

MELBOURNE EAST NETBALL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT

2024



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OUR TEAM

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT



Amy Ferris
President



Greg Burnie
Vice President
May 2024



Scott Ryan
Until April 2024 General Member
May 2024 Vice President & CCSC Lead



Cheryl Begg
Secretary
Representative
Program lead



Narelle Caffyn
Treasurer



Abbey Heron
General Member
Coach Development
Lead



Andrea Archer
General Member
Events



Jo Davidson
General Member
Umpire Lead



Carissa Ferro
General Member
Sponsorship
Lead



Amanda Bulloch
General Member
To May 2024

OPERATIONS TEAM



Jo Bishop
Programs
Coordinator



Merry Brien
Operations Manager



Tracy Lin
Book keeper



Marian Fitzpatrick
Competition
Coordinator



Tom McLeod
Operations
Administrator



Tracy Lawrence
Operations
Administrator



Competition Team

Abbey, Annie, Chloe, Fiona, Gavin,
Lisa, Maddy, Marian, Romany, Lily

Café team

Lachlan, Catherine, Noah,
Declan, Kiana Jaime, Aidan

REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM



CHERYL BEGG

BOARD MEMBER

Representative Program LEAD



LINDY DOWELL

HEAD COACH

Coaching Team

LAURA KNIGHT

LINDY DOWELL

MARK FAIRWEATHER

ABBIEY HERON

DAVID PATMORE

JESSICA HOOPER

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LORETTA MCWILLIAMS

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JESSICA DOWNES

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BETH O'DONNELL

JESS QUIRK

AMY BURNIE

Sub Committee

CHERYL BEGG : BOARD MEMBER REP LEAD

LINDY DOWELL : HEAD COACH

ABBIEY HERON

AMANDA CONWAY

CATH STONE

JUSTIN NORTH COOMBES

CLUB COMPETITION STANDING

COMMITTEE

GREG BURNIE : BOARD MEMBER CCSC LEAD

ALL ABILITIES : JEANETTE HODGES

BLACKBURN LAKE: JAMES McCALLUM

EAST RINGWOOD : SCOTT HINE & CARMEN DE LA RUE

HEATHMONT UNITED : SHERRY KEOGH

HFNC JETS: MICHELLE DE LA PIERRE

HOLY SPIRIT : SANDRA SCHIPANO

MULLUM : FIONA PUMPA & ROCHELLE TURNER

NUNAWADING: NICOLE CLARK

OUR LADY'S : DOM WILKINSON

PARK ORCHARDS : ANGELA WOOD

RINGWOOD NORTH : ROSS NEWLAND

SOUTHWOOD : ABBEY HERON

ST JAMES : JANINE PIPER

TRINITY : EMMA STANSFIELD

UMPIRE CONVENOR : MARIAN FITZPATRICK

Grading Committee

SANDRA SCHIPANO

SCOTT HINE

MAL SPEARS

JIM PUMPA

CAROL HAGE

COURTNEY PINWILL

IT Support

CRAIG MOYLE

Life Members

BEVERLEY FROST

JOAN LANG

IRENE WILKINS

DAWN SEEDY

KERRY BAIRD

ANNE GIBSON

LINDSAY SUMMERS

JANICE TACEY

GREG TOOMEY

LORETTA YORK

DIANNE KENNEDY

JENNY ROBERTS

STEVE ATKINS

ANN FRASER

MARIAN FITZPATRICK

KYLIE SPEARS

GREG BURNIE



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board of the Melbourne East Netball Association (MENA), I am proud to present the Association's 2024 Annual Report.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, energy, and passion to ensure another fantastic year of netball for our community. I'd like to begin by acknowledging all our clubs, entity teams, representative teams, social players, umpires, coaches, volunteers, and, importantly, the families and club committees whose tireless support underpins everything we do.

A special thank you to our incredible staff team, led by Operations Manager Merryn Brien. The Operations Team is truly the brain trust of our Association — their dedication and expertise ensure that MENA continues to grow and thrive.

In early 2024, the Board endorsed our **2024–2028 Strategic Plan**, and work commenced across our three key strategic pillars:

Our Future | Our Community | Our People

Our Future

This priority ensures we stay relevant and sustainable for years to come.

In 2024, we focused on:

- Strengthening governance by implementing position descriptions and clarifying board responsibilities.
- Creating a financially sustainable café model.
- Seeking grants and funding to help keep participation fees low and accessible.

We thank **Bendigo Bank** for their generous support of our Club Trainer and Leadership Program and for helping us grow this crucial area.

We've also worked hard to advocate for the future needs of our sport and look forward to the outcomes of those efforts. Participation across our programs continues to grow, with record numbers in **Ladies Competitions**, **Walking Netball**, and **Fast5**, while our **Club Competition** remains our largest and most vibrant offering.

Our Community

This pillar is about strengthening identity and engagement across the MENA community.

In 2024, we proudly welcomed Eastland as our major community partner — thank you for your support and commitment.

Our events calendar was buzzing, from fundraising efforts such as **Pink** and **Blue Rounds** to awareness rounds like **Inclusion Round**. Our **Club Tournament** continues to expand and is now a must-attend event — see pages 28 & 29 for more.

To enhance communication and collaboration, we introduced **biannual Presidents and Secretaries meetings**, and our **Club Competition Standing Committee** continues to make valued recommendations to the Board, driving improvements in how we deliver competitions.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our People

This priority ensures a strong focus on developing high-quality players, coaches, umpires, administrators, volunteers, and members.

MENA's umpiring program is widely recognised across the netball community. In 2024, we rolled out several new initiatives, with exciting outcomes — you can read more on page 20 and 21.

We're proud of the calibre of coaches in both our representative programs and local clubs. Throughout the year, we explored how to strengthen coaching pathways. The groundwork has now been laid for new coaching initiatives that will launch in 2025 and beyond. We look forward to seeing coaches embrace these opportunities as they arise.

Our **Representative Program** continues to provide players with high-quality development in a fun and supportive environment.

Our dedicated administrators made it a priority in 2024 to build stronger connections with other associations, enabling idea-sharing and collaborative problem-solving — another example of how we're working together to strengthen netball in our region.

Across everything we do at MENA, we are guided by our **core values** of:
Community | Respect | Inclusivity | Integrity

We encourage everyone in our community to continue engaging with our Strategic Plan. If you have ideas or feedback that could help us achieve our mission — to enrich our community through experiences that encourage active participation in netball — please reach out. We love talking all things netball.

Thank you once again to everyone who made 2024 such a successful and memorable year. I hope you enjoy reading this report and celebrating the achievements of another amazing year of netball for the people of Eastern Melbourne.

Amy Ferris
President



2024 SNAP SHOT PARTICIPATION

CLUB COMPETITION

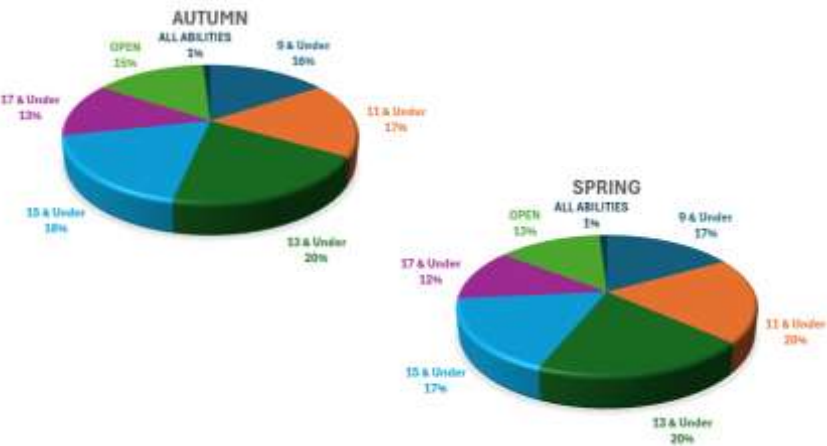
	9 & Under	11 & Under	13 & Under	15 & Under	17 & Under	OPEN	ALL ABILITIES	FRI	SAT	TOTAL
AUTUMN	27	34	49	37	27	29	2	27	178	205
SPRING	34	41	46	37	26	28	2	34	180	214

PROGRAMS

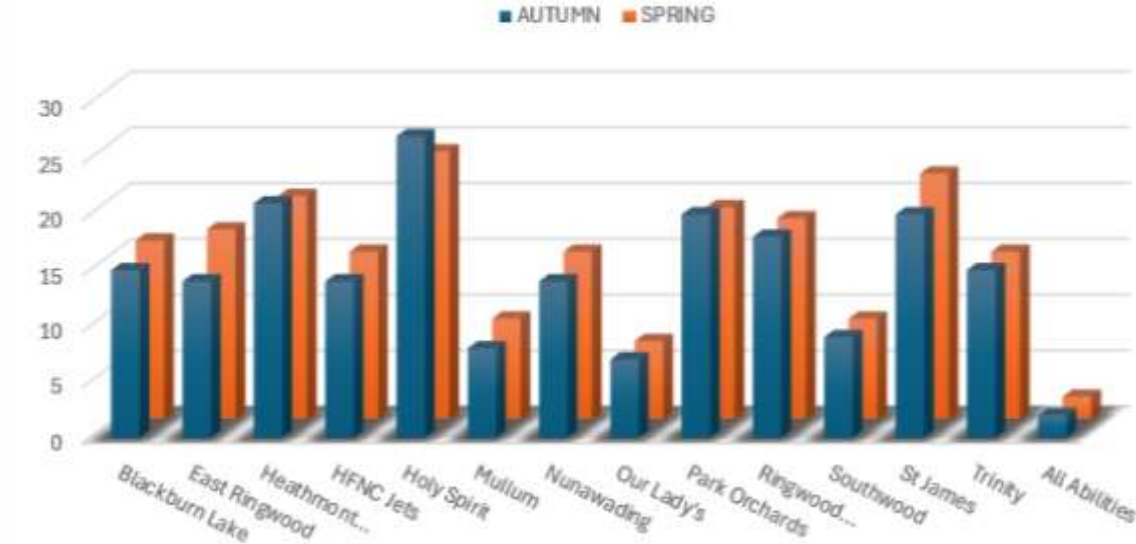
	Fast 5	WN	Wed - Ladies Social
AUTUMN	8	7	32
SPRING	6	7	35

	AUTUMN	SPRING
Blackburn Lake	15	16
East Ringwood	14	17
Heathmont United	21	20
HFNC Jets	14	15
Holy Spirit	27	24
Mullum	8	9
Nunawading	14	15
Our Lady's	7	7
Park Orchards	20	19
Ringwood North	18	18
Southwood	9	9
St James	20	22
Trinity	15	15
All Abilities	2	2
	204	208

Twilight Tournament 61 teams



CLUB COMPETITION



CLUB COMPETITION

AUTUMN 9&U NETSETGO ROUND ROBIN



AUTUMN SEASON GRAND FINAL



SPRING 9&U NETSETGO ROUND ROBIN



SPRING SEASON GRAND FINAL



CLUB COMPETITIONS

DEAKIN JUNIOR CLUB TWILIGHT TOURNAMENT, SPONSORED MICHEAL SUKKAR



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST LIFE MEMBER

GREG BURNIE

Greg has been a long standing member of the MENA community having started coaching with St James.

It wasn't long before people saw his leadership qualities and he joined the St James Committee, in various roles including Vice President and President.

While Greg continued to coach for both St James and for the MENA representative program he also joined the Association Committee. For 5 years he served as the Vice President and the chair of the Club Comp Standing committee.

Across MENA Greg has had many roles, he's been on the grading committee, he's been a MENA representative for St James, MENA Rep coach and Vice President on the Committee and the Board.

Greg has helped MENA oversee the transition to the stadium the change in governance structure the development of the strategic plan. He reminds us all the time the most important role of all, making sure that netball gets played every week. His level head and calm attitude will be missed by all of us around MENA. But he's not leaving fully. He's still coaching in our representative team and has said he will always be available for a chat or ask a question.

Thank you Greg for all your commitment and support to MENA over the past 10 years



ACROSS THE ASSOCIATION



We kicked off the year with an update to the Netball Rules. Jo Davidson ran informative sessions with our umpires and the wider MENA community to share the latest rule changes and interpretations. One of the biggest changes was the introduction of rolling substitutions — something we’ve all been learning to implement together.



Our Mavericks Skill Clinic was a standout event, attracting over 70 enthusiastic players. We were thrilled to welcome Sasha Glasgow—Melbourne Mavericks player and English Rose international—who generously shared her insights, offered tips, and hosted an engaging Q&A session with participants.

The day was action-packed and offered players a true taste of the elite netball experience, including skill development through netball drills, match play opportunities, strength and conditioning sessions and recovery techniques used by professional netballers.

It was an inspiring and energising day for everyone involved, helping to build both skills and confidence on and off the court.



VIC MARIE SHIELD & ALL BILITIES CHISHOLM TEAM



Congratulations to Rachael Potter from Ringwood North Netball Club, Sarah Parker from Eastern All Abilities Netball, and Darcie Delahunty from our Wednesday Ladies Evening Social competition on their selection into the 2024 Victorian Marie Little Shield Team.

A big shout out as well to our amazing All Abilities players and coaches who proudly represented Region Chisholm on court.

We're all incredibly proud of your achievements and the way you continue to inspire our netball community.



NETBALL PROGRAMS

Another exciting year for programs this year, following on from the successful first season of Fast 5 last year we continued to run 2 short seasons of the Summer Fast Five, we continued our 3 Rock Up Netball weekly sessions that run on Monday and Friday. We also ran a Walking Netball demonstration and activities at the Maroondah Movement Expo in May and some Come and Try sessions on Monday Night to help increase numbers at our casual Rock Up Walking netball sessions and Walking Netball Games on Monday Night. In the Spring Season we were very excited to have Sportsco Eastland come onboard as our proud sponsor of the Wednesday Night Ladies Competition and have them attend the Spring Season grand final presentation.

Fast 5

Following on from our first successful season of Fast Five we had an increase in team registrations with 9 teams participating in the summer season with many of the teams returning from the 2023 season. We did see a slight decrease in team registrations for the Spring Season (2nd season for 2024) with 6 teams registered, non-returning teams letting us know that it was hard to regroup after such a long break in between seasons. The Spring season also had a delayed start due to the first two (2) rounds being abandoned due to inclement weather.

We continued to run this competition on a Sunday evening at the outdoor courts at The Nets with music in the background to help create a summer, fun and social vibe. Thank you to Annie. Maddy and Abbey and Umpires who all have actively support the competition and players ensuring everyone understood the rules and intended spirit of the game. Players had their families and friends come down to spectate, which was great to see.

- Season's premiers for Summer Season were The Pedro's and runners up were KFC
- Season's premiers for Spring Season were Boostinators and runners up were The Ballerz

After consideration of team and staff feedback, we have decided to trial 3 back-to-back seasons in 2025, with the last 3 rounds of season 1 and all of season 2 (which are the autumn and winter months of the year) being run at The Rings indoor courts. We hope that it will make it easier for teams to stay together and continue to participate in this competition and reduce the likelihood of abandoned games due to inclement weather.



Wednesday Night Ladies Competition

Wednesday Night Ladies Social Competition continued to grow in team participation with 32 teams registered in the Autumn Season and 35 teams in the Spring season. This meant that in the Spring Season we had all 4 courts booked over 4 timeslots being 6:45pm, 7:35pm, 8:25pm and 9:15pm. This continues to be a very popular competition as we received early enquiries from potential new teams for the 2025 Autumn Season. Thank you to Lisa, Fiona and the umpires for ensuring that this competition runs smoothly each week.

We were very pleased to have Sportsco Eastland come onboard as the sponsor for this competition, offering gift vouchers for all players of each of the 5 premiership teams and attending our grand final presentation to show their support to all teams, players and MENA staff and Umpires. A special thanks to Carissa Ferrero for engaging Sportsco Eastland.



NETBALL PROGRAMS

Walking Netball Evening Games

In the Autumn season we had 7 teams play in our Walking Netball Evening Games. We ran 2 successful Come and Try Sessions during the Autumn Season on the 18th March and 27th May, which resulted in two new teams joining the Walking Netball Evening Games during the Spring Season. We were able to accommodate the extra teams by adding a second court at the 7:50pm timeslot.

This year at the end of our Spring Season we introduced a Round Robin where all teams were able to play against each other with shortened games and we also had some fun team prizes. The feedback from the teams was that it was a positive experience and would be happy for the Round Robin to continue. We will look to running this again at the end of both Autumn and Spring seasons in 2025.

Thankyou to Fiona and Umpires for their support in ensuring this continues to be a fun program for all to enjoy.

Rock Up Walking Netball Sessions

We ran our Casual Walking Netball sessions Monday sessions at 10am and 11:30am (Over 65's) and Friday at 9:30am . We had a lot of fun dressing up for Pink Day and Blue Day. We initially had the Friday 9:30am session assigned to the Over 65's but we found that numbers were down and we had interest from participants from our 10am Monday session, so with consultation with current Friday group at the time we agreed that it would be beneficial to the group to open it up to others to come and participate., which has seen the participation numbers stablise to a steady 6 to 8 each week.

Thank you to Merryn, Heather and Tom who helped facilitate these sessions this year with some fun and engaging netball drills and activities.

Joanne Bishop
Programs Coordinator



Movement Expo 2024



UMPIRING



Congratulations to CHARLI SULLY from Mullum on achieving her Netball Australia B Grade Badge



Congratulations to KELSEY PATERSON (St James) & KATE HINE (East Ringwood) on being accepted into the Netball Victoria Talent Academy



C Grade Training Program

MENA provides experienced umpire trainers and Netball Victoria endorsed testers to mentor our umpires in the C Grade training program. We have had amazing achievements in 2024.



Zana Rexhepi
Ringwood North



Ash Methven
Park Orchards

Congratulations to our new C Grade umpires



Harry Stritthof
Our Ladys



Laura de la Pierre
HFNC Jets



Lani Quick-Buccella
Southwood



Chloe Moore
Holy Spirit



Jemma Whitaker
Park Orchards



Sian Hollow
St James



Tilly Flood
Mullum



Kirilly Karabelas
East Ringwood



Isabella Tsantis
Trinity



Isabel Robinson
Mullum



Olivia Hayes
Heathmont United



Keira Robinson
St James

Rules of Netball 2024

World Netball updates the Rules of Netball every 4 years. Jo Davidson ran 4 sessions with our umpires and MENA community to update the Association of the new rules and interpretations.

“Talking Umpiring” Workshops

A forum for all umpires – beginner to badged – and the umpiring community to talk about all things umpiring netball.

In 2024 we held 3 workshops. All workshops were at the courts on Saturday and very well attended, with all sessions having more than 30 attendees. Sessions were facilitated by Jo Davidson & Marian Fitzpatrick. All sessions have resource notes.

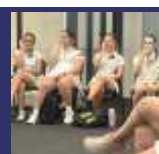
Game Management
2024
27/4/2024



Playing the
Ball
24/8/2024



Hand Signals
16/11/2024



Club Trainer and Leadership Program

This was a Program funded by Bendigo Bank that aimed to provide Club Umpire Trainers with the knowledge, tools and confidence to guide the beginner and learner umpires in their Club to successfully progress through the MENA umpiring pathway and become competent badged umpires.

Program consisted of 8 sessions:

- Introduction
- Netball Victoria Mentor Workshop – Jo Davidson
- Mentor vs Trainer vs Coach
- Effective Communication - Gill Greenwood (Speech Pathologist)
- Development of Umpiring skills
- Resilience training – Miranda Hardenberg
- Netball Victoria Workshop – Comprehending the Competencies
- Umpire training in Action



Introduction to Umpiring Workshop

We held 2 sessions with our beginner umpires in 2024, with 20 beginner umpires starting their

MENA provided badged or training program umpires for:

- Walking Netball
- Wednesday Night Social Competition
- Representative Program Tournaments and selections
- Fast 5
- Finals – Autumn and Spring Seasons



I would like to thank Jo Davidson, the MENA Board of Management, MENA Umpiring Staff, Club Umpire coordinators, MENA trainers and testers and especially, our MENA umpires. You are all what has made the Umpiring Program such a success in 2024.

Marian Fitzpatrick, MENA Umpire Convenor, 2024



REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

2024 was another successful year for our Representative program. Grand Final success, lasting memories made in Mildura, players Talent Identified for Netball Victoria pathway programs, selection into VNL Clubs for 2025, our inaugural 14 & Under Male Representative team and our unforgettable and colourful MENA Family Fun Day.

MENA was well represented in 2024 with 1 x Open team, 2 x 17 & Under teams, 4 x 15 & Under teams, 4 x 13 & Under teams and 39 x players in our 11 & Under Squad, training partners and our inaugural 14 & Under Male team.

We started 2024 off with a colourful bang, our first ever MENA Family Fun Day was an opportunity for families across our entire program to come together. Whilst the colour run was a blast nothing was quite as fun as players dunking their coach. Thank you to all involved for making the day such a huge success.

Autumn 2024 Waverley – our 13.2s had a fantastic season winning their Grand Final 32 – 18 & Harrison Stansfield awarded Player of the Final.

M-League – our inaugural 14 & Under Male Representative team were a force to be reckoned with. Our boys came together under the guidance of Coach, Amanda Conway securing a spot in finals. Whilst the team didn't taste finals success, they gave the opposition plenty to think about.

Spring 2024 Waverley – our 17.1s, 15.1s & 13.4. made finals in their Spring season at Waverley; Our 15.1s progressed to their Grand Final and capped off a fantastic year as Premiers.

Our 11 & Under Spring team had a fantastic season under the guidance of Coach Amy, finishing with third with 11 wins, 2 losses & 4 draws!

Mildura

Our 15.1s & 15.2s headed up the highway to attend Mildura and defended our 15 & Under title with pride. Another wonderful opportunity for our players to build connections with their teammates and reaping the reward of team success upon return to their Waverley Spring competition.

We would like to thank our parents, coaches, officials, sponsors & Rep Sub Committee for their tireless work behind the scenes.



Player Achievements

School Sport Victoria - 12 & Under State team

Harrison Conway – Boys team

Harrison Stansfield – Boys team

Roy Tipper – Boys team

Rylan Johnson – Boys team

Lindy Dowell – Girls team Coach

Association Championships

15.1 – Central East Grand Finalists

15.1 – Finals Day

2025 Netball Victoria Central East Talent

Identification Program

Maddy Cawthorn

Georgia Corr

Issy Eslick

Gabby Hooper

State Titles Representation

Chloe Anderson

Gabby Hooper

Elise Murray

Emma North-Coombes

Ash Methven

Belle Whitaker

Ella Stone

Jemma Whitaker

2025 VNL Signings

Jemma Whitaker – Boroondara Express

Ashlee Methven – Hawks Training Partner

Gabby Hooper - Hawks Training Partner

Ella Stone - Hawks Training Partner

Maddy Cawthorn – MU Lightning Training Partner



REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

Presentation Night – Sunday 24 November players & their families came together for our Presentation evening at Ringwood Bowls Club. A wonderful opportunity for our players to be recognised and our Representative community to come together and celebrate.

Award Winners

Team	Most Valuable Player	Coaches Award
11s	Angel	Milla
13.1	Chloe	Claire
13.2	Harrison	Josie
13.3	Georgie	Harriet
13.4	Emme	Ruby
M-League	Oscar	Rylan
15.1	Gabby	Emma
15.2	Mia	Jessica
15.3	Alexandra	Keira
15.4	Jasmine	Olivia
17.1	Elise	Lily & Aria
17.2	Savannah	April
Open	Chloe	Anabelle

Thank you to all our parents, coaches and officials involved in our program, your dedication and passion ensures our players get to play the sport they love.

Thank you to our Rep coaches. Together we are a wonderful team, your dedication, passion and commitment to both your players and our program is second to none.

Thank you to Merryn and our amazing Operations team for all your assistance throughout the year. To the MENA Board of Management – thank you for your ongoing support and your dedication to our association.

Lindy Dowell
Head Coach





U11 Development Squad



13U



15 U



17 U



EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible community for your generous donations of funds, time, baked goods, and prizes. Special recognition goes to the outstanding volunteers—Angie, Amanda, Andrea and Rochelle, —who dedicated their time to organise these events. Huge appreciation to all the members who supported the stall. None of this would have been possible without each and every one of you.

INCLUSION ROUND

NETBall



INCLUSION ROUND



PINK SPORTS ROUND



EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

BLUE ROUND



COURT SIDE CAFE

The Courtside Café continues to play an important role within our Association, providing quality food and drinks to our netball community.

Key Highlights:

- **Strong Operations:** The café remained open throughout Friday Night and Saturday Netball competitions, as well as selected events. Our friendly and reliable staff have been instrumental in keeping things running smoothly.
- **Top-Selling Items:** Our most popular items continue to be lattes, egg & bacon rolls, dim sims, slushies, cappuccinos, hot chocolates, Powerade, sandwiches, and toasties—perfect fuel for players, families, and supporters alike.
- **Menu Enhancements:** In response to community feedback, we introduced more healthy food and drink options while maintaining affordable pricing across the board.
- **Smoothie Station Launch:** With support from a Small Equipment Grant from Maroondah Council, we launched a new Smoothie Station featuring a commercial blender, ice maker, and bright signage. We introduced three smoothie flavours, all classified GREEN under the traffic light nutrition system.
- **Promoting Change Project:** We're continue our collaboration with Deakin University and Maroondah City Council through the Promoting Change Project, which aims to increase access to healthier food and drink options in community sport settings.



Challenges:

- Staff rostering during school holidays and on high-demand tournament days remains an ongoing challenge.
- Supply chain disruptions and rising costs required careful planning to continue delivering value for money.

New Initiatives:

- In Terms 2 and 3, we trialed Tuesday and Thursday evening openings to support the Volleyball program at Maroondah Nets, helping us connect with a wider user group and assess the need for extended hours.
- We are currently exploring the introduction of an online pre-order system for school holiday lunch orders to improve convenience for families.

Looking Ahead:

We remain committed to expanding our healthy offerings and continuing to improve the café experience in line with our goals. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and the entire MENA community for your continued support. Every latte, toastie, and smoothie purchased helps us give back to our players, programs, and the broader netball community.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Sponsorship

We were honoured to welcome Eastland as our major community partner supporting our mission for MENA to be a leading sporting association. This partnership has allowed us to reinvest into the sport we all love and ensure we remain accessible for our growing community. Last year funds went towards balancing our growing costs, keeping fees as low as possible for clubs, as well as new goal post padding for player protection on all courts. We are thrilled to continue this partnership for the next couple of years.

As a non for profit association, all sponsorships benefit our wide community and allow us to provide the best possible experience. Please reach out to Carissa Fero (admin@menanetball.com.au) if you would like to discuss any opportunities.

We also thank our sponsors of our Mildura Representative Teams: Footlab, Limber Fitness & Pilates and Catherine Stone Travel.

Carissa Fero
BOARD MEMBER— SPONSORSHIP LEAD



EASTLAND



Representative Program Sponsors—Mildura



Grants

Celebrating Our 2024 Bendigo Bank Melbourne East Netball Association Club Umpire Trainer Program.

MENA's Umpiring Program is thriving! With over 2,000 players, 110+ umpires, and a network of passionate coordinators and trainers, our community supports umpiring at every level. This year, our Club Umpire Trainer Program, powered by Bendigo Bank, took a huge leap forward! We provided each trainer with resources, training on effective mentoring, communication, resilience, and critical umpiring skills.

Congrats to Our Amazing Club Umpire Trainers - Thank you for your dedication! Thank you to Marian Fitzpatrick, Bendigo Community Bank Ringwood East and Croydon, our workshop leaders, and everyone who helped make this program possible. Together, we're empowering the next generation of umpires.



Thank you, Maroondah City Council

We are thrilled and incredibly grateful to receive the Small Equipment Community Grant from Maroondah City Council. This generous support will be instrumental in enhancing our Netball Programs. We aim to foster the growth and enjoyment of netball across Melbourne's eastern suburbs. Our mission encompasses the conduct, encouragement, promotion, and administration of the sport, with a focus on raising community awareness and enhancing enjoyment. We're dedicated to providing programs for education, practice, and play, ensuring access for all. Through our programs, we cultivate sportsmanship, community spirit, and inclusivity, fostering a sense of belonging for everyone involved. We celebrate the joy of netball and nurture a vibrant, inclusive sporting community throughout the eastern suburbs of Melbourne.



The Small Equipment Grant allowed us to purchase a new printer, enabling us to print essential documents such as registrations, medical forms, schedules, fixtures, rules, promotional materials, scorecards, training guides, and event signage.

A massive shoutout to Maroondah City Council once again for their commitment to promoting health and wellbeing within our community. Together, we're making a positive difference.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Profit and Loss

For the year ended 31 December 2024, Melbourne East Netball Association made a profit of \$13,418 compared to a loss of \$12,870 the preceding year.

In response to the 2023 result, fees had to be increased. This resulted in a turnaround in profitability that can also be attributed to an increase in sponsorship. Thank you to our 2024 Sponsors – Eastland, Michael Sukkar MP and Maroondah City Council. Also our Representative Program Sponsors Footlab Plus, Catherine Stone Travel and Limber Fitness and Pilates. Acknowledgment is also due to Representative Program Families, Coaches, and Sub Committee. Their fundraising efforts for Mildura, Family Fun Day and Presentation Night, saw the Representative Program break even for the year.

Operations Manager Merryn Brien has done an outstanding job meeting our tight budget. Thank you for actively seeking ways to reduce costs and keeping a close eye on staffing levels throughout the year. In addition to ensuring everyone gets to play netball, Merryn also oversees a successful café with the profit going straight back to Melbourne East Netball Association. We are also extremely fortunate to have our bookkeeper Tracy Lin. Tracy is meticulous, over-qualified and committed to giving back, completing much work in her own time.

Balance Sheet

Melbourne East Netball Association is in a strong cash position with \$196,298 held at year end.

As at 31 December 2024

Operating Accounts (Working, Debit, Cash Management)	\$112,413
Term Deposit	\$83,885
Total Cash at Bank	\$196,298

For the first time, we have allowed a provision for annual leave and long service leave to even out the effects of this expenditure in future years. Despite this, our balance sheet remains healthy and we are well placed to invest in future capital expenditure.

2025 Financial Year

At the time of writing (3rd April 2025) the working accounts totalled \$317,937, and the term deposit balance was \$83,885. Our association continues to responsibly invest in new programs and increase participation. The team of Staff, Volunteers and the Board is crucial to ensuring this happens. Special thanks to Amy Ferris, Merryn Brien and Tracy Lin for your support.

Today we set our 2026 Affiliation Fees at an unchanged \$10 due by 1st February 2026.

Narelle Caffyn TREASURER



AUDIT REPORT

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ABN 13 605 737 809



AUDITOR'S REPORT

FOR

MELBOURNE EAST NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC

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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 2024 which show in the income and expenditure statement a profit of \$13,417.83 and any changes in the balance sheet of MELBOURNE EAST NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC, have been substantiated. It is not the auditor's duty to recommend what action should be taken as a result of the audit.

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

Profit & Loss Statement

Melbourne East Netball Association Inc.

For the 12 months ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Trading Income		
Cafe	181,482	170,613
Admin	26,774	18,888
Club Comp		
Net Set Go	43,237	41,731
Saturday Comp	241,895	215,101
Tournament	6,873	5,646
Total Club Comp	292,005	262,477
Comp and Program	116,211	91,412
Rep	165,668	155,219
Total Trading Income	782,140	698,609
Cost of Sales		
Rep Uniforms Costs	9,764	10,661
Cafe Supplies	84,365	79,782
Total Cost of Sales	94,129	90,443
Gross Profit	688,011	608,166
Other Income		
Other Income	758	-
Rep Other Income	2,039	377
Total Other Income	2,797	377
Operating Expenses		
Courtside Cafe	76,396	70,207
Admin	178,866	160,048
Club Comp	145,694	133,902
Comp and Program		
Program	32,496	25,237
Ladies Social Evening	55,405	47,966
Fast 5	12,811	6,090
Walking Comp	17,195	11,395
Walking Rock Up	6,570	6,971
Total Comp and Program	124,477	97,659
Representative Netball	151,957	159,597
Total Operating Expenses	677,390	621,413
Net Profit	13,418	(12,870)

Balance Sheet

Melbourne East Netball Association Inc.

31 DEC 2024

Assets

Bank

Cash Management	100,811
Debit Card	1,481
Term Deposit	83,885
Working Account	10,121
Total Bank	196,298

Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	1,130
Cash on hand - Cafe Float	600
Cash on hand - Competition Float	100
Cash on hand - Float other	260
Prepayments	1,303
Rep Competition Charges in Advance	982
Total Current Assets	4,375

Total Assets 200,673

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	20,840
GST	(533)
Income in Advance	12,152
Rep Player Fee Deposit	42,703
Total Current Liabilities	75,162

Non-current Liabilities

Provision for Annual Leave	12,182
Provision for Long Service Leave	11,068
Total Non-current Liabilities	23,250

Total Liabilities 98,412

Net Assets 102,261

Equity

Current Year Earnings	13,418
Old MYOB Balances Reserve	204,478
Retained Earnings	(115,635)
Total Equity	102,261



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