



# West Coast Warriors Netball Club (Inc) ANNUAL REPORT

2023



## President's Report

Even though I seem to have been around for ever, this has been my first year as the President of the West Coast Warriors Netball Club. Overall, it has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience though not without its challenges. I think it is the people that you are with on this journey that keep you sane! On this case, Danielle Dye, Lauren Bridges, Jen Peel, Leah Lloyd, Anne Marie Hawkins and our amazing 2023 coaches, assistant coaches, apprentice coaches and team managers. Thank you all for everything you have done for the club. We are all busy balancing our netball with home and work but somehow it just seems to get done. The joys of being a netball volunteer!!

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the performance of our Men's team, which made it to the Grand Final and provided such an exciting contest. Witnessing their dedication, hard work, and teamwork culminate in this creditable achievement was a moment of pure joy and validation of the club's commitment to men's netball. Even though the result did not go our way, our club could not have been prouder of our gallant men!

Equally satisfying has been the significant improvement of our 20 & Under team. Over the years, we have invested in the development of our youth, and watching them come together as a team as they elevated their performance and skill levels has been deeply gratifying. The progress of the 20 & U team reflects the club's long-term vision and dedication to nurturing talent. It's a testament to the hard work of the coaching staff, players, and everyone involved with the West Coast Warriors.

Our Open team found themselves in a rebuilding phase. Following four successive Grand Final appearances and an impressive streak of three consecutive wins, it was evident that replacing 8 high-caliber players and forming a new team would present a considerable challenge for everyone involved. Nevertheless, embodying the spirit of true Warriors, they persevered, and though they not unexpectedly took time to gel as a unit, they certainly showed other teams glimpses of their potential. There is much to look forward to in 2024.

Our Amazons underpinning program, led by Bri Bunce, really hit their straps in 2023 and produced some quality netball during their Development Challenge weekends and we look forward to seeing many of these players progress through the new 21 & Under team in 2024.

It was also a special moment to see our Head/Open Coach Lorraine Ward finish her tenure (maybe?) with the West Coast Men's and Mixed Netball Association in winning for as her Open Thunder Men won the 2023 Australian Championship title here in Perth. Warriors have so many athletes and officials involved in this program and there were some excellent results in the other age groups as well.



## President's Report

I would like to send a special thank you to Roger Lewis - President of the Board of WDNA for your continued support throughout the season. And also to our Patron Jenny Hodson and Vice Patron Tracey Roberts - Federal Member for Pearce for their continued support and patronage.

As President, I couldn't be more pleased with the direction the club is heading. We have locked in our coaches for 2024 and our team lists look good. Warriors have a long proud history of success, and we will be inspired to continue our pursuit of excellence, building a bright future for the West Coast Warriors. The dedication, passion, and unity within the club are what make our journey so enjoyable, and I look forward to an exciting season ahead in 2024.

**Yvette Thomson**  
President

**2023**

**AUSTRALIAN MENS AND MIXED NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**OPEN MEN**  
Matt Brown  
Jerome Gillbard  
Jason Heard  
Lorraine Ward (Coach)  
Sheldon Bradshaw (Manager)

**MENS RESERVE**  
Ian Brady  
Jake Hawthorne  
James King  
Jonah Ness  
Luke Spadano  
Teresa Newton (Coach)  
Helen Hitchcock (Manager)

**17 & UNDER BOYS**  
Levi Drazevich  
Toby Fountain  
Bailey Scott  
Dilara Isikli (Coach)

**23 & UNDER MEN**  
Mitchell Baylis  
Jayden Kahotea  
William Linter  
Petrina Pehi (Coach)  
Odette Ritchie (Manager)

**RESERVE MIXED**  
Simone Dalkin

**OPEN MIXED**  
Scott Austen  
Elena Damianopoulos

**West Coast THUNDER**

**WEST COAST WARRIORS**





## Head Coach Report

My sincere thanks to all for your hard work and effort. We have great team spirit here and we have stuck together and shown great patience and support to each other. A fact that sometimes is often forgotten and not appreciated is that to have successful teams you must have the right infrastructure and culture in place.

To our President and all committee members, thank you for your invaluable assistance. We appreciate the hard work and commitment it takes to run this club. I would also like to thank all our sponsors who over the last few years have shown faith in the club. A massive thank you to Dave Aylmore for all you do for us.

This season has seen some wonderful netball being played by individuals, by teams and as a Club in general. I would like to acknowledge each one of our players and coaches irrespective of the team and part they played, for the contribution and support you give this netball club. Warriors is a great club. We are rebuilding, but we have real strengths. Great people. Strong values and a proud history.

Our Open and 20s team has had numerous problems this season, and despite this they have shown their true value and will, I believe they will realize their potential next season and I thank them for their perseverance. Our Men's team have excelled and once again showed us that hard work, commitment, heart and teamwork bring success. Congratulations on a great season and I am very proud of the way in which the team played and represented us all especially at the GF. We all know the call on Jimmy was unsettling, but the team and the individual handled the situation with maturity and dignity.

We know there have had to be some tough decisions that we are forced to make, but we made them. The right decision is usually the hardest one and the hardest decisions are often the least popular at the time or most misunderstood. Though there will be players leaving us we know they have been committed and helped us be where we are today, so I thank them for their part in our story.

Success is a difficult measure and not a simple task. I was always told to do my best and work hard and I would succeed. That is a trait I see in all the players and management here. Success is never easy but always achievable. Our progress will continue. A lot has been done and a lot more to do. Warriors will remain committed, focused, strong and most importantly “together“.

There's an old saying that “it matters not if you win or lose, but how you play the game” and it is an honour and a privilege to be associated with a group of people who play the game so well.

**Lorraine Ward - Head/Open Coach**



## 2023 Teams



### WEST COAST WARRIORS 2023 OPEN'S TEAM

Kellie Baker  
Steph Cooper  
Simone Dalkin  
Elena Damianopoulos  
Jessica Eales  
Gemma Etheredge  
Taylor Finch  
Eli Johnstone  
Charley Rafferty  
Hana Stokes  
Ella Tudor-Roberts  
Kassidy Withers



### WEST COAST WARRIORS 2023 OPEN'S TEAM

*Training Partners*  
Amber Jamieson  
Hannah Trusso

**HEAD COACH**  
Lorraine Ward

**ASSISTANT COACH**  
Tibbie Galbraith

**MANAGER**  
Helen Hitchcock



### WEST COAST WARRIORS 2023 MEN'S TEAM

Scott Austen  
Ian Brady  
Matthew Brown  
Levi Drazevich  
Jerome Gillbard  
Jake Hawthorne  
Jason Heard  
Alex Jurkiewicz  
Jayden Kahotea  
James King  
William Linter  
Jonah Ness



### WEST COAST WARRIORS 2023 MEN'S TEAM

**TRAINING PARTNERS**  
Mitchell Baylis  
Luke Spadano

**DEVELOPMENT PLAYERS**  
Toby Fountain  
Bailey Scott

**CO-COACHES**  
Hannah Irving & Jason Heard

**MANAGER**  
Sheldon Bradshaw





## 2023 Teams



**WEST COAST WARRIORS  
2023 20 & UNDER TEAM**

Rachel Cant  
Eva Ferguson  
Tanna Finch  
Lily Gilsenan  
Sinead Harvey  
Aaliyah Koteka  
Charlotte Moreschini  
Finn Mulligan  
Jasmine Prentice  
Anna Walsh  
Amelia White  
Erika Yokwe



**WEST COAST WARRIORS  
2023 20 & UNDER TEAM**

**HEAD COACH**  
Petrina Pehi

**ASSISTANT COACH**  
Dilara Isikli

**APPRENTICE COACH**  
Brooke Tkachenko

**MANAGER**  
Odette Ritchie



**WEST COAST WARRIORS  
2023 AMAZONS SQUAD**

Maya Best  
Ava Buselich  
Brooke Challen  
Tayla Deering  
Jessica Ferraloro  
Hayleigh Heather  
Charli Hynes  
Harmony Johnstone  
Taylah Marriott  
Hannah Sinfield  
Amber Wallis  
Aynslee Williamson



**WEST COAST WARRIORS  
2023 AMAZONS SQUAD**

**COACH**  
Bri Bunce

**ASSISTANT COACH**  
Megan McClearie







## 2023 Award Winners

### West Coast Warriors 2023 Awards Night

#### OPENS

**MVP Jen Peel Medal** Jessica Eales

**Players Player Award** Jessica Eales

**Coaches Award** Hana Stokes



### West Coast Warriors 2023 Awards Night

#### MENS

**MVP Ron Winter Medal** James King

**Players Player Award** James King

**Coaches Award** Jake Hawthorne



### West Coast Warriors 2023 Awards Night

#### 20'S

**MVP Sue Neate Medal** Lily Gilsean

**Players Player Award** Charlotte Moreschini

**Coaches Award** Sinead Harvey

**Marg Whitney Amazon's Award** Hayleigh Heather



### West Coast Warriors 2023 Awards Night

#### CLUB AWARDS

**Heart of a Warrior Award** Hana Stokes

**Volunteer of the Year** Odette Ritchie


**Coach of the Year** Jason Heard

**President's Award** Jason Heard






## Warriors Cup Report




**West Coast Warriors  
Netball Club**

# THANK YOU




**To the 98 teams who  
registered to play!**



**To WDNA for the use of the  
facility and support!**



**To Fresh Frontier for their  
generous donation of  
salads & onions!**



**To Great Temptations Bakery  
for their delicious muffins!**





## Financial Report

Thanks to the resounding success of the 2023 Warriors Cup and the generous support of our sponsors, we closed out the year with a modest surplus. The Warriors have always steered clear of relying on major sponsorship dollars, recognizing the challenges of securing such funds and the unpredictability of today's economic climate. Our club's core principle has remained steadfast: thriving through effective fundraising and adhering to responsible financial management.

In this spirit, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to David Aylmore of Aylmore & Associates, Teresa Newton of Big Mouth Productions, and Cam Watkins from Darch Physiotherapy for their invaluable contributions to the club. Your unwavering support and commitment to helping us control costs are deeply appreciated.

While a comprehensive financial report will be presented at the upcoming Annual General Meeting, we wanted to take this opportunity to emphasize why fundraising, despite its sometimes arduous nature, remains the lifeblood of our club.

To put things in perspective, our total expenses amount to approximately \$80,000. Yes, that's the correct figure. Athlete fees generate approximately \$27,000, and we receive a grant of \$20,000 from Netball WA. As you can see, this leaves us with a shortfall of \$33,000. Our committee is eager to reduce or subsidize fees wherever possible (as exemplified by our recent contribution of almost \$3,500 to offset the cost of Jill McIntosh dinner tickets), but this ambition is contingent on successful fundraising efforts.

To address this financial challenge, the committee has prepared a sponsorship proposal, offering businesses various affordable avenues to support our club in 2024. If you are aware of any businesses interested in contributing, please do not hesitate to contact us, and we will provide them with the necessary information. Furthermore, we encourage all athletes to explore opportunities to secure personal sponsors that can help alleviate their fees.

We intend to explore our fundraising options further during our 2024 Camp, and we eagerly await input and suggestions from our athletes. Your ideas and contributions are vital in shaping the future success of our club, and we are more than willing to listen and work together to put these plans into action.



## 2023 Sponsors



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