE PRESIDENT** 

**GREG BURNIE** 

**GENERAL COMMITTEE** 

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ROCHELLE TURNER

MICHELLE TREEBY

**SCOTT RYAN** 

**SECRETARY** 

SANDRA MAKEPEACE

CHERYL BEGG

TREASURER

**ANSJE KIEWIET** 

ANDREW SAXTON

DORIS OHI

**GREG BURNIE** 

ANGE HEATHCOTE

LINDY DOWELL

TRISH PLUNKETT

ABBEY HERON

# **Staff Members**

**OPERATIONS MANAGER** 

TRACY LAWRENCE

**ADMIN & UMPIRE** 

MARIAN FITZPATRICK

MARKETING & ADMIN

MERRYN BRIEN

PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

CARLY KINSELLA

**BOOK KEEPER** 

JULIE MAXWELL

COMPETITION COORDINATOR

FIONA BARNETT, ABBEY HERON.

ALEX MORGAN GERALDINE COOM

LIMPIRE COORDINATORS

LISA KOSTER ARREV HERONI

ALFX MORGAN

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DF7 PAPPAS

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SAM DALY, WILL SCHNFIDER.

ACHLAN BRIEN, LUCY PHILP

# **Life Members**

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JOAN LANG

IRENE WILKINS\*

DAWN SEEDY

KERRY BAIRD

ANNE GIBSON

LINDSAY SUMMERS

JANICE TACEY

GREG TOOMEY
LORETTA YORK
DIANNE KENNEDY
JENNY ROBERTS
STEVE ATKINS
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