



**NETBALL SA & ADELAIDE THUNDERBIRDS**

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT







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# FROM THE CHAIR



**CAROLYN MITCHELL**  
Chair  
Netball SA

It's fair to say 2023 has been a historic year for netball in South Australia. In my second year as Chair of the Netball SA Board, I am immensely proud of what our organisation and our sport has achieved both on and off the court.

The strength of the Netball SA pathway was evident once again in 2023 and South Australia achieved success across many levels of the game, from grassroots through to elite.

Our NetSetGO programs thrived, our state representative sides brought home an array of silverware, and at the top, our Adelaide Thunderbirds achieved the ultimate success as they were crowned Premiers of Suncorp Super Netball.

Off court, a sold out season and record membership numbers headlined a long list of accolades for the Adelaide Thunderbirds and helped secure support from the State Government for the club to grow bigger again in 2024.

Premier Peter Malinauskas committed to financial support for the Thunderbirds in hosting all seven home games at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre, opening the door for significant growth for the club over the next three years.

In addition, he secured the 2024 Suncorp Super Netball Grand Final in Adelaide and committed to a redevelopment of Netball SA Stadium, the home of netball in South Australia.

With this significant opportunity in front of us, on the back of a successful 2023, the board focused on developing Netball SA's 2023 Strategic Plan, which has since evolved into our three-year Strategic Plan, now spanning until 2026.

The Plan outlines our continued focus on four key pillars of success: grow, play, lead, and inspire, and highlights our purpose to enrich lives, enhance communities and inspire generations.

I would like to thank our entire netball community for their unwavering dedication to netball, with whom we share the successes of 2023.

First to the Board, thank you for continuing to demonstrate your passion for the game and ongoing commitment to a prosperous future for Netball SA.

Thank you to our commercial partners who share our love for netball and the community across South Australia.

To our volunteers, spread far and wide across the state, thank you for your time, your effort, and your devotion to our game that underpins netball all over the world.

Thank you to the members of the Audit and Risk Committee, Country Championships Organising Committee and our Council Delegates.

And lastly, thank you to our CEO Bronwyn Klei and her team at Netball SA. The success of 2023 is a testament to your hard work and commitment to netball at all levels.

As we enter into 2024 and the many opportunities it brings, I have full faith in this team and our broader Netball SA family to take netball further again.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Mitchell'.

**CAROLYN MITCHELL**  
Chair  
Netball SA





**“THE STRENGTH OF THE  
NETBALL SA PATHWAY  
WAS EVIDENT ONCE  
AGAIN IN 2023.”**



# FROM THE CEO



**BRONWYN KLEI**

Chief Executive Officer  
Netball SA

What an incredible year 2023 has been for netball across South Australia.

Not only did we taste success on court, from grassroots through to our elite squads, we also delivered significant improvements in our programs and strengthened our governance.

Among the highlights:

Our junior state teams shone once again at the National Championships, with our 19U side returning home wearing gold while our 17Us finished fourth.

In another example of the strength of our elite pathways, the Adelaide Thunderbirds Futures team, previously known as the Southern Force, took part in the Australian Netball Championships and collected a well-deserved bronze.

Our SA Rubies also claimed the bronze medal at the Marie Little Shield competition for women with an intellectual disability for the second year in a row.

Once again, the Hospital Research Foundation Group Premier League competition provided a wealth of great netball and in the end, 2023 was Contax's year, defeating Matrics by nine in the League decider after earlier overcoming Oakdale by 17 to also clinch the Reserves crown.

The largest event on the netball calendar, the Country Championships, returned for the June long weekend with 95 teams from around the state competing in more than 435 games at Netball SA Stadium.

Our partnership with NewsCorp's live streaming arm – KommunityTV – continued strongly as they provided broadcast coverage of both the Country Championships and The Hospital Research Foundation Premier League competition.

For the first time, they also live streamed the hugely successful Nunga Netball Carnival which hosted 51 teams made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander netballers from all over South Australia.

We delivered Phase 2 of our Netball on the Road program, taking a range of clinics, education sessions and development programs to the five associations that were not visited in 2022: Central Ranges, Fleurieu, Yorke, Riverland, and Upper North.

We proudly hosted our largest ever Adelaide Thunderbirds school holiday clinics, with July recording the highest ever participation of any clinic, with 719 participants attending, a 35% increase on the previous record.

We also continued to expand our First Nations Framework with more than 150 players attending specialist clinics across South Australia, and renewed our First Nations Scholarship Program with support provided to 14 recipients, as well as building on our Rising Sisters







Aboriginal Netball Program which is designed to increase opportunities and identify talent within South Australia's First Nations netball community.

Netball SA's Community Lottery, presented by Mazda, returned in 2023 and raised a new record of more than \$70,000 for SA Netball Clubs and Associations.

Our inaugural Youth Advisory Group was established with nine young, passionate members of our netball community joining together to have their say on the future of our game.

And the Adelaide Thunderbirds Talent Academy continued to grow, with the state's best young netballers selected to take part in the pilot program which is designed to strengthen the pathway from grassroots to the elite and saw 12 participating athletes selected in Netball SA's State Teams for 2024.

For our Adelaide Thunderbirds, 2023 will go down in history as the club broke a 10-year drought to secure its first premiership since 2013 and its first in Suncorp Super Netball history.

After finishing the minor rounds second on the ladder with 9 wins, 1 draw and just 4 losses, they went on to defeat the NSW Swifts at John Cain Arena 60-59 in an epic final that went to overtime.

SA local Lucy Austin shone in her first official contracted season. Eleanor Cardwell and Sophie Casey both debuted, while Georgie Horjus, Maisie Nankivell, and Tippah Dwan all played their 50th national game.

Off court, the club recorded its highest Thunderbirds membership count as the Pink Army grew from 1,602 to 2,343. Our wonderful fans ensured all six home games at Netball SA Stadium were sold out along with the marquee match at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

On the national stage, Matilda Garrett was named in the 2023-24 Australian Diamonds Squad and made her debut post-season, becoming Diamond #191.

**“ I WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
& SINCERELY THANK THE  
PEOPLE WHO MAKE ALL  
OF THIS POSSIBLE. ”**

Six premiership Thunderbirds - Lucy Austin, Tippah Dwan, Matilda Garrett (captain), Georgie Horjus, Hannah Petty (co-captain), and Tayla Williams - were selected in the 2023 Australian Fast5 side which went on to secure back-to-back gold medals for Australia.

On top of this, SA umpire Georgina Sulley-Beales was contracted for the fourth consecutive SSN season.

During 2023, we also secured significant progress regarding the long overdue redevelopment of Netball SA Stadium, with the South Australian Government committing to the project.

Making this redevelopment a reality is an absolute priority for 2024.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge and sincerely thank all the people who make all of this – and so much more – possible.

Thank you to our netball community... our players, coaches, umpires, bench officials, and volunteers right across the state.

**BRONWYN KLEI**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Netball SA

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## CHAIR

**Carolyn Mitchell**  
Director 2021 - Present  
2022 - Present



## DIRECTOR

**Caroline Phillips**  
2018 - Present



## DIRECTOR

**Chris Wood**  
2020 - Present



## DIRECTOR

**Glenn Docherty**  
2012 - Present



## DIRECTOR

**Julianne Cirson**  
2019 - Present



## DIRECTOR

**Michelle Pole**  
2018 - Present



## DIRECTOR

**Nick Redin**  
2021 - Present



## DIRECTOR

**Noelle Smit**  
2022 - Present



## DIRECTOR

**Stephen Dawes**  
2022 - Present



# VOLUNTEERS

Netball SA extends its sincere thank you to the volunteers across our netball community that once again provided an invaluable contribution in 2023.

From grassroots to the Adelaide Thunderbirds and the Netball SA Board, our volunteers provide generous support to help our sport thrive and grow.

In 2023, Netball SA introduced its Volunteer Recognition Program to spotlight and celebrate nominated volunteers through the inaugural Volunteer of the Month Award. The winners were acknowledged across Netball SA's digital channels.

At the Netball SA Awards Gala, the 2023 recipients of the Netball SA Volunteer of the Year Award (presented by HCF) for both the metro and regional communities were announced.

For their significant contributions, Peter Mazzachi from Matrics Netball Club was awarded the metro award, while Tracy Mills of Parndana Netball Club on Kangaroo Island took out the country award.

Netball SA would like to acknowledge and thank the countless volunteers that continue to be the heartbeat of our sport.

From running committees across South Australia to the Team Pink volunteers who help deliver Adelaide Thunderbirds game days, our sport would simply not be the same without them.



# 2023 SNAPSHOT

**32,322**

NETBALL SA MEMBERS

**271**

AFFILIATED CLUBS WITHIN  
THOSE ASSOCIATIONS &  
DIVISIONS

**109**

ATHLETES IN ACADEMY PROGRAM

**192**

PLAYERS PARTICIPATED IN THE HOSPITAL  
RESEARCH FOUNDATION GROUP PREMIER LEAGUE

**35**

AFFILIATED  
ASSOCIATIONS/  
DIVISIONS

**565,000**

VISITS TO NETBALL SA  
STADIUM

**300**

STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE THUNDER CUP

**95**

TEAMS  
PARTICIPATED  
IN COUNTRY  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

**1,788**

CHILDREN  
PARTICIPATED IN  
WOOLWORTHS  
NETSETGO

**2,008**

NETBALL ON THE  
ROAD PARTICIPANTS

**5,449**

STUDENTS  
PARTICIPATED IN  
SPORTING SCHOOLS  
PROGRAM

**94**

APPROVED  
WOOLWORTHS  
NETSETGO CENTRES

**1,640**

THRFGADELAIDE THUNDERBIRDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
CLINICS PARTICIPANTS

**5**

NETBALL ON THE ROAD LAUNCHED  
IN 5 NEW REGIONS

**1**

NETBALL SA STATE TEAM WON  
GOLD AT THE AUSTRALIAN  
NEATIONAL NETBALL  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

**3**

SA RUBIES WON BRONZE  
AT 2023 MARIE LITTLE OAM  
SHIELD

**3**

AT FUTURES WON BRONZE  
AT THE AUSTRALIAN  
NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**15**

ATHLETES RECEIVED FIRST  
NATIONS PARTICIPATION  
SCHOLARSHIPS

**22**

SAASTA STUDENTS  
GRADUATED FROM THE  
ABORIGINAL NETBALL  
ACADEMY

**20**

PLAYERS SELECTED FOR RISING SISTERS ABORIGINAL NETBALL PROGRAM

**1**

ADELAIDE THUNDERBIRDS CROWNED  
2023 SSN PREMIERS

**2,330**

ADELAIDE  
THUNDERBIRDS  
MEMBERS

**1**

SA UMPIRE  
RECEIVED SSN  
UMPIRE CONTRACT

**716**

COACHING ACCREDITATIONS AWARDED

**1**

SA BENCH OFFICIAL OFFICIATED AT THE  
AUSTRALIAN NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**122**

COLOURED  
SHIRT PROGRAM  
PARTICIPANTS

**33**

COLOURED SHIRT  
PROGRAM CENTRES

**26,500**

MEMBERS &  
SUPPORTERS  
ATTENDED AT HOME  
GAMES



# STRATEGIC DIRECTION



## GROW

- Grow netball participation in South Australia.
- Embed a sustainable business model.
- Increase Netball SA's venue usage.
- Invest in the next generation of volunteers to grow our sport.



## PLAY

- Ensure clear, defined, and connected pathways for all.
- Grass roots competitions and programs provide the opportunity for everyone to participate.
- THRFG Premier League remains the pinnacle competition in South Australia.



## LEAD

- Ensure netball is inclusive and a sport for all.
- Build a strong, safe, and sustainable netball community.
- We are customer centric in everything we do.
- Netball is a place where people can thrive and grow.



## INSPIRE

- Elevate the Adelaide Thunderbirds to be the voice for women and girls in South Australia.
- Increase the connection between grassroots and elite netball.
- Make Adelaide Thunderbirds a destination club for the world's best players, coaches, and high performance staff.

4:29

6:21

#FIERCETOGETHER

SHAMERA STERLING

GEORGIE HORJUS



SUNCORP  
TEAM GIRLS



**POWER OF  
OUR SPORT**



# LIFE MEMBERS

Netball SA's Life Membership is awarded for outstanding voluntary service on a state level in the areas of playing, coaching, umpiring and/or administration.

We are forever grateful to all the Life Members who have dedicated themselves to the service of our sport.

<b>1941</b>	Lorna Ryan*	<b>1983</b>	Betty Fisher
<b>1945</b>	Gwen Patterson (Benzie)*	<b>1984</b>	Patricia Courtney*
<b>1946</b>	Greta Crane*	<b>1984</b>	Jan Summers
<b>1946</b>	Clara Rankin*	<b>1987</b>	Lorne Sutherland*
<b>1946</b>	Anne Stanton*	<b>1987</b>	Jeanette Fryar
<b>1946</b>	Alice Spilsbury*	<b>1987</b>	Yvonne Battersby
<b>1952</b>	Mary White*	<b>1989</b>	Valerie Wright
<b>1952</b>	Mavis Nunn*	<b>1990</b>	Margaret Angove
<b>1954</b>	Selena Pomeroy*	<b>1990</b>	Bronwyn Roberts
<b>1954</b>	Jeanette Hargrave*	<b>1992</b>	Marlene Pressley
<b>1954</b>	Merle Oldham (Potter)*	<b>1993</b>	Yolanda Cannizzaro
<b>1954</b>	Joy Sheridan (Dundon)*	<b>1993</b>	Barbara Martin*
<b>1956</b>	Fay Dumont*	<b>1995</b>	Raechel May*
<b>1958</b>	Marcia Gray (Hepworth)*	<b>1995</b>	Marlene Lang*
<b>1958</b>	Lois Quarrell*	<b>1999</b>	John Belton*
<b>1959</b>	Mavis Buckingham (Scott)*	<b>1999</b>	Nathalie McRae*
<b>1959</b>	Millie Cakebread*	<b>2000</b>	Wendy Gambling
<b>1959</b>	Alice Rice*	<b>2002</b>	Ron Blake*
<b>1959</b>	Dawn White	<b>2004</b>	Pam Brown
<b>1961</b>	Muriel Wallace*	<b>2006</b>	Jackie Blyth
<b>1961</b>	Glenda West*	<b>2006</b>	Jan Sutherland
<b>1961</b>	Gertrude Law*	<b>2012</b>	Lee-Anne Cummins
<b>1964</b>	Margaret Cahill*	<b>2013</b>	Allan Wright
<b>1968</b>	Pauline Harrison*	<b>2019</b>	Dawn Reid
<b>1968</b>	Iris Rodgers*	<b>2020</b>	Ros Collins*
<b>1968</b>	Avis Boyce*	<b>2022</b>	Graeme Gilbert
<b>1969</b>	Sylvia McCubbin*		
<b>1973</b>	Daphne Todd*		
<b>1975</b>	Elizabeth Slarks*		
<b>1975</b>	Shirley Cox		
<b>1975</b>	Joan Horner*		
<b>1976</b>	Chris Burton		
<b>1977</b>	Jocelyn Bayly		
<b>1980</b>	Robin Smith*		
<b>1982</b>	Nadia Marmach*		

*\*Deceased*

# ASSOCIATIONS AND PRESIDENTS

## Adelaide Plains

President: Leah Clifton

## Adelaide Metro Netball Division

President: Peter Mazzachi

## Barossa, Light & Gawler

President: Katrina Frederick

## Broken Hill

President: Tori McManus\*

## City Night

President: NA for 22/23

## Eastern Eyre

President: Kristy Turnbull

## Elizabeth

President: Lois Scaife

## Gawler & Districts

President: Kylie Forby

## Great Flinders

President: Elizabeth Burns

## Great Southern

President: Simon George

## Hills

President: Kirsten Hawthorn

## Kadina & Districts

President: Narelle Koch\*

## Kangaroo Island

President: Marty Kay

## Kowree Naracoorte Tatiara

President: Nicole Pink\*

## Murray Valley Football Netball League

President: Hayley Schulz

## Mid Hills

President: Felicity Duffield

## Mid South East

President: Sara Gray

## Mount Gambier

President: Cindy Launer

## North Eastern

President: Fiona Schiller

## Northern Areas

President: Lisa Reddaway

## Port Augusta

President: Selina Ashton\*

## Port Lincoln

President: Jo Franklin

## Port Pirie

President: Sally Johns

## River Murray

President: Kerry Swan\*

## Riverland

President: Naomi Campbell

## Roxby Downs

President: Alicia Lee\*

## SA Districts

President: John Adams

## SA Mens & Mixed Netball

President: Steven McInnes

## Southern Hills

President: Chris Rose

## Southern United

President: Helen Meynell

## Western Border

President: Jo Gibbs

## Western Eyre

President: Lindsay Denton

## Whyalla

President: Rachelle Frigo

## Yorke Peninsula

President: Sue Brown

*\* Denotes new in 2023*



**32,322** NETBALL SA MEMBERS



**35** AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS/DIVISIONS



**271** AFFILIATED CLUBS WITHIN THOSE ASSOCIATIONS/DIVISIONS





## MEMBERSHIP

In 2023, Netball SA's Development Team were proud to continue supporting affiliated clubs and associations across the state. The Netball on the Road initiative returned and visited the five regions that were not involved in the 2022 pilot program.

Building upon the success of the previous year, this program once again offered a variety of workshops, clinics and sessions aimed at enhancing the netball experience for all participants.

Netball on the Road made a positive impact on five new regions: Central Ranges, Fleurieu, Yorkes, Riverland, and Upper North. The program encompassed a diverse range of offerings, including coaching, officiating, skills clinics, as well as sessions to upskill local netball committee members.

Following the transition of associations to PlayHQ in 2022, Netball SA was pleased to announce, in its second year, PlayHQ has continued to be a successful competition management tool for associations.

This transition has not only streamlined administrative processes but also enhanced the overall netball experience for players, coaches, and officials.

Netball SA remains committed to supporting the growth and development of associations and clubs across the state. Our fortnightly Game Plan newsletter, specially designed for associations and clubs, continues to provide valuable content on governance, funding opportunities, product offerings, player development pathways, and club growth initiatives.

### NETBALL SA PARTICIPATION GROWTH



2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

## WOOLWORTHS NETSETGO



**SEAFOORD**

**STORM NETBALL CLUB AWARDED WOOLWORTHS NETSETGO CENTRE OF THE YEAR**



**1,788**

**WOOLWORTHS NETSETGO PARTICIPANTS**

Woolworths NetSetGO continued to thrive, providing children between the ages of 5-10 years an opportunity to develop their netball skills in a fun, safe, and inclusive environment.

In 2023, South Australia had 94 centres participate in the Woolworths NetSetGO program with 1788 participants registering to a Net, Set or GO activity.

Participant growth increased by 12% compared to enrolments in 2022.

The inaugural Woolworths NetSetGO 'Come and Play Day' was held at the Netball SA Stadium in February to encourage participants to try the program and register for the upcoming season.

The inaugural Woolworths NetSetGO Month was also introduced in July, adapted from Woolworths NetSetGO Week in 2022. This national program was delivered by Netball SA and celebrated all things NetSetGO, giving participants a chance to experience fun netball activities whilst eating healthy.

At Netball SA's Awards Gala, Seaford Storm Netball Club were awarded NetSetGO Centre of the Year.

Woolworths NetSetGO on-court activations were held at two of the Adelaide Thunderbirds' seven home games, with a total of 30 program participants involved across the season. The NetSetGO Centres that participated were Reynella in Round 4's match against the Giants and Encounter Bay in Round 13's match against the Lightning at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

Participants also entered a competition to win the 'Little Leader' experience, where the winners ran out for the Adelaide Thunderbirds arena call-ons alongside the team at each of their seven home games.

## WALKING NETBALL

Netball SA's Walking Netball program continued to grow in 2023 as the modified version of the traditional game reached new audiences.

The program is aimed at improving health outcomes by encouraging physical activity, strength, balance, and fitness, as well as helping people of all ages and fitness levels stay active and social.

The Netball SA product offers two key arms of the program: the activity sessions where participants practice their skills and improve their fitness and mobility in a fun and casual environment, as well as the Walking Netball competition where teams or individuals can nominate to play in a casual competition.

In 2023, Netball SA introduced a week-night evening session, in addition to the weekly programs at Netball SA Stadium. Programs were also held at The Lights Community Centre, Port Lincoln Netball Association and Willunga Netball Club.

Two South Australian Walking Netball teams also experienced great success at the 2023 Australian Masters Games, winning gold and silver in the over 50s category.

## NETBALL ON THE ROAD

 **2,008** NETBALL ON THE ROAD PARTICIPANTS

 **76** SESSIONS WERE HELD

 **5** REGIONS WERE VISITED BETWEEN MARCH & JULY

Following a successful launch in 2022, the Netball on the Road program returned for 2023 to visit the remaining five South Australian regions.

Netball SA visited Central Ranges, the Fleurieu Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula, Riverland, and the Upper North between March and July.

This year's offerings included Player Skills Clinics, Coach Mentoring, Umpire Mentoring, Umpire Workshops, Coaching Workshops, Child Safe Environment training and more.

Across the five regions, over 2,000 participants attended a range of offerings as 76 sessions were held, including visits from Adelaide Thunderbirds athletes.





# COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held annually on the June long weekend, the Country Championships is the largest event on the netball calendar, attracting the best regional talent from across the state to Netball SA Stadium for a three-day competition.

In 2023, over 1,028 netballers, coaches and officials from 25 associations competed in over 435 matches, making up 95 teams from all over South Australia.

Newscorp's live streaming arm KommunityTV broadcast the event for the third-consecutive year, bringing the competition to the communities of associations and supporters who were unable to attend.

Netball SA extends its sincere thanks to the Country Championships Organising Committee for the dedication and hard work put into this year's competition.

## Country Championships Organising Committee:

- Naomi Davey (Convenor)
- Sharon Guley
- Yolanda Cannizzaro
- Tania Adler
- Nickie Mead
- Robyn Kelly
- Gayle Forby

## COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS

**Seniors A Grade** Great Southern NA

**Senior B Grade** Mid South East NA

**17U Division 1** Hills NA

**17U Division 2** Kowree-Naracoorte Tatiara NA

**15U Division 1** Great Southern NA

**15U Division 2** Yorke Peninsula NA

**15U Division 3** Southern Hills NA

**13U Division 1** Western Border NA

**13U Division 2** Great Flinders NA

**13U Division 3** Adelaide Plains NA

 **1,028** PLAYERS

 **95** TEAMS

 **25** REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

 **157** OFFICIALS

 **35** COACHES &  
**24** UMPIRES  
MENTORED DURING  
THE EVENT

 **19** UMPIRES  
RECEIVED NATIONAL  
BADGES



# THE HOSPITAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION GROUP ADELAIDE THUNDERBIRDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

 **1,640** CLINIC PARTICIPANTS  **2% INCREASE FROM 2022**

 **4** THE HOSPITAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION GROUP  
ADELAIDE THUNDERBIRDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

 **LARGEST** EVER PROGRAM  
ACHIEVED OCTOBER 2023

The Adelaide Thunderbirds School Holiday Clinics saw 1640 participants aged 5-15 years attend the 2023 clinics, a 2% growth on 2022 registrations.

This year's School Holiday Clinics experienced its most successful year to date, seeing a number of 2023 Thunderbirds Premiership players in attendance.

Each clinic provided a great opportunity for young South Australian netballers to meet and learn from their idols as well as the Netball SA Accredited Community Coaches.

A key focus was to provide a variety of clinics targeted at different age groups, as seen in the following:

Neurodivergent, 5-6-year-olds, 7-9-year-olds, 10-12-year-olds, 10-14-year-old boys & 13-15-year-olds.

The July clinics recorded the highest ever participation of any clinic with 719 participants which was a significant 35% increase on the previous record from July in 2022.



## SCHOOL PROGRAMS

 **5,449** SPORTING SCHOOLS PARTICIPANTS

 **300** THUNDER CUP PARTICIPANTS

Netball SA continued to provide opportunities for primary and secondary school students throughout South Australia to engage in netball, primarily through the Sporting Schools Program and Thunder Cup Competition in 2023.

### SPORTING SCHOOLS

The Sporting Schools program is an Australian Government initiative designed to help schools to increase children's participation in sport, and to connect them with community sporting opportunities.

In 2023, the Sporting Schools program included 5,449 participants across 38 primary schools and 13 high schools.

### THUNDER CUP

Thunder Cup is a participation-based competition for schools with weekly competitions delivered in Terms 2





and 3 to enable children from years 3 to 6 to play netball and develop their skills.

This year's Thunder Cup program saw 300 students participate across 29 teams in Year 3/4 and 5/6.

### **SPECIALIST SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

The following five schools were re-endorsed from 2022 as Specialist Schools for 2023-24: Blackwood High School, Gleeson College, Pedare Christian College, St Mary's College and Trinity College.

In addition, Willunga High School and Henley High

School were endorsed as new Specialist Schools for 2023-24.

The inaugural Specialist Schools Cup was held in November of 2023 seeing a total of 26 teams compete across each age group:

- Year 6/7 – 8 teams
- Year 8 – 7 teams
- Year 9 - 7 teams
- Open (Year 10/11) – 4 teams

# ADELAIDE THUNDERBIRDS TALENT ACADEMY

**109** ATHLETES SELECTED IN THE PROGRAM

**11** ATHLETES SELECTED IN THE 2024 U17 STATE TEAM

Netball SA first established its Academy Program throughout South Australia in 2002 for talent identified players, coaches and umpires to help them reach their potential.

Following a successful rebrand and restructure of the existing program in 2022, the Adelaide Thunderbirds Talent Academy (ATTA) returned in 2023 with a stronger focus on preparing athletes aged 14-16 for State Team trials and future pathway opportunities.

The ATTA comprised six academies across South Australia with a total of 109 players: 1 Emerging Academy designed to highlight the top talent in the state and 5 development academies based in Berri, Clare, Keith, Metro and Whyalla.

Each academy participated in four regional sessions each and the Emerging Academy was involved in a camp in Adelaide.

Participants benefited from specialist training, both tactical and technical, across the full court and all positions. Extracurricular activities such as sports psychology, sleep education, recovery and fitness testing were also included.

All 109 players were invited to attend Netball SA's 2024 State Team trials and 11 were named in either the 17U or 19U squads.

A player survey conducted at the conclusion of the 2023 program revealed a strong result of 97% of athletes selecting 'strongly agree' or 'agree' in response to whether the program was beneficial to their development.

In addition, 86% of parents in the Emerging Academy and 71% in development academies felt the program helped

prepare their child for future pathway opportunities.

Emerging Academy coaches also delivered sessions across regional locations to foster the development of coaches across the state.

## LEAD COACHING STAFF

**Berri:** Rachel Capetanakis

**Metro:** Kirsty Leonard-Down

**Metro-Emerging :** Lee-Anne Cummins

**Clare:** Katie Liebelt

**Keith:** Jane Gould

**Whyalla:** Rose McArthur

## ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

**Berri:** Renee Gates

**Metro:** Paul Besanko

**Metro-Emerging :** Jake Taylor

**Clare:** Sarah Johnson

**Keith:** Donna Denton

**Whyalla:** Rebecca Bruce





# WOOLWORTHS SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RUBIES



The Woolworths South Australian Rubies compete annually in the Marie Little Shield - named in honour of disability netball pioneer, Marie Little OAM.

First introduced in 2013, the tournament provides women with an intellectual disability the chance to compete at a national level.

In 2023, the competition was held at Waverley Netball Centre across three days from Friday, September 15 to Sunday, September 17.

The Rubies returned to the competition and delivered a strong performance to bring home bronze for the second-consecutive year.

The side welcomed four new team members this year, joining forces with devoted captain, Isabella Ivancic-Holland, who has been a consistent figure of the side since the inception of the competition.

## COACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF

**Head Coach:** Tricia Crockford

**Assistant Coach:** Paul Beinke

**Mentor Coach:** Donna Stewart

**Apprentice Coach:** Chelsea Lambert

**Team Manager:** Samantha Luck

## ATHLETES

- Skye Elliott
- Kim Flannigan
- Kaitlyn Hammill
- Sarah Hill
- Isabella Ivancic-Holland
- Sophie Kneebone
- Alysia Potts
- Amanda Roberts
- Megan Sadler
- Samantha Walker



## SAASTA ABORIGINAL NETBALL ACADEMY

The South Australian Aboriginal Secondary Training Academy (SAASTA) Aboriginal Netball Academy provides Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students with a unique program of educational outcomes and netball development.

In 2023, 22 athletes were selected for the Academy with Dani Johnson named as Head Coach and Akaysha Hill as Assistant Coach.

2022 Academy student Tashani Wyatt was also named as an Apprentice Coach as she continued her development in the sport.

As part of the program, students visited Melbourne on a sporting and cultural trip where they participated in match play against SEDA College, experienced cultural tours, visited the MCG and Australian Sport Museum, and attended an SSN match between the Adelaide Thunderbirds and Collingwood Magpies.

A key element of the 2023 program was the academy's involvement in painting the Thunderbirds' shoes for their First Nations Rounds.

The students collaborated with Kurna/Narungga artist, Karii Doolan-O'Loughlin, and met with each athlete to understand their story and what is important to them, which guided the design of the shoes.

### 2023 AWARD WINNERS

**Netballer of the Year:** Ebony Noack

**Student of the Year:** Tanisha Wilson

**Coaches Award:** Madison Ah Chee

**Players Values Award:** Tanisha Wilson

## VANESSA DEMPSEY AWARD

Natasha Chisholm was the 2023 recipient of the Vanessa Dempsey Award for her commitment to the engagement and support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander netball participants and communities.

The award is named after inaugural recipient, proud Ngarrindjeri, Narungga and Jingili woman, and well-known member of the Netball SA community, Vanessa Dempsey.

Natasha has been involved in running the SA Nunga Netball Junior Carnival for several years alongside Dempsey, helping with team registrations, communicating with teams, creating draws and fixtures, and offering general support for management of the event.

Additionally, she played a significant role in the inaugural Rising Sisters Aboriginal Netball Program with Netball SA in 2023 as the team support manager, co-ordinating parents and participants, answering questions, taking photos and performing many other duties to help ensure the program is a success for the young girls involved.

Currently employed at the Workabout Centre, Natasha is extremely passionate about Aboriginal education and providing opportunities for young people in the community, and will do any job, no matter how big or small.

She is known for being a trusted voice of advice for anyone who needs it and a huge support to any program she is involved with.

Natasha accepted the award at Netball SA's Awards Gala on Friday, September 29.





# FIRST NATIONS FRAMEWORK

**14** FIRST NATIONS ATHLETE PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**51** NUNGA NETBALL CARNIVAL TEAMS

**20** ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS IN RISING SISTERS

**7** FIRST NATIONS CLINICS RUN ACROSS SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Netball SA's 2023 First Nations Framework continued to build on the momentum established during the launch of the initiative in 2022, outlining Netball SA's commitment to increasing participation and development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander netballers in South Australia.

## Initiatives in 2023 included:

- Completion of new artwork on permanent shipping containers at Netball SA by Shane Cook
- Delivery of the 2022 Rising Sisters Aboriginal Netball Program
- Continued partnership with SAATA Aboriginal Netball Academy
- Delivery of First Nations Netball Clinics across the state
- Continued cultural education for Netball SA staff, board and athletes
- Elevating celebration for the First Nations Rounds for Adelaide Thunderbirds and The Hospital Research Foundation Group Premier League
- Selection of 14 individuals to receive a 2023 First Nations Scholarship
- Delivery of the 2023 Nunga Netball Carnival with 51 teams and 242 games of netball played over the two-day carnival
- Selection of the 2023 Rising Sisters Aboriginal Netball Program

## New developments in the 2023 Framework included:

- A formal partnership and MOU with SA Nunga Netball to increase Netball SA's contribution
- Launch of consistent First Nations design incorporated across 2023 State Team, Adelaide Thunderbirds Futures, Rubies & Umpire uniforms
- Launch of 2023 Adelaide Thunderbirds First Nations Dress in conjunction with Shane Cook & SAATA
- Inclusion of First Nations Netball Clinics held at Netball SA Stadium as part of the School Holiday Clinics
- Inclusion of Premier League clubs in official Dress Cleansing Ceremony for 2023 First Nations Dress designs for Adelaide Thunderbirds
- Inclusion of First Nations Round for AMND Competition
- Engaged First Nations artist Karii Doolan-O'Loughlin to facilitate shoe painting artwork for Adelaide Thunderbirds athletes with SAATA students
- 2023 Nunga Netball Carnival live streamed for the first time in the event's history and included both First Nations Netball Clinics and boys participation clinics as part of the offering

Netball SA would like to specially thank key contributors in this space including Vanessa Dempsey, Natasha Chisholm and Christine Glenn for their support and guidance throughout 2023.



# THE HOSPITAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION GROUP PREMIER LEAGUE

The Hospital Research Foundation Group Premier League is South Australia's pinnacle netball competition, comprising the state's best talent and fiercest rivalries.

It provides athletes, coaches, umpires, and officials with a highly competitive environment to showcase and develop their skills and is also an important feeder program for national opportunities within the netball pathway.

2023 marked the introduction of the inaugural Super Saturday event as the Grand Final matches aligned with the Adelaide Metropolitan Netball Division competition at Netball SA Stadium on Saturday, August 12.

Newscorp's live streaming arm - KommunityTV - extended

their partnership with Netball SA to broadcast Court 1 games across the minor rounds and all finals matches.

In a competition first, the Grand Final matches were also streamed live via Kayo Sports.

Contax Netball Club finished minor premiers of the Premier Division and went on to defeat reigning premiers Matrics Netball Club to claim the premiership.

In the Reserves Division, Matrics claimed the minor premiership, however it was Contax who went on to win the trophy, defeating Oakdale Netball Club in the Grand Final.

## PREMIER LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

**Premier Division MVP (presented by THRFG):**  
Emily Burgess (Garville)

**Reserves Division MVP (presented by THRFG):**  
Kayla Howes (Oakdale)

**Club Excellence Award (presented by Mazda):**  
Contax Netball Club

**Umpire of the Year:**  
Renee Reynolds

**Performance Development Coach of the Year:**  
Leanne Eichler (Contax)

**Rookie of the Year:**  
Poppy Scholz (Oakdale)

## TEAM OF THE YEAR (PRESENTED BY THRFG)



Sophie Agostino (Contax)



Kayla Graham (Contax)



Georgia Dent (Matrics)



Tyler Orr (Matrics)



Sophie Casey (Matrics)



Casey Bernhardt (Garville)



Jessie Grenvold (Contax)

**Goalie Reserve:** Jess Paradiso (South Adelaide)

**Centre Court Reserve:** Eliza Hunter (Contax)

**Defence Reserve:** Sophie Croft (Matrics)



**LEAGUE DIVISION WINNERS**  
Contax Netball Club



**RESERVES DIVISION WINNERS**  
Contax Netball Club



**GRAND FINAL MVPs**  
League: Jessie Grenvold (Contax)  
Reserves: Molly Watson (Contax)





## COACHING



Opportunities for coaching development across South Australia was elevated once again in 2023 as Netball SA saw significant growth in its programs from 2022.

The number of accreditations achieved across SA increased by a significant 105% as numbers soared from 348 in 2022 to 716 in 2023.

At Netball SA's annual Country Championships event, 35 coaches received mentoring, up from 10 in 2022.

The Back Bench Coach experience also returned in 2023 as 28 coaches attended the workshop at the Adelaide Thunderbirds' Round 13 match against the Sunshine Coast Lightning at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

The workshop was facilitated by Thunderbirds past premiership coach Jane Woodlands-Thompson and provided attendees with a unique experience to learn during a live SSN match.

Coach education workshops and mentoring were once again conducted regionally across the season and in conjunction with Netball SA's Netball on the Road program.

### 2023 AWARD WINNERS

**Coach of the Year:** Paul Besanko

**Coach of the Year (THRFG PL):** Leanne Eichler

ACCREDITATION	NUMBER OF ACCREDITATIONS
Online Foundation Course	474
Online Development Course	127
Face-to-Face Development Course	107
Intermediate Course	8

## OFFICIATING

<b>1</b> SUNCORP SUPER NETBALL CONTRACT	<b>24</b> UMPIRES MENTORED AT COUNTRY CHAMPS
<b>1</b> UMPIRE SELECTED TO OFFICIATE NNC	<b>8</b> B BADGES AWARDED AT COUNTRY CHAMPS
<b>10</b> C BADGES AWARDED AT COUNTRY CHAMPS	<b>29</b> ASSOCIATIONS RECEIVED UMPIRES FOR GRAND FINALS

Netball SA launched its inaugural C Badge Umpire Camp in 2023, providing a unique new offering to umpires to progress towards their B Badge accreditation.

The camp was presented by experienced SA umpires Georgina Sulley-Beales, Renee Reynolds and Chloe Grosser, and was the first in a suite of umpire camps by Netball SA launching across 2023 and 2024.

Also in 2023, 29 of the 33 Netball SA affiliated associations requested and received umpires for their Grand Finals.

In April, South Australian umpire Chloe Grosser was selected to officiate at the 17U and 19U National Netball Championships.

In addition, Naomi Davey also represented SA at the National Netball Championships as a Bench Official.

SA umpire Georgina Sulley-Beales was once again given a Suncorp Super Netball contract to officiate at the top level.

At the Netball SA Award Gala, Jessie Miller was crowned Umpire of the Year (Community) and Renee Reynolds was Umpire of the Year for Premier League.

ACCREDITATION	NUMBER OF ACCREDITATIONS
Foundation Umpires Course (online)	474
Beginner Umpire Workshop	20 involving 289 participants
Rules of Netball Theory Exam	982 online exam participants
A Badges	2
B Badges	48
C Badges	200

CHAMPIONS  
2022  
SUNCORP SUPER  
CHAMP



**ADELAIDE  
THUNDERBIRDS**



# ADELAIDE THUNDERBIRDS

A historic year for the Adelaide Thunderbirds, the success of 2023 culminated in the club securing its first premiership in a decade as they were crowned champions of Suncorp Super Netball.

Nine wins, one draw and just four losses meant the Thunderbirds finished second on the ladder and secured their place in the major semi-final.

A thrilling victory over the NSW Swifts in overtime sent the Adelaide side to its first Grand Final appearance since 2013.

On the biggest stage of all, meeting the Swifts once again, the match went into overtime for the second time in two weeks in a grand final that will go down in history.

In front of over 9,000 fans at John Cain Arena, the Thunderbirds defeated the Swifts by one goal to bring the trophy back to South Australia.

2023 also marked SA talent Lucy Austin's first contracted SSN season and saw English international Eleanor Cardwell become Thunderbird #106.

Six emerging South Australians were selected as training partners: Chelsea Blackman, Sophie Casey, Lauren Frew, Kayla Graham, Jessie Grenvold, and Tyler Orr.

In Round 12, Casey became the second debutant of the season as she was capped at Thunderbird #107.

South Australians Georgie Horjus and Maisie Nankivell both celebrated 50 SSN games in Round 9 and Tippah Dwan notched up her 50th in Round 14.

All matches at Netball SA Stadium were in front of a full house and for the first time in over 10 years, the Thunderbirds sold out the Adelaide Entertainment Centre in Round 13.

Defender Matilda Garrett was selected in the 2023-24 Australian Diamonds squad and post-SSN season, made her debut in the green and gold to become Diamond #191.

At the 2023 Netball World Cup, Eleanor Cardwell represented England and Jamaicans Shamera Sterling and Latanya Wilson lined up for the Sunshine Girls.

On the back of a successful SSN season, six 2023 premiership Thunderbirds were named in the Australian side to compete at the Fast5 World Series in New Zealand: Lucy Austin, Tippah Dwan, Matilda Garrett, Georgie Horjus, Hannah Petty, and Tayla Williams.

Garrett was named captain, with Petty as her vice, and the duo made their Fast5 debuts alongside Dwan and Williams.







## 2023 ADELAIDE THUNDERBIRDS TEAM



LUCY AUSTIN



ELEANOR CARDWELL  
LEADERSHIP GROUP



TIPPAH DWAN



GEORGIE HORJUS



MATILDA GARRETT



MAISIE NANKIVELL



HANNAH PETTY  
CAPTAIN



SHAMERA STERLING  
LEADERSHIP GROUP



TAYLA WILLIAMS



LATANYA WILSON

## 2023 TRAINING PARTNERS



CHELSEA  
BLACKMAN



SOPHIE CASEY



LAUREN FREW



KAYLA GRAHAM



JESSIE GRENVOLD



TYLER ORR



# STAFF

## ADELAIDE THUNDERBIRDS 2023 SEASON STAFF

**High Performance Manager:** Pitre Bourdon

**Head Coach:** Tania Obst

**Assistant Coaches:** Cathy Fellows & Tracey Neville

**Performance Analyst:** Jade Traynor

**Strength and Conditioning Coach:** Matt Evans

**Athlete Wellbeing and Engagement Lead:** Louise Bawden

**Adelaide Thunderbirds Operations Manager:** Kate Harkness/Louise Broadbridge

**Team Doctor:** Dr. Duncan Walker

**Physiotherapist:** Lauren Bendo

**Dietitian:** Olivia Warnes

**Masseuse:** Giovanna Icolaro

**Leadership Consultant:** Kelly Vennus

**Mindset Coach:** David Steventon

## 2023 SEASON AWARD WINNERS

- Club Champion: Shamera Sterling
- Players' Player: Latanya Wilson
- Spirit Award: Eleanor Cardwell
- Player of the Finals: Georgie Horjus
- Members Player of the Year: Georgie Horjus

## OTHER SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETES CONTRACTED TO 2023 SSN TEAMS

- Nyah Allen – Collingwood Magpies
- Sasha Glasgow – West Coast Fever
- Sarah Klau – NSW Swifts
- Maddy Proud – NSW Swifts
- Maddy Turner – NSW Swifts



**2023 CLUB CHAMPION**  
Shamera Sterling



**2023 PLAYERS PLAYER**  
Latanya Wilson



**2023 SPIRIT AWARD**  
Eleanor Cardwell



**2023 PLAYER OF THE FINALS & MEMBERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
Georgie Horjus



**NATIONAL  
SUCCESS**



# ADELAIDE THUNDERBIRDS FUTURES

South Australia's representative side at the Australian National Championships (ANC) was re-branded in 2023 to the Adelaide Thunderbirds Futures as Netball SA decided to strengthen the pathway as a key stepping stone to the Adelaide Thunderbirds SSN side.

The ANC tournament unites the country's top emerging netball talent and a key focus of the Adelaide Thunderbirds Futures was to support and enhance the progression of talent identified SA athletes in the national pathway.

Experienced SA coach Jacqui Illman was reappointed as Head Coach on the back of championship success in 2022, with Jenny Borlase named as her assistant.

The 2023 tournament was held in Morayfield, Queensland and the Futures side returned home to South Australia with a bronze medal.

At Netball SA's Awards Gala, Sophie Casey was named Most Valuable Player for the side and Lucy Austin was voted Players' Player by her peers.

## 2023 ATB FUTURES SQUAD

- Lucy Austin<sup>^</sup> (Vice Captain)
- Chelsea Blackman\* (Vice Captain)
- Sophie Casey\*
- Sophie Croft
- Lucy Denton
- Lauren Frew\*
- Poppy Gilfillan-Silk
- Kayla Graham\*
- Jessie Grenvold\*
- Tyler Orr\* (Captain)
- Tabitha Packer
- Molly Watson

**Head Coach:** Jacqui Illman

**Assistant Coach:** Jenny Borlase

**Team Manager:** Louise Broadbridge

**Physiotherapist:** Lauren Bendo

**Performance Analyst:** Jade Traynor

**S&C Coach:** Matt Evans

**Coach Mentor:** Cathy Fellows

\* Adelaide Thunderbirds Training Partner

<sup>^</sup> Adelaide Thunderbirds Contracted Player



## 17/U AND 19/U STATE TEAMS

Netball SA's 17U and 19U State Teams returned to the National Netball Championships, held in Darwin in 2023.

After taking home the silver medal in 2022, the 19U side went one better this year to secure the championship and return home with the gold.

Completing the minor rounds undefeated, the SA side beat Western Australia by 11 goals (44-33) in the Grand Final on Sunday, April 16.

Rising defender Tabitha Packer was named Most Valuable Player of the Grand Final match.

After a stellar week, midcourter Lucy Voyvodic was named Most Valuable Player across the tournament for the 19U division.

The 17U side finished fifth in their age division after defeating Tasmania by 11 goals (34-23) in their final match on Sunday, April 16.

### 17/U STATE TEAM SQUAD

- Edie Bengier
- Grace Bradtke
- Taylor Davies
- Annelise Janssen
- Tahlia Jolly
- Jemma Kelly
- Jazmin McKay
- Dusty Millar
- Zalii Reid
- Poppy Scholz (Captain)
- Summer Smith (Vice Captain)
- Sophie Warren

### 17/U STATE TEAM STAFF

**Head Coach:** Peta Maher

**Assistant Coach:** Cassie Martin

**Physiotherapist:** Anna Stankevicius

**Team Manager:** Tricia Crockford





### 19/U STATE TEAM SQUAD

- Sophie Casey (Captain)
- Kaili Cook-Shakles
- Lucy Denton
- Cameron Golding
- Kayla Graham
- Brooke Irlam
- Olivia Kelly
- Sophie Killick
- Emily Laird
- Olivia Nicholls
- Tabitha Packer (Vice Captain)
- Lucy Voyvodic (Vice Captain)

### 19/U STATE TEAM STAFF

**Head Coach:** Amanda Shattock

**Assistant Coach:** Kim Hocking

**Physiotherapist:** Scott Smith

**Team Manager:** Jo Whelan





# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SPORTS INSTITUTE (SASI)

## 11 SOUTH AUSTRALIANS SELECTED IN THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL PATHWAYS SQUADS FOR 2023-24

The South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) Netball Program provides a daily training environment for the state's nationally identified athletes.

In 2023, SASI athlete Lucy Austin was offered a permanent contract with the Adelaide Thunderbirds.

SASI athletes Chelsea Blackman, Tyler Orr and Molly Watson were also named as Adelaide Thunderbirds training partners.

SASI athletes Lucy Austin, Matilda Garrett, Georgie Horjus, Hannah Petty and Tayla Williams were all selected to play for Australia in the Fast5 World Series in Christchurch, New Zealand.



## NATIONAL CATEGORISED SASI ATHLETES

### Podium

Athletes who have won a medal at the latest pinnacle event (World Cup or Commonwealth Games) in the previous 24 months:

- Sarah Klau

### Podium Potential

Athletes that could progress to a medal performance at the next World Cup and/or Commonwealth Games:

- Matilda Garrett
- Maddy Proud
- Maddy Turner

## CATEGORY 4 DEVELOPING

Athletes in the 21/U national squad, athletes selected in the 19/U national squad and/or identified as developing athletes by the national selectors:

- Jessie Grenvold (Contax Netball Club)
- Lauren Frew (Matrics Netball Club)
- Molly Watson (Contax Netball Club)

## CATEGORY 5 EMERGING

An athlete who has been identified as being capable of progressing to developing in the next 4 years:

- Aaleya Turner (Matrics Netball Club)
- Kayla Graham (Contax Netball Club)
- Lucy Denton (Garville Netball Club)
- Lucy Voyvodic (Matrics Netball Club)
- Poppy Scholz (Oakdale Netball Club)
- Sophie Casey (Matrics Netball Club)
- Tabitha Packer (Contax Netball Club)

## SASI SCHOLARSHIP TALENT

SASI Temporary Athlete Agreement, but are currently not national categorised:

- Brooke Irlam (Garville Netball Club)
- Kalli Cook-Shackles (Oakdale Netball Club)
- Sienna Burns (Newton Jaguars Netball Club)



# NATIONAL SQUADS

## 2023 DIAMONDS SQUAD

- Matilda Garrett
- Sarah Klau
- Maddy Proud
- Maddy Turner

## 2023 AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT SQUAD SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETES

- Georgie Horjus (Adelaide Thunderbirds)
- Lucy Austin (Matrics/Adelaide Thunderbirds)
- Matilda Garrett (Adelaide Thunderbirds)
- Tayla Williams (Adelaide Thunderbirds)

## 2023 21/U NATIONAL SQUAD SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETES

- Jessie Grenvold (Contax Netball Club)
- Georgie Horjus (Adelaide Thunderbirds)

## 2023 19/U NATIONAL SQUAD SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETES

- Sophie Casey (Matrics Netball Club)
- Kaili Cook-Shakles (Oakdale Netball Club)
- Lucy Denton (Garville Netball Club)
- Kayla Graham (Contax Netball Club)
- Tabitha Packer (Contax Netball Club)
- Lucy Voyvodic (Matrics Netball Club)

## 2023 17/U NATIONAL SQUAD SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETES

- Annelise Janssen (Garville Netball Club)
- Jemma Kelly (Metro Jets Netball Club)
- Zalii Reid (Willunga Netball Club)
- Poppy Scholz (Oakdale Netball Club)
- Summer Smith (Loxton Netball Club)



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Bronwyn Klei

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### Pathways Coordinator

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### Pre-elite Pathways Coordinator

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### Development Coordinator

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### Development Coordinator

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### Development Coordinator

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### Development Coordinator

Caitlin Sullivan

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### Membership & Ticketing Manager

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### Membership & Ticketing Coordinator

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### High Performance Manager

Pitre Bourdon

### Adelaide Thunderbirds and Southern Force Operations Manager

Kate Harkness\* & Louise Broadbridge

### Adelaide Thunderbirds Head Coach

Tania Obst

### Adelaide Thunderbirds Assistant Coach

Cathy Fellows

### Adelaide Thunderbirds Assistant Coach

Tracey Neville\*

### Performance Analyst

Jade Traynor

### Strength and Conditioning Coach

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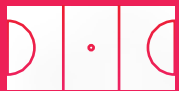
### Duty Manager & Stadium Coordinator

Astrid Schupelius\*









**STADIUM**



# NETBALL SA STADIUM

Netball SA Stadium hosted several events in 2023 across the sport, recreation, entertainment, and event landscapes. Netball SA continued to work with user groups to host diverse content whilst maintaining a safe and inclusive environment for all.

The SSN season returned with the stadium hosting six sold out Adelaide Thunderbirds matches. The first home game of the season presented challenges as the stadium lost power during the match, causing the game to be suspended at half-time. However, the remainder of the season was a success as fans watched their Thunderbirds go on to be crowned SSN Premiers.

The Hospital Research Foundation Group Premier League, City Night Division, Adelaide Metropolitan Netball Division, Masters, and Men's & Mixed competitions all allowed netball to shine within the purpose-built facility. Participant numbers continued to rise, particularly throughout the City Night Division, as netballers of all ages descended on the stadium.

Netball SA also hosted several diverse School Sport netball carnivals, allowing emerging talent to participate as part of their school activities.

In 2023, the stadium also welcomed 10 external (non-netball) events to the venue. These new events highlighted

the venue's diverse capabilities whilst increasing visitation and utilisation numbers.

The stadium hosted three Cultural Dance Garbas as well as a concert for a traditional Bollywood/Pakistani artist as part of an Australian tour.

Netball SA welcomed the return of CheerCon and Aussie Gold - two major Cheer and Dance organisations that host competitions across Australia. The competitions held at the stadium are a platform for SA groups to qualify for international competitions held in a range of countries each year.

The stadium car park supported the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Show by successfully providing the space for a shuttle service to run to and from the Adelaide Showgrounds during September.

Netball SA would like to thank all the associations, clubs and organisations that select Netball SA Stadium as their training and event venue of choice. We would also like to thank our external contractors who continue to make the stadium a safe and welcoming venue for all. We look forward to continuing to welcome our netball family back to the courts and many new visitors to the venue in the year ahead.





# NETBALL SA EVENTS

Netball SA's 2023 events calendar commenced with the Adelaide Thunderbirds Season Launch, celebrated with the club's key stakeholders where athletes were presented with their official playing dress.

Fan Day was held the following Sunday at Netball SA Stadium, as the Thunderbirds hosted the NSW Swifts in front of almost 2,000 fans and spectators.

The Adelaide Thunderbirds also held a home First Nations Round against West Coast Fever in Round 11, which saw the launch of a new First Nations Dress design, created in collaboration between First Nations artist Shane Cook and Netball SA's SAATA Students.

The final home game of 2023 was Round 13 at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Saturday June 10 in front of a record-breaking sold-out crowd.

The annual Country Championships event returned that same weekend as thousands descended on Netball SA Stadium for the largest netball event on the state's calendar.

The Adelaide Thunderbirds celebrated their 2023 premiership season with team presentations on Sunday 9 July, the day after their grand final win.

Celebrations continued the following day for the 2023 End of Season Celebration that saw over 1,000 members and supporters at Netball SA Stadium to congratulate the team on their premiership win.

Netball's night of nights was held on Friday 29 September at Hilton Adelaide as the Netball SA Awards Gala returned to celebrate all levels of netball in South Australia.

In conjunction with SA Nunga Netball, Netball SA hosted the 2023 Nunga Netball Carnival in October at Netball SA Stadium. The carnival included the attendance of Her Excellency, The Honourable Frances Adamson AC and newly appointed First Nations Engagement Lead for Netball Australia, Ali Tucker-Munro.

To close out an enormous year of events, Netball SA hosted the 2023 Australian Masters Games at Netball SA Stadium from Sunday October 8 to Saturday October 14 as 500 competitors from across Australia and New Zealand participated in the week-long tournament.





2023  
SUNCORP SUPER NETBALL  
CHAMPIONS







**GOVERNMENT  
INVESTMENT**



# GRANTS

Netball SA secured various grant funding in the 2023 financial year, benefitting affiliated clubs and associations across the state.

## Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program

Five netball associations and clubs received funding through the Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program: Loxton North Netball Club, Port Lincoln Netball Association, Hope Valley Netball Club, Woodside Warriors Netball Club, and the Barossa Council.

## Highlights

- Lyndoch Recreation Park in Barossa to fund construction and upgrades including netball changerooms and clubrooms
- Funding allowed resurfacing projects across 13 courts

## Active State Collaboration Program

SASMA partnered with Netball SA to develop and deliver education programs that will provide concussion-based training, thanks to funding through the Active State Collaboration Program.

Active Inclusions partnered with Netball SA to develop training modules, club resources, policy templates, training sessions, and social media awareness to address barriers for the effects of menstruation in sport.

## Active Club Program

42 clubs and associations received funding through the Active Club Program to support them in developing programs and services that promote active recreation.

## Performance Pathways Grant

Netball SA secured funding through the Performance Pathways Grant to assist in elevating its high performance pathways to better support SA netballers achieve their potential.

Having the capacity to provide these key support services for elite athlete pathways in South Australia will assist targeted athletes in their endeavours to attain national representation. These services will be provided under the direction/supervision of experienced, qualified Adelaide Thunderbirds/Netball SA staff.





**STRONG  
VOICE**



# MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Netball SA's Marketing and Communications arm continued to promote the sport in South Australia and beyond, from grassroots to the elite level in 2023.

Key campaigns and communications supported the Netball SA, Adelaide Thunderbirds, The Hospital Research Foundation Group Premier League and Netball SA Stadium brands.

Membership and ticketing for the Adelaide Thunderbirds were supported by the 'Dare to Dream' campaign, which focused on the side's potential in 2023 and celebrated the club as a place where netball dreams come true for the Pink Army both on and off the court.

The campaign was integrated across owned, earned and paid digital advertising and media, as well as radio and outdoor thanks to partnerships with SAFM and JC Decaux.

As a result, all six home games at Netball SA Stadium were played in front of sold-out crowds and a record 2,300 memberships were sold as the stadium reached its full capacity.

The Adelaide Entertainment Centre marquee match was a key priority once again, and for the first time in over a decade, the club sold out the AEC as the Thunderbirds played in front of over 9,000 Members and fans.

On the back of a sell-out season and record-breaking membership, the South Australian government announced it would support the club in hosting all seven homes at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre in 2024 to foster its ongoing growth.

Netball SA's partnership with NewsCorp's live streaming arm KommunityTV grew once again as the company live-streamed the Nunga Netball Carnival for the first time and continued its coverage of the Hospital Research Foundation Premier League and the Country Championships event.

Ongoing advertising of the Adelaide Thunderbirds school holiday clinics experienced a positive return on investment, with participation numbers increasing to 1640 overall and July recording record numbers with 719 – a 35% increase on the existing record from July 2022.

Netball SA's marketing and communications arm continued to build on its digital strategy established in 2022 to elevate exposure across owned channels.

As a result, the footprint for Adelaide Thunderbirds and Netball SA digital channels experienced a significant combined growth increase of 20%.

Media opportunities were optimised across the business including television, digital, radio, print and broadcast as

## DIGITAL FOLLOWING



**f 21,300**  
19% INCREASE

**6,910**  
32% INCREASE

**40,033**



**f 67,000**  
11% INCREASE

**53,700**  
27.8% INCREASE

**10,420**





# FINANCIAL REPORT



# COMMERCIAL

## ADELAIDE THUNDERBIRDS MEMBERSHIP

**2,330**

ADELAIDE  
THUNDERBIRDS  
MEMBERS



**27% INCREASE  
FROM 2022**

The Adelaide Thunderbirds reached record membership numbers in 2023 as the Pink Army grew from 1,705 to 2,330 – a significant 27% increase and testament to the club's success.

We launched our Dare to Dream membership and ticketing campaign, which went on to underpin a broader marketing campaign as the Thunderbirds entered their first finals series in 10 years.

When the side secured their place in the Grand Final, members of the Pink Army travelled to Melbourne to watch their team secure the club's first premiership since 2013.

We would like to thank our Members and broader Pink Army for their unwavering support and passion. It was particularly special to celebrate a premiership with our most loyal supporters.





## ADELAIDE THUNDERBIRDS TICKETING AND MATCH DAY ATTENDANCE

**7** SUNCORP SUPER NETBALL GAMES  
HOSTED IN ADELAIDE

**26,500** TOTAL ATTENDANCE ACROSS  
SEVEN HOME GAMES

**9,000** ATTENDED THE ADELAIDE ENTERTAINMENT  
CENTRE MATCH (HIGHEST CROWD OF ANY  
ADELAIDE THUNDERBIRDS SSN HOME GAME)

Over 26,500 people attended Adelaide Thunderbirds home games in 2023 as the club experienced a 15% increase from 2022.

The Pink Army packed the stands at the club's six matches at Netball SA Stadium and the marquee match at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre recorded our highest ever Super Netball game attendance, with 9,000 through the doors.

In Round 7, we celebrated our inaugural Multicultural Round and, as part of a league-wide initiative, Inclusion Round was introduced for Round 8 which saw the Giants host the Thunderbirds for a celebration of Pride.

The 2023 SSN Grand Final between the Thunderbirds and the NSW Swifts saw the highest SSN crowd in history, with 9,622 in attendance at John Cain Arena.

## ADELAIDE THUNDERBIRDS BROADCAST

The Adelaide Thunderbirds were the second highest viewed team of 2023 as our viewership reached 750,000+ viewers across the season.

The rise meant a 51% increase in viewership from 2022 as Super Netball entered its second year of its five-year broadcast deal with Foxtel Group.

Our 2023 Grand Final victory over the Swifts attracted 197K+ viewers, a 15% increase year-on-year.

## OUR PARTNERS

In 2023, we celebrated a historic season with our commercial partners – a mix of long-standing partnerships and new additions to our Netball SA and Adelaide Thunderbirds family.

We welcomed Cobb's Hill Estate winery as our official wine partner, which saw us launch the Cobb's Hill Deck corporate hospitality experience at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

We re-launched the Netball SA Community Lottery, with the support of Mazda, with 100+ clubs taking part to raise \$70,000+ funds for local netball clubs across our state.

The Woolworths Community Grants were established, with Tango Netball Club receiving an \$8,000 cash grant. Woolworths also continued their support of the SA Rubies in the Marie Little Shield competition.

We launched a campaign against brain cancer, in collaboration with The Hospital Research Foundation Group and a special Adelaide Thunderbirds member, raising almost \$10,000 for cancer research.

With a vision to enrich lives, enhance communities and inspire generations, our partnerships continued to provide a vehicle for us to help build sustainable netball clubs across the state and ultimately, contribute to participation growth in our state.

We thank our partners for their unwavering support of netball in South Australia and look forward to continuing to grow together, as we step into an exciting future, with the Adelaide Thunderbirds' move to the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

This move for the next three years allows us to triple our reach and provides an opportunity to take the great game of netball to new audiences.







## MAJOR



## PRINCIPAL CHARITY



The Hospital Research  
Foundation Group

## APPAREL



VALOUR

## SUPPLIER

The  
Physio  
Society.

## CORPORATE







HOME	PERIOD	GUEST
18	1	18
BONUS	FOR	BONUS
FOULS	PLAYER	FOULS
T.O.L.	GAME	T.O.L.
WON		WON

BAGO 2023

2023



# OPERATING PERFORMANCE

Netball in South Australia continued to build momentum following a few difficult years as the sport was impacted by interruptions. This year, the Board and Executive team focused on delivering strategic objectives including growth in participation, a Suncorp Super Netball Premiership and increased facility hire. Despite this momentum, 2023 was financially challenging, particularly due to rising inflation and a challenging sponsorship climate.

Despite much hard work, the increased on-court success failed to translate into increased sponsorship revenue, which reported a decrease due to the loss of a major sponsor. This, combined with the difficult sponsorship climate and uncertainty that surrounded SSN player contracting impacted Netball South Australia's ability to maximise commercial opportunities and report an overall profit.

Unfortunately, expenditure increased at a greater rate than revenue due to rising inflation and the Board's decision to invest in key areas of the business including

participation and high performance. Stadium repairs and maintenance also required investment as the infrastructure continues to age. Costs will continue to be managed through embedding a sustainable business model into the future.

In summary, while the year was filled with on-court triumph and participation growth, the organisation navigated a financially challenging year. Netball South Australia recorded an operating deficit of \$442,232 before interest, taxation, depreciation, and amortisation (EBITDA). Importantly, the financial result was managed within the reserves that exist.

Despite this, the financial position of Netball South Australia at 30 September 2023 remains healthy. The organisation has no current borrowings and strong liquidity and cash reserves remain stable.

Netball South Australia remains committed to delivering the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan and embedding a sustainable business model to strengthen the financial position of the organisation.



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**FINANCIAL REPORT  
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**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Your directors present their report on the association for the financial year ended 30 September 2023.

**Directors**

The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Carolyn Mitchell	Chairman
Glenn Docherty	Director
Chris Wood	Director
Caroline Phillips	Director
Michelle Pole	Director
Julianne Cirson	Director
Nick Redin	Director
Stephen Dawes	Director
Greg Kavanagh	Director
Noelle Smit	Director

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

**Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were the promotion of netball throughout South Australia, the management of a sporting stadium and managing the operations of the Adelaide Thunderbirds. No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

**Significant Changes in the State of Affairs**

There was no significant change in the state of affairs of the association during the year.

**Operating results**

The net deficit for the year for the association was \$758,284 (2022: \$56,327 deficit).


**Auditor's Independence Declaration**

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 September 2023 has been received and can be found on page 4 of the financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors



Director - Carolyn Mitchell



Director - Julianne Cirson

Dated this 08th day of February 2024



**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NETBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**  
**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

**To the board of South Australian Netball Association Incorporated**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 September 2023, there have been no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



**T A Basso - Director**  
**Basso Newman Audit Pty Ltd**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**286 Flinders Street, Adelaide**  
**Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024**



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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Operating Revenue</b>			
Operating revenue and non contract income	2	8,624,693	8,287,882
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Employee benefit expenses		(4,576,525)	(4,028,193)
Administration and office expenses		(315,130)	(237,156)
Bad & doubtful debts		371	55,141
Communication and IT expenses		(311,622)	(229,234)
Cost of sales		(485,741)	(341,851)
Event expenses		(678,954)	(695,388)
Occupancy costs		(606,849)	(636,972)
Other expenses		(241,744)	(189,478)
Participation expenses		(1,460,284)	(1,290,658)
Professional services		(179,251)	(101,693)
Repairs, maintenance and minor equipment		(211,196)	(287,924)
<b>Operating Surplus (deficit) before income tax expense</b>		(442,232)	304,476
<b>Other Income (Expenses)</b>			
Capital revenue		-	10,740
Depreciation expense	7	(316,052)	(371,543)
<b>Total Other Income (Expenses)</b>		(316,052)	(360,803)
<b>Net Surplus (deficit) before income tax expense</b>		(758,284)	(56,327)
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Surplus (deficit) after income tax expense for the year attributable to the members of South Australian Netball Association Incorporated</b>		(758,284)	(56,327)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to the members of South Australian Netball Association Incorporated</b>		(758,284)	(56,327)



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	2,397,502	2,692,723
Accounts receivable and other debtors	4	285,882	359,562
Inventories	5	15,856	16,930
Other current assets	6	298,391	217,454
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		2,997,631	3,286,669
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	7	7,723,401	7,986,745
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		7,723,401	7,986,745
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		10,721,032	11,273,414
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable and other payables	8	940,926	1,006,413
Other liabilities	9	827,564	523,669
Employee provisions	10	196,066	227,590
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		1,964,556	1,757,672
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Employee provisions	10	86,362	87,344
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		86,362	87,344
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		2,050,918	1,845,016
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		8,670,114	9,428,398
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained surplus		8,670,114	9,428,398
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		8,670,114	9,428,398

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	Retained surplus \$	Capital works reserve \$	Total \$
<b>Balance at 1 October 2021</b>	9,084,725	400,000	9,484,725
Surplus (deficit) for the year	(56,327)	-	(56,327)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Transfer from reserve	400,000	(400,000)	-
<b>Balance at 30 September 2022</b>	<b>9,428,398</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,428,398</b>
<b>Balance at 1 October 2022</b>	9,428,398	-	9,428,398
Surplus (deficit) for the year	(758,284)	-	(758,284)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30 September 2023</b>	<b>8,670,114</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,670,114</b>



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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from members, funding bodies and customers		9,539,470	9,591,302
Payments to suppliers and employees		(9,850,522)	(8,189,876)
Interest received		68,539	9,168
<b>Net cash generated by (used in) operating activities</b>		<u>(242,513)</u>	<u>1,410,594</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(52,708)	(75,153)
<b>Net cash generated by (used in) investing activities</b>		<u>(52,708)</u>	<u>(75,153)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		-	-
<b>Net cash generated by (used in) financing activities</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		(295,221)	1,335,441
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		<u>2,692,723</u>	<u>1,357,282</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	3	<u><u>2,397,502</u></u>	<u><u>2,692,723</u></u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements cover South Australian Netball Association Incorporated as an individual entity. South Australian Netball Association Incorporated is an association incorporated in South Australia and operating pursuant to the *Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985*.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

**New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted**

South Australian Netball Association Incorporated ("the association") has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ("AASB") that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

**Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

**Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also required management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the association's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant, are disclosed in note 1(o)

**Accounting Policies**

**(a) Income Tax**

South Australian Netball Association Incorporated is not subject to income tax and therefore no income tax expense or income tax payable is shown in the financial statements.

**(b) Fair Value measurement**

When an asset or liability, financial or non-financial, is measured at fair value for recognition or disclosure purposes, the fair value is based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date; and assumes that the transaction will take place either: in the principal market; or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market.

Fair value is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming they act in their economic best interests. For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement is based on its highest and best use. Valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, are used, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

**(c) Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

The cost of fixed assets constructed within the association includes the cost of materials, direct labour and borrowing costs.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the association and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are recognised as expenses in profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.



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**Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line or diminishing value basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Buildings and leasehold improvements	2.5 years to 40 years
Plant & equipment	1.5 years to 10 years
Furniture, fixtures & fittings	2.5 years to 5 years
Computer equipment	1.5 years to 2 years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the association. Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing net proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they occur. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation relating to that asset are transferred to retained surplus.

**(d) Impairment of non-financial assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the association reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in profit or loss.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the association estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where an impairment loss on a revalued individual asset is identified, this is recognised against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that class of asset.

**(e) Employee Provisions**

*Short-term employee benefits*

Provision is made for the association's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The association's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the statement of financial position.

*Other long-term employee benefits*

Provision is made for employees' annual leave entitlements not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Other long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements of obligations for other long-term employee benefits for changes in assumptions are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur.

The association's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the association does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting date, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

**(f) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

**(g) Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors**

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from customers in the ordinary course of business. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Accounts receivable are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment. Refer to Note 1(d) for further discussion on the determination of impairment losses.

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**(h) Revenue recognition**

The association recognises revenue as follows:

*Revenue from contracts with customers*

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the association is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the association: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the 'expected value' or 'most likely amount' method. The measurement of variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraint continues until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are recognised as a refund liability.

*Sales revenue*

Events and fundraising revenues are recognised when received or receivable.

*Grant income*

Grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the association satisfies the performance obligations stated within the funding agreements.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before the association is eligible to retain the contribution, the grant will be recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until those conditions are satisfied.

Once the assets and liabilities have been recognised then income is recognised for any difference between the recorded asset and liability

*Capital grants*

Capital grants received under an enforceable agreement to enable the association to acquire or construct an item of property, plant and equipment to identified specifications which will be controlled by the association (once complete) are recognised as revenue as and when the obligation to construct or purchase is completed.

For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred since this is deemed to be the most appropriate measure of the completeness of the construction project as there is no profit margin.

For acquisitions of assets, the revenue is recognised when the asset is acquired and controlled by the association.

*Interest Income*

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

*Other revenue*

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

**(i) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

**(j) Inventories**

Inventories held for sale are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.



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**(k) Accounts Payable and Other Payables**

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liabilities outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

**(l) Contract liabilities**

Contract liabilities represent the association's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer and are recognised when a customer pays consideration, or when the association recognises a receivable to reflect its unconditional right to consideration (whichever is earlier) before the association has transferred the goods or services to the customer.

**(m) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

**(n) Current and non-current classification**

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when: it is either expected to be settled in the association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period; or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

**(o) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

*(i) Useful lives of property, plant & equipment*

The association determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

*(ii) Employee benefits provision*

As discussed in note 1(e), the liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

For the purpose of measurement, AASB 119: Employee Benefits defines obligations for short-term employee benefits as obligations expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. As the association expects that all of its employees would use all of their annual leave entitlements earned during a reporting period before 12 months after the end of the reporting period, the association believes that obligations for annual leave entitlements satisfy the definition of short-term employee benefits and, therefore, can be measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid to employees when the obligations are settled.

*(iii) Accruals*

The Accruals at reporting date have been reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that any of the accruals are payable. A payable provision is included for any accrual where the entire balance is not considered received. The provision is based on the best information at the reporting date.

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*(iv) Performance obligations under AASB15*

To identify a performance obligation under AASB 15, the promise must be sufficiently specific to be able to determine when the obligation is satisfied. Management exercises judgement to determine whether the promise is sufficiently specific by taking into account any conditions specified in the arrangement, explicit or implicit, regarding the promised goods or services. In making this assessment, management includes the nature/ type, cost/value, quantity and the period of transfer related to the goods or services promised.

**NOTE 2: OPERATING REVENUE**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Revenue from contracts with customers:		
Affiliation fees	2,737,730	2,525,670
Sponsorship Income	688,570	1,015,978
Grants and distributions received	995,249	1,016,102
Entrance fees and season passes	1,264,211	1,099,716
Hospitality	1,127,520	815,747
Facility Hire	531,133	508,098
Membership and ticket sales	363,240	309,883
Participation and community education	549,326	448,619
Other income	299,175	538,901
Total revenue from contracts with customers	<u>8,556,154</u>	<u>8,278,714</u>
Non-contract income:		
Interest received	68,539	9,168
Total non-contract income	<u>68,539</u>	<u>9,168</u>
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<u><u>8,624,693</u></u>	<u><u>8,287,882</u></u>

**NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT ASSETS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Cash at bank	2,389,765	2,685,528
Cash on hand	<u>7,737</u>	<u>7,195</u>
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u><u>2,397,502</u></u>	<u><u>2,692,723</u></u>

**Reconciliation of cash**

The above figures reconcile to the amount of cash shown in the statement of cash flows at the end of the financial year as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	<u><u>2,397,502</u></u>	<u><u>2,692,723</u></u>
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**NOTE 4 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER DEBTORS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts receivable	276,469	371,654
Other receivables	<u>12,847</u>	<u>-</u>
	289,316	371,654
Less : Provision for doubtful debts	<u>(3,434)</u>	<u>(12,092)</u>
<b>Total current accounts receivable and other debtors</b>	<u><u>285,882</u></u>	<u><u>359,562</u></u>

**NOTE 5 - INVENTORIES**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Merchandise and trading stock	<u>15,856</u>	<u>16,930</u>
<b>Total inventories</b>	<u><u>15,856</u></u>	<u><u>16,930</u></u>

**NOTE 6 - OTHER CURRENT ASSETS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Prepayments	53,872	47,578
Accrued income	<u>244,519</u>	<u>169,876</u>
<b>Total other current assets</b>	<u><u>298,391</u></u>	<u><u>217,454</u></u>



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**NOTE 7 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Buildings and leasehold improvements at cost	10,575,316	10,565,366
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(2,960,884)	(2,699,330)
	<u>7,614,432</u>	<u>7,866,036</u>
Plant and equipment at cost	465,434	458,741
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(437,647)	(424,558)
	<u>27,787</u>	<u>34,183</u>
Furniture, fixtures and fittings at cost	342,466	342,466
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(332,844)	(326,515)
	<u>9,622</u>	<u>15,951</u>
Computer equipment at cost	407,596	371,530
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(336,036)	(300,955)
	<u>71,560</u>	<u>70,575</u>
<b>Total Property, plant &amp; equipment</b>	<u><u>7,723,401</u></u>	<u><u>7,986,745</u></u>

*Reconciliations*

Reconciliations of the written down values at the beginning and end of the current financial year are set out below:

	Buildings and leasehold improvements \$	Plant & equipment \$	Furniture, fixtures and fittings \$	Computer equipment \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 October 2022	7,866,036	34,183	15,951	70,575	7,986,745
Additions	9,950	6,692	-	36,066	52,708
Disposals at book value	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(261,554)	(13,088)	(6,329)	(35,081)	(316,052)
<b>Balance at 30 September 2023</b>	<u><u>7,614,432</u></u>	<u><u>27,787</u></u>	<u><u>9,622</u></u>	<u><u>71,560</u></u>	<u><u>7,723,401</u></u>

**NOTE 8 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable	333,437	289,384
Other payables & accrued expenses	607,489	717,029
<b>Total accounts payable and other payables</b>	<u><u>940,926</u></u>	<u><u>1,006,413</u></u>

*Collateral Pledged*

No collateral has been pledged for any of the accounts payable and other payable balances.

**NOTE 9 - OTHER LIABILITIES**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Current</b>		
Contract liabilities	-	29,255
Income in advance	827,564	494,414
<b>Total other current liabilities</b>	<u><u>827,564</u></u>	<u><u>523,669</u></u>

**NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Current</b>		
Provision for annual leave	169,471	182,728
Provision for long service leave	26,595	44,862
	<u>196,066</u>	<u>227,590</u>
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Provision for long service leave	86,362	87,344
<b>Total employee provisions</b>	<u><u>282,428</u></u>	<u><u>314,934</u></u>

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**Analysis of total employee provisions**

Opening balance at 1 October	314,934	238,667
Additional provisions	148,529	229,605
Amounts used	(181,035)	(153,338)
Balance at 30 September	282,428	314,934

**Employee provisions**

Provision for employee benefits represents amounts accrued for annual leave and long service leave.

The current portion for this provision includes the total amount accrued for annual leave entitlements and the amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have vested due to employees having completed the required period of service. Based on past experience, the entity does not expect the full amount of annual leave or long service leave balances classified as current liabilities to be settled within the next 12 months. However, these amounts must be classified as current liabilities since the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer the settlement of these amounts in the event employees wish to use their leave entitlement.

The non-current portion for this provision includes amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have not yet vested in relation to those employees who have not yet completed the required period of service.

In calculating the present value of future cash flows in respect of long service leave, the probability of long service leave being taken is based upon historical data. The measurement and recognition criteria for employee benefits have been discussed in Note 1(e).

**NOTE 11 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

**Board of Management**

No director of the Board received remuneration from the association in their capacity as director. No other entity that the above directors are associated with has received funds other than through dealings with the association in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms and conditions.

**Key Management Personnel Compensation**

The totals of remuneration paid to key management personnel (KMP) of the association during the year are as follows:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Short Term Benefit	679,694	555,410
Post Employment Benefit	68,779	56,017
Total Compensation	748,473	611,427

**Other related parties**

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and under conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

**NOTE 12 - AUDITOR REMUNERATION**

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Audit of financial statements	20,910	15,312
Tax compliance services	570	-
Consulting and bookkeeping services	8,727	8,335
<b>Total services provided by Basso Newman</b>	30,207	23,647

**NOTE 13 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The association had no contingent liabilities as at 30 September 2023.

**NOTE 14- CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

The association had no capital commitments as at 30 September 2023.



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**NOTE 15 - EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD**

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 September 2023 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the association's operations, the results of those operations, or the association's state of affairs in future financial years.

**NOTE 16 - ASSOCIATION DETAILS**

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is :

South Australian Netball Association Incorporated  
155 Railway Terrace  
Mile End SA 5031

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**STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS**

The directors of the board declare that, in the board's opinion, the financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 3 to 16:

- 1 comply with Accounting Standards – General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures, and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.
- 2 give a true and fair view of the financial position of South Australian Netball Association Incorporated as at 30 September 2023 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 3 During the financial year ended 30 September 2023 no officer of the association, firm of which any officer is a member, or body corporate in which any officer of the association has a substantial financial interest, has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between any officer, firm or body corporate and the association.
- 4 There are reasonable grounds to believe that South Australian Netball Association Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the Directors by:



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**Director - Carolyn Mitchell**



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**Director - Julianne Cirson**

Dated this 08th day of February 2024



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NETBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED



### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of South Australian Netball Association Incorporated ("the entity") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2023, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by directors.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the South Australian Netball Association Incorporated is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1985, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 September 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards –Simplified Disclosures and the Associations Incorporation Act 1985.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants including Independence Standards* ("the Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and Associations Incorporation Act 1985 and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intend to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

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**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.



**Trevor Basso - Director**  
**Basso Newman Audit Pty Ltd**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**286 Flinders Street, Adelaide**  
**Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024**



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