



# NETBALL NORTHERN TERRITORY ANNUAL REPORT 2019



Netball NT's purpose is to maximise opportunities for Territorians to be involved in Netball in a way that brings them good health, recognition, inspiration, achievement, enjoyment and a sense of belonging.



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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CATHERINE SANSOM

2019 was a year of excitement for Netball Northern Territory as we were able to officially move into our new stadium and the players in the Top end could play on sprung floors with air-conditioning. We have been successful in sourcing CDU as naming rights for this facility and we thank them for their support.

In May in conjunction with the Adelaide Thunderbirds we hosted a Suncorp Super Netball game. This was a successful event with a very thrilling game that was played with great sportsmanship. I thank the NT government for their support, and we look forward to another game in the future.

The Territory Storm partnered with Sunshine Coast Lightning to compete in the ANL. There were many successful wins this year and we finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place which is a credit to the amazing athletes who were supported by the dedicated coaching staff.

Our 17's and 19's continue to demonstrate great skills on and off the court at the annual National championships. Each year it is pleasing to see our NT young athletes show pride and courage when representing our Territory. Thank you to the coaching and support staff for ensuring our players are well prepared to take the court.

I would like to thank my fellow directors for their hard work and support over the last year. They are a dedicated and immensely capable group who give their time willingly and tirelessly for the benefit of our sport. They have shown support and loyalty to me and to Ian at all times, while always being prepared to challenge conventional thinking and to be open to new ideas.

I would also like to thank Ian for his energy, commitment and drive to our organization. He puts in many extra hours to ensure our association is well run and the stadium is function at its best. I also thank the staff for the hard work and dedication towards Netball NT.

Finally, I would like to thank you, the members, for working with us to create a better future for netball. There are many challenges we face in our own environments and if we work together, we will ensure we are still the sport of choice for girls and women.

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

IAN HARKNESS

In what was a challenging year with the acquisition of the Territory Netball Stadium to the day to day management of the Association and the requirements to continue the financial recovery identified late in 2018 the year was not without its interesting times.

I refer you to the various staff reports included in these papers for more information.

## GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

In 2019, Netball NT continued its Tier 1 status with the NT Government (NTG) and was provided funding support as follows: -

- Peak Sports Body Funding encompassed the following areas over two (2) NTG financial years: -
  - Core staff salary assistance
  - Grass Roots participation
  - Athlete Development Pathways
  - Interstate Participation (19's & 17's)
  - Stakeholder Engagement
  - General Operating Expenses
- NTIS Pathway Manager Support
- NTIS Officiating Grants
- NAICIP funding for the Territory Storm in the ANL competition.
- Remote Sports Voucher Funding for netball delivery in remote communities.

The valued contribution made by the NT Government to netball in the NT cannot be underestimated and we are appreciative for their continued support of the organisation.

In addition to the NTG support the Association received one-off funding support from the Federal Government to ensure the Territory Storm was able to participate in 2019 ANL competition.



## SPONSORS / COMMERCIAL

In 2019, Netball NT continued to receive the support of our long-term sponsors:

- Sitzler P/L: Naming rights Sponsor the netball facility at Marrara
- NT Link P/L: Major sponsor of NT Championships / Provision of Netball NT work vehicle
- CFS Gear: Netball apparel supplier

The 2019 Dragonflies All Abilities team were supported by:

- Ward Keller
- Life Without Barriers
- Somerville Community Services

During 2019 we welcomed new corporate partners to the Association:

- Charles Darwin University - Naming Rights to the Territory Netball Stadium and partnerships for CDU students within the Association
- Road Safety Authority – Stadium Signage
- HOT 100FM – Stadium Signage
- Council of the Ageing – support of the Walking Netball activities.

Netball NT also continued to benefit from the National Sponsorships either through the Suncorp Super Netball or other Netball Australia A partnerships which include:

- Gilbert
- Nissan Australia
- Woolworths
- Mondelez Australia (Cadbury)

## TERRITORY NETBALL STADIUM

Netball NT was handed the keys to the Territory Netball Stadium on 24 January 2019 on the basis of a three (3) year Lease from the NT Government.

The revised Lease encompassed the existing outdoor court area and the Stadium.

It has been an interesting learning curve in regard to the Stadium particularly coming to terms with the costs and operation of the air conditioning system and the associated benefits of the solar power system which hasn't always been fully operational in the first year and has resulted in a twelve (12) month extension of the defect period for that unit.

Aside from the regular netball use by Darwin Netball Association for their competition, club trainings and development activities along with School Sport netball activities, the intention that the Stadium would become multi-use and be a revenue generating vehicle for the Association slowly gathered momentum and we were pleased to host the following organisations / activities at various times during the year:

- Chinese Community of Northern Australia – Shaolin Kung Fu Show
- Suncorp Super Netball – Thunderbirds v Lightning
- Good Shepherd Lutheran College – School Concert
- Football Federation NT – FFA Cup draw
- Questacon Science Fair
- Volleyball NT – Training Sessions
- Arafura Games – Volleyball and Netball along with being Marrara central for medical and media.
- Jehovah’s Witness Assembly
- Indian Community – Diwali Festival
- Marrara Christian College – School Presentation

The positive aspect of exposing the facilities to other community organisations is that bookings have already been received for both 2020 and 2021.

As mentioned earlier in the report we were most pleased to welcome aboard Charles Darwin University as the Naming Rights sponsor of the Stadium and that along with the developing relationship between Strength & Conditioning students from CDU with Netball NT teams has set the platform for an ongoing relationship with Netball NT and to develop further with Member Associations.

## MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

### NT Link Championships

The 2019 NT Championships were held at the Sitzler Netball Centre in Darwin on the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September with 24 teams competing across five age groups and utilizing CDU Stadium for the first time.

13U: Darwin, Palmerston (2 teams) Alice Springs, Katherine & Kununurra (1 team) = 7 teams

15U: Darwin, Palmerston (2 teams), Alice Springs, Gove and Kununurra (1 team) = 7 teams

17U: Darwin, Palmerston (2 teams), Alice Springs (1 team) = 5 teams

19U: Alice Springs and Darwin (1 team) = 2 teams

Open: Alice Springs, Darwin, Palmerston (1 team) = total 3 teams

### Grand final Results:

13U: Darwin Green (38) def Darwin Gold (19) – Best on Court – Keely Patrick (DNA Green)

15U: Darwin Green (41) def Alice Springs (21) – Best on Court – Laura Roy (DNA)

17U: Alice Springs (35) def Darwin Green (31) – Best on Court – Lucy Nicolai (ASNA)

19U: Darwin (57) def Alice Springs (34) – Best on Court – Charlie Neal (DNA)

Open: Alice Springs (45) def Darwin (36) – Best on Court – Tegan Hatzimihail (ASNA)

### Other Awards:

13U: NT Link Developing Star – Emma Stark (DNA Gold)

15U: NT Link Developing Star – Quittisher Muckerie (Kununurra NA)

17U: NT Link Developing Star – Hollie Harvey (DNA)

Overall Championships Players' Player – Quittisher Muckerie (Kununurra NA)

Volunteer of the Year – Neil Forsyth (Palmerston NA)

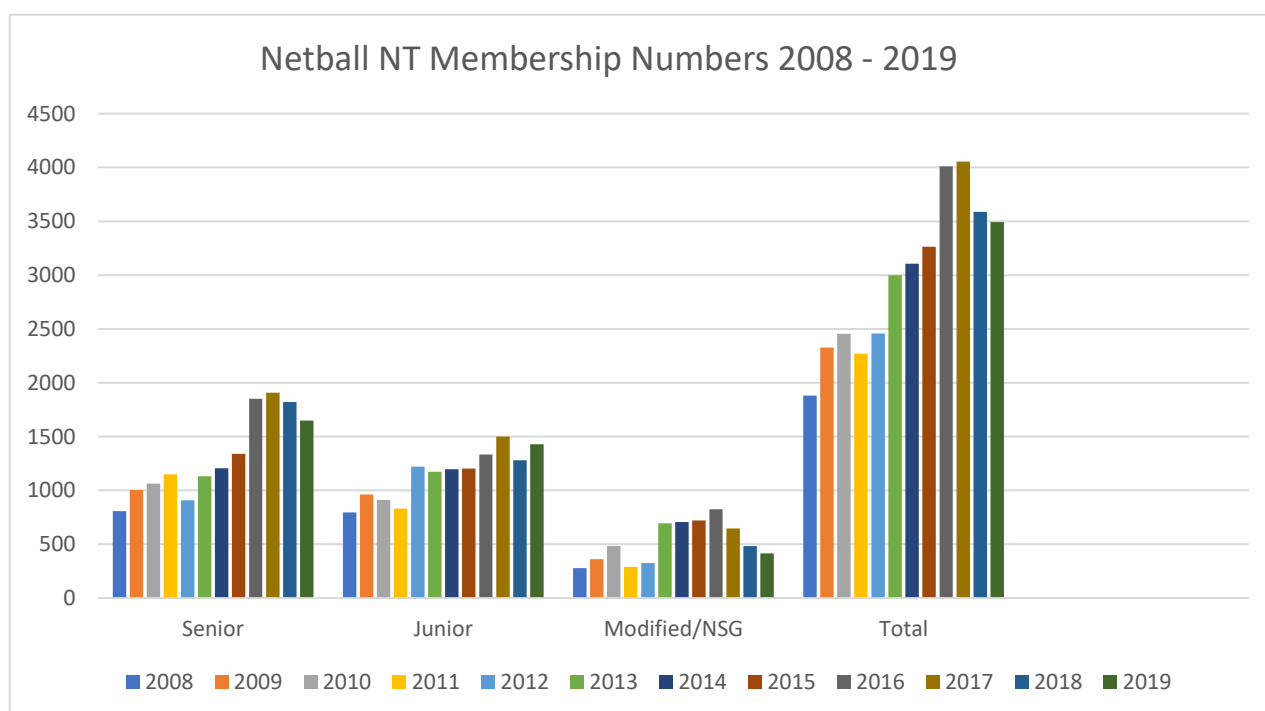
## Membership numbers

Based on the MyNetball database the membership figures for 2019 were as follows: -

- **Member Associations – 2019 Members**

- Darwin 1295 Members
- Alice Springs 983 Members
- Palmerston 710 Members
- Katherine 307 Members
- Gove 132 Members
- NNT registered 66 Members

- **2019 Total Members = 3493** (a decrease of 94 on the 2018 statistics however a category named 'unmapped' contained 538 entries and we are still trying to ascertain from NA what this actually refers to)



## NETBALL AUSTRALIA

The relationship between Netball NT and Netball Australia is stronger than ever before with continuing financial and resource support for which we are most appreciative.



In addition, through the Confident Girls Foundation established by Netball Australia, Netball NT was supported with funding towards the conduct of the annual Indigenous Carnival, remote visits, and All Abilities activities including the Dragonflies team that participates in the Marie Little Shield on an annual basis.

## STAFFING STRUCTURE

2019 saw a number of staffing changes, with a decision made in December to implement a small restructure for the 2019 year relating to both the sport generally and the imminent opening of the Territory Netball Stadium.

### 2019 Staffing Structure

Position	Staff Member	Period of Employment
<b>Executive Officer:</b>	Ian Harkness	Commenced August 2018 <i>Employment Ongoing</i>
<b>Pathway Manager</b>	Penny Shearer	Commenced September 2017 <i>Contract ongoing</i>
<b>Development Manager:</b>	Trudie Hopgood	Commenced March 2017 <i>Employment ongoing</i>
<b>Marketing &amp; Events</b>	Dustie Tare Indu Jaswal	Commenced February 2019 Maternity Leave December 2019 Commenced December 2019 <i>Engaged until July 2020</i>
<b>Community Development Manager:</b>	Stacey Carkeek	Commenced August 2018 Resigned April 2019
<b>Development Manager, Central Australia</b>	Chelsea Mifsud Grace Barry	Commenced August 2018 Resigned July 2019 Commenced July 2019 – Casual <i>Employment Ongoing</i>

2019 was a difficult year from the perspective of attempting to correct the financial position of the Association (refer to Treasurers Report) and a couple of hard decisions had to be made to replace two (2) full time staff upon their resignations.

I must extend my appreciation to the staff during the year who were asked to rein in and reconsider any expenditure and to ensure it was essential prior to proceeding.

Aside from their general commitment and work ethic to their roles, their support and contribution to rectifying our financial position was greatly appreciated.

## REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

I refer you to the Pathways Manager report for information relative to the Underage National Championship teams and the Territory Storm in the DUANL competition.

It is appropriate however to acknowledge the relationship between Sunshine Coast Lightning and Netball NT in regard to the Storm participation in the DUANL.

As you know the due to economic factors and the decreasing number of Territory based athletes nominating for this team the decision has had to be made that we cannot continue under the present arrangements following the cancellation of the NTG funding across sport for senior representative teams.

Prior to the 2019 season the management of the Lightning reviewed their position and increased their contribution both financially and with human resources to keep the team, and our involvement, alive.

Our thanks go to Danielle Smith and the Lightning organisation for their support over the years.

### Dragonflies



The Netball NT Dragonflies participated in the Marie Little Shield in Brisbane in October 2019 and what transpired out of this event was outstanding.

Firstly, the team recorded their first ever win in the competition with a 17 to 7 victory over the ACT.

At the end of tournament presentations where there are two (2) individual awards made the following Netball NT players were recognised:

- Naomi Alliston was awarded the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament which is voted on by teams at the end of each match
- Emily Ellison was awarded the Spirit Award which is voted on at the end of each match to the person who shows spirit and enthusiasm

Congratulations to both players on their individual acknowledgments but also to all players and support staff for their ever-increasing enthusiasm towards this event.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The 2019 year was an interesting one from many perspectives and whilst not fully achieving everything we may have wished for it has stabilized our position to move forward in 2020.

The interest in the Stadium usage should provide greater revenue opportunities for the Association and the operation of the solar panels should provide a benefit to offsetting expenses.

The participation numbers overall have been reasonably steady and if we can continue to at least maintain them there is some positivity in that area.

We should be back to a full staffing contingent early in the year to maximise school and community visits.

In closing, my thanks to the Board for their support and encouragement over the year, the Staff for the reasons I wrote about a little earlier and all the Association and Club volunteers for their contribution to the delivery of the sport in their particular areas.

There is much to look forward to in 2020.

**Ian Harkness**

**Executive Officer**

# DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

TRUDIE HOPGOOD

## OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT

### UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The UDC has been discontinued to be replaced by a new Advisory Panel format. Thank you to all those who have continued to work closely with Netball NT in the interim to ensure umpiring was supported throughout all events on the 2019 Calendar.

### NETBALL AUSTRALIA'S EMERGING TALENT PROGRAM NOMINATIONS

Gemma Nevin and Mark Munnich were selected into Phase 1 of the Emerging Talent Umpire Program with invitations to the 17U/19U National Netball Championships.

Both received intensive coaching throughout the tournament as well as a comprehensive written feedback report. Michelle Phippard, Head Coach of Emerging Talent, has recommended that both Umpires be nominated again in 2020.

#### High Performance Umpire Coaches

- Michelle Phippard – Head Coach of Emerging Talent
- Mark Henning – Assistant Coach
- Kate Wright – Assistant Coach
- Dianne Cocker – Assistant Coach

### ARAFURA GAMES

**Umpires** – Team white included twelve umpires, six locals and six from QLD.

Kelly	Findlay	DNA	B Badge
Emma	Forsyth	DNA	B Badge
Ruth	Kirk	DNA	B Badge
Mark	Munnich	DNA	A Badge
Stacey	McDonald	DNA	C Badge
Melanie	Ralph	PNA	B Badge
Nicola	Hele	QLD	B Badge
Sue	Holden	QLD	B Badge
Brooke	Quilter	QLD	B Badge
Jake	Shepherd	QLD	B Badge
Nicola	Stevens	QLD	B Badge
Deb	Tapper	QLD	B Badge
Stewart	Ting	QLD	A Badge

Interstate umpires were required as local interest and/or availability was lacking. Unfortunately, it was a missed opportunity for some of our local umpires to gain valuable experience. I would like to acknowledge Ruth Kirk and Melanie Ralph who made themselves available for the entire tournament, ensuring NT umpires were represented at every session.

Our interstate Umpire workforce came from within Netball QLD's high performance program. Two volunteered via social media links. The remaining five umpires were sourced through a direct approach to Netball QLD.

Amongst the group were a number of highly experienced Umpires who provided mentoring and coaching to our local umpires throughout.

**Bench Officials** – Fourteen Bench Officials were involved in total. This included eight nationally accredited officials with five from QLD, one from NSW, and two from the NT.

<b>Margot</b>	<b>Paterson</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>National Bench Official</b>
<b>Katrina</b>	Taylor	QLD	National Bench Official
<b>Nerida</b>	Bartlett	QLD	National Bench Official/International Bench Manager
<b>Cheryl</b>	Cook	QLD	National Bench Official
<b>Liane</b>	Bell	QLD	National Bench Official
<b>Michele</b>	Flick	QLD	National Bench Official
<b>Julie</b>	Kellam	DNA	National Bench Official
<b>Lynda</b>	Stanwix	DNA	National Bench Official
<b>Charmian</b>	McKean	DNA	Volunteer
<b>Carol</b>	Dollar	DNA	Volunteer
<b>Amelia</b>	Keating	SEDA	Volunteer
<b>Erin</b>	Murphy	SEDA	Volunteer
<b>Gemma</b>	McIntyre	SEDA	Volunteer
<b>Charli</b>	Moss-Morgan	SEDA	Volunteer

The good news story of the games was having six new faces volunteer in this space. Each was asked to prepare by completing the Rules of Netball Theory Exam and the online Bench Officials Education Course, as well as attend a workshop led by Lynda Stanwix.

Nerida Bartlett (QLD Netball, International Bench Manager) agreed to manage the team throughout the tournament and provided a program prioritizing the development of our new officials.

Charmian McKean and Carol Dollar were able to participate from the start of the tournament with support and by finals time were deemed ready to test for their state bench official accreditation. Both were successful and subsequently allocated to the Darwin based ANL matches held in May.

Four SEDA students were assigned as a shadow bench to observe and practice with support. Deeper into the tournament they were then given the opportunity to participate in live games with mentor support. All performed extremely well and will be looking for further opportunities to practice toward their State Level Bench Accreditation.

## UMPIRE COACH WORKSHOP – ANL/SSN Weekend 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June

**Concept:** Align a workshop with the home ANL and SSN matches allowing for direct reflection and learning on live action. The aim was to explore umpire coaching at a local level within the context of a national accreditation system. The overarching goal is consistency in badging across the NT and alignment with national expectations.

**Presenter:** We were very lucky to have Stewart Ting presenting at this workshop. Stewart is an incredibly experienced Australian National Netball Umpire had previously worked with a number of our local umpires during the Arafura Games. He has a great deal of experience coaching and presenting in both the development and high-performance space through time with Netball NSW and now Netball QLD.

**Areas of Emphasis:** The focus was on:

- An examination of the six aspects of Umpiring in relation to different badge levels.
  - Communication and game management
  - PVT – Position, Vision and Timing
  - Minor rules
  - Contact
  - Obstruction
  - Advantage
- Observations on the application of these within the ANL and SSN games being observed.
- Exploration of what it means to be a coach of Umpires.
- A breakdown of Badging Matrixes and what these mean in the current environment of badging.
- How to apply the learning to a community setting using National recommendations.

### Participants:

Carly Ross	ASNA
Linda Parnham	DNA
Gemma Nevin	DNA
Ruth Kirk	DNA
Jessica Wakefield	DNA
Andrea Read	KNA
Melanie Ralph	PNA
Stacey MacDonald	PNA

## BENCH OFFICIALS ANL PANEL 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June

We had two newly accredited NT State Bench officials participate on the panel for each ANL game.

- Carol Dollar
- Charmian McKean

Netball SA offered support by supplying the remaining members and Bench manager. The SA contingent provided mentoring for Carol and Charmian as well as conducting a National Bench Assessment for each official. Both ladies did extremely well, and Charmian was awarded her National Bench Official Accreditation.

### Bench Official Allocations for the DUANL Matches

Day	Time	Bench Manager	Scorer 1	Scorer 2	Timer 1	Timer 2
<b>Saturday 8 June 2019</b>	12:30pm	Chris Ranger	Charmian McKean	David Walker	Carol Dollar	Heather Coutts
<b>Sunday 9 June 2019</b>	9:00am	Chris Ranger	Carol Dollar	Heather Coutts	Charmian McKean	David Walker

### GOVE NETBALL ASSOCIATION – Umpire and Coach Visit 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> June

Two umpires, Stacey MacDonald (PNA) and Jessica Wakefield (DNA), volunteered their time to visit Gove to umpire the GNA Mixed Netball Grand final, provide umpire coaching and conduct a Net Set Go program. We are very grateful to Stacey and Jessica for their support of our Gove netball community.

### UMPIRE INTERSTATE DEVELOPMENT VISIT

Fully funded by an NTIS Officiating Development grant.

Carly Ross (ASNA) and Melanie Ralph (PNA) were chosen via the Umpire Development Committee to travel to South Australia for a development opportunity.

Both were invited by Netball SA's High Performance Umpire Allocation Panel to attend Netball SA's Premier League (State League) Competition on the Friday night to watch the matches, observe the feedback being given and talk to the on-court umpires after the matches. Both Umpires were allocated games on the Saturday and offered coaching from SA's high performance Umpire coaches. Carly Ross was offered the opportunity to be tested for her B badge and was successful!

### NT LINK CHAMPIONSHIP

For the second year running, we have secured the services of two guest umpire coaches to attend our NT Link Championship. In 2019, our core focus shifted from individual coaching and feedback for umpires, to the more sustainable approach of developing our coaches and support for our A & B badged umpires.

#### Guest Coaches:

**Stewart Ting** – High Performance Umpire Coach, National A Badge and a member of Netball Queensland's Elite Umpires Program. Stewart has umpired at both National and International level and was a reserve for ANL in 2019.

**Bronwen Adams** – Current IUA (International Umpire's Award), one of only eight appointed by the INF. Current Suncorp Super Netball umpire with both National and International experience.

Stewart's attendance was made possible through an NTIS Officiating Development Grant. We invited Stewart after his involvement at the Arafura Games earlier in the year and his subsequent visit to support our umpire coaches at a workshop aligned with the Suncorp Super Netball and ANL games. This is where our umpire coaches first met Bronwyn in a post-game Umpire Q&A. The rapport that both Stewart and Bronwen had with

our Umpire Coaches, as well as the opportunity for continuity, made them the perfect fit for this year's championship.

Prior to the start of the Championship, Stewart Ting held an open Q&A for umpires, players and coaches. After a disappointing attendance by coaches and players, a concerted effort to better integrate the player, coach and officials pathways, to increase the knowledge of all participants and build a better relationship between all parties should be a consideration in 2020.

**Netball NT Umpire Leadership Team** – 2019 also saw the introduction of a leadership team to oversee Team White during the tournament. Kylie Bell headed the team with the invaluable assistance of Ruth Kirk and support from Linda Parnham during the lead-up.

- Kylie Bell
- Ruth Kirk
- Linda Parnham
- Stewart Ting
- Bronwen Adams

#### Association Nominated Umpires

Name	Badge	Association
Melanie Ralph	B	PNA
Moana Smith	C	PNA
Stacey McDonald	C	PNA
Clare Forsyth	B	PNA
Lilli Ralph	C	PNA
Mel Waters	C	PNA
Amity Partridge	C	PNA
Charlotte Christophers	C	PNA
Andrea Read	C	KNA
Annette Scheffe	C	KNA
Carly Ross	B	ASNA
Rebecca Strickland	B	ASNA
Jade Cunningham	C	ASNA
Shari Lesiak	C	ASNA
Mark Munnich	A	DNA
Gemma Nevin	A	DNA
Ben Manfield	B	DNA
Kelly Findlay	B	DNA
Ruth Kirk	B	DNA
Charlotte McLaughlan	C	DNA
Sherrie Dattinger	C	DNA
Linda Widdicombe	C	DNA
Stephanie Drysdale	B	Kununurra
Rachell Fewster	C	Kununurra

**Ruth Kirk tournament reflections** (NT Link Championship Leadership Team, B Badge Umpire):



*“The NT Champs for 2019 was extremely successful from an umpire and umpire coach perspective. All umpires involved took the opportunity to ask as many questions as they could and take on as much feedback as they could possibly handle. Stewart and Bron’s presence and knowledge were outstanding, Bron especially who is so passionate about umpire progression and coaching was delighted to see so many umpires grow just over two days of netball. The way that both Bron and Stew were able to engage and inspire all the umpires but especially those who took part in the coaching programs was excellent to see. I myself learnt more than I thought I would and now have a lot more to bring to my coaching and umpiring. All the respect shown to Stew, Bron and to each other was also great to see from all people involved. Having Bron and Stewart involved in this NT Champs was an integral part of all the umpires growth and all the coaches knowledge.”*

## OFFICIALS ACCREDITATION (JAN TO OCT)

Feedback from association umpire coordinators is that the 2019 Netball Australia course price increase is adversely affecting engagement of new umpires and the willingness of existing umpires to refresh their knowledge via the Rules of Netball Theory Exam. This view is supported by the numbers below. Our concern has been passed on to Netball Australia.

Umpiring	2018	2019
Rules of Netball Theory Examination (Passed)	100	55
Foundation Umpire Course (Passed)	73	44
C badges	16	13
B badges	4	2
A badge	0	0
Bench Officials	2018	2019
Courses - online	3	6
State Bench Official	0	2
National Bench Official	0	2

## PARTICIPATION

### REMOTE COMMUNITY VISITS

The sport voucher scheme provides access to sport, recreation and cultural activities for children in remote areas of the Northern Territory. For each child enrolled in a remote school \$200 is available to fund activities in remote communities. Netball NT works with the Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture and Regional councils to deliver activities in remote communities. Seven fully funded visits were made under the scheme in 2019. Coaches included the Netball NT Participation manager, Community Coaches and SEDA students.

<b>Roper Gulf Regional Council</b>	<b>Barunga</b>
<b>Roper Gulf Regional Council</b>	Beswick
<b>Roper Gulf Regional Council</b>	Borooloola
<b>Roper Gulf Regional Council</b>	Ngukurr
<b>Roper Gulf Regional Council</b>	Numbulwar
<b>East Arnhem Regional Council</b>	Ramingining
<b>West Daly Regional Council</b>	Wadaye

2019/2020 Remote Sports Voucher Scheme quotes have been accepted for the following communities.

<b>Council</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>Proposed Month</b>
East Arnhem Regional Council	Galiwinku / Shepherdson	Jan-20
West Arnhem Regional Council	Maningrida	Feb-20
East Arnhem Regional Council	Ramingining	Feb-20
Roper Gulf Regional Council	Jilkminggan	Apr-20
Roper Gulf Regional Council	Bulman	Apr-20
Roper Gulf Regional Council	Jilkminggan	Apr-20
Roper Gulf Regional Council	Ngukurr	May-20
Roper Gulf Regional Council	Beswick (Wugularr)	May-20

### **INDIGENOUS CARNIVAL 27-28<sup>th</sup> July**

Fifteen teams participated in this year's Carnival, joining us from across the Territory as well as visiting teams from Kununurra, W.A. The program included 13 & under through to an open division.

With the availability of the new CDU Stadium, the tournament moved indoors with the schedule condensed to Saturday and Sunday, allowing Friday to be a travel day and give our participants the opportunity to attend the Darwin Show.

Darlene from Darl's ART once again provided Indigenous Art activities for the participants and spectators that proved incredibly popular. This year also saw the addition of a photo booth, a face painting station, and inflatable obstacle course to add to the fun.

Thank you to Linda Parnham for once again acting as Umpire Coordinator for the tournament.

### **SPORTING SCHOOLS**

Sporting Schools is a \$240 million Australian Government initiative designed to help schools to increase children's participation in sport, and to connect them with community sporting opportunities.

To help achieve this, Sport Australia has partnered with more than 30 national sporting organisations (NSOs) including Netball Australia. Net Set Go is delivered to primary schools and Fast 5 is delivered to Year 7 and 8 students in secondary schools.

Schools have an option of selecting teacher delivered or NNT coach delivered with the packages priced accordingly.

Total Packages				
	NSG	Fast 5		
	Primary School	High School	Combined	
<b>Term 1</b>	8	2	10	
<b>Term 2</b>	5	3	8	
<b>Term 3</b>	1	0	1	
<b>Term 4</b>	0	0	0	
			19	
	<b>Packages by Zone</b>			
	Southern Zone		Northern Zone	
	Teacher Delivered	NNT Coach delivered	Teacher Delivered	NNT Coach delivered
<b>Term 1</b>	0	6	1	3
<b>Term 2</b>	0	4	2	2
<b>Term 3</b>	0	1	0	0
<b>Term 4</b>	0	0	0	0
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# PATHWAY MANAGER'S REPORT

PENNY SHEARER

## ATHLETES

### 2019 TID Athletes

- Ochre Renwick – Darwin 17s. Despite suffering an ACL injury in the semi- final at Nationals Ochre was named in the Aus 17s Development Squad. Ochre has undergone surgery and is currently working through her rehab.

Olivia Hatzismalis- Darwin 17s. Olivia attended camp in Canberra after Nationals and continued in the Emerging Program in Darwin, Olivia will also be attending the NIN camp in Perth on December 11- 13<sup>th</sup> 2019.

- Bethany Williams – Darwin- 17s. While not originally selected in the Aus Development Squad at Nationals Beth was called in as the replacement player for Ochre at camp. Beth is also currently residing in Perth and will attend the NIN camp. Beth was fortunate enough to be invited into the Storm team for the Perth Round as part of her development.
- Dana Schembri- Alice Springs – 19s. Dana attend Aus camp post Nationals and also had her first year with the Storm team during the DUANL season.

## ACADEMY PROGRAMS

Following the AGM in May 2019, it was voted that NNT would no longer be responsible for running junior academy/ development programs. Instead this would be taken on by the Associations, while NNT would continue to run the Emerging program.

It is understood that following this decision both PNA and DNA ran Development programs for juniors at various times across the year. ASNA continued to work with their 13 & Under Development Program throughout the local club season. Neither Gove nor Katherine are understood to have run any development programs for 2019.

With the recent restructure of the Pathways Advisory Panel and the change in date of NT Link for 2020, NNT Pathway programs are currently being reviewed. Refer Figure 1. For proposed Pathway Program structure for 2020 which was put forward at the first PAP meeting on December 5th. While the proposal was well received, further discussion and clarity around particular elements is required before detailed recommendations can be put forward to the board for consideration.

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019- RESULTS

### 17s

NT	2	6	6	2	14		NT	4	12	10	12	38
WA	14	9	19	10	41		TAS	6	6	6	5	23
NT	6	2	2	4	14		NT	3	3	3	6	15
VIC	13	9	10	14	46		NSW	11	8	11	15	45
NT	8	4	1	6	19		NT	7	6	3	13	27
QLD	12	8	12	10	42		ACT	8	8	8	7	31
NT	4	4	5	5	18		<u>SEMI</u>					
SA	14	9	10	13	46		<u>NT</u>	7	4	7	4	22
							<u>ACT</u>	9	4	7	9	29
<u>FINAL</u>												
<u>NT</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>31</u>							
<u>TAS</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>27</u>							

### 19s

NT	4	4	3	3	14		NT	2	2	6	8	18
QLD	12	11	14	12	49		VIC	11	8	14	14	47
	-8	-7	-11	-9	-35			-9	-6	-8	-6	-29
NT	8	8	7	8	31		NT	1	4	4	4	13
NSW	5	13	10	9	37		SA	15	17	16	10	58
	3	-5	-3	-1	-6			-14	-13	-12	-6	-45
NT	2	8	8	6	24		NT	6	6	3	1	16
ACT	14	4	7	10	35		WA	12	10	14	14	50
	-12	4	1	-4	-11			-6	-4	-11	-13	-34
<u>NT</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>37</u>		<u>SEMI</u>					
<u>TAS</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>36</u>		<u>NT</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>39</u>
	1	2	3	-5	1		<u>ACT</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>23</u>
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<u>FINAL</u>												
<u>NT</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>19</u>							
<u>WA</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>50</u>							
	<u>-6</u>	<u>-9</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>-5</u>	<u>-31</u>							

## Results

17s continued their progressive improvement of the last few years with another win in the rounds against TAS. This was backed up with another win against TAS in the grand final to take 7<sup>th</sup> place.

19s finished the Championships playing off for 5<sup>th</sup> against WA. Unfortunately, they were unable to match WA's intensity from the outset, finishing 6<sup>th</sup> overall which is the best placing the 19s have had for at least 5 years. Given the complications experienced throughout the campaign for this group, including an outbreak of influenza which sidelined several players and the Team Manager along with an ACL injury to key mid courter Monique Chong this placing is even more significant.

Positive feedback from Netball Australia Selectors, coaches and opposition coaches highlights the progressive improvements both on and off court of the NT Teams observed on a larger scale. This further demonstrates that our continued push for professionalism, maintaining standards and remaining current with coaching and training practices is crucial.

## Team Lists

19s	17s
<b>Head Coach Lauren Wapling</b>	<b>Head Coach Deb Gray</b>
<b>Assistant Coach Ra Schwalger</b>	<b>Assistant Coach Katelyn Paterson</b>
<b>Team Manager Annalise Mertin</b>	<b>Team Manager Mel Clarke</b>
<b>Physio Kylie Morrisroe</b>	<b>Physio Vanessa Alvaro</b>
Olivia Coleman Imp	Lucy Nicolai
Dakota Johnson Imp	Chealcee Taylor-Fitz
Courtney Summers	Olivia Haztismalis
Gabi Dollar	Latifa Rogers
Elizabeth Paice	Piper Nicolai
Aaliyah Bailey	Ashlea Van Luenen
Dana Schembri	Annie Coffey
Caitlin Rourke	Ochre Renwick
Annabelle Lawrie Imp	Bethany Williams
Nikola Copland	Mereoni Uluivuya
Monique Chong	Carly Wilson
Mia Thompson-Fitzgerald	Georgina Roy

## ANL 2019

**Head Coach Christine Voge, Assistant Coach Lauren Wapling**

**Team Managers Annalise Mertin and Nicole Stallard**

**Team Physios Dorianne Sherry and Brigitte Grofksi**

The 2019 DUANL saw a significant improvement result for the Territory Storm with 6 wins across the season, possibly the teams' best result ever. Despite the initial uncertainty of participating in the 2019 season which further challenged player availability, 6 NT players were able participate in the program, providing further development opportunities for them. This included three of our junior players who participated at the National

Netball Championships in April, these players were Dana Schembri, Elizabeth Paice and Bethany Williams. This is a significant demonstration of our continued commitment to our NT player development through the Netball Australia Pathway. In addition to player development, the 2019 DUANL season also saw further growth opportunities for our NT Officials. 2019 was Assistant Coach Lauren Wapling's first year in the program, having worked in the Nationals program as Head Coach and Assistant Coach the last four years. Our partnership with the Sunshine Coast Lightning has allowed our coaches, athletes, managers and physios to be exposed to the High-Performance SSN environment, an opportunity not many NT based netball community members ever get the chance for.

### Squad List

Bethany Fry	Sienna Allen TP
Dana Schembri	Courtney Murphy
Ashlea Uni TP	Binnian Hunt TP
Stephanie O'Brien Imp	Lucinda Benjamin Imp
Chanel Dyer TP	Shay Maloney
Bethany Williams	Elizabeth Paice

## COACH DEVELOPMENT

### Coaching Courses Completed

Course	Completed 2018	Completed 2019	KPI 2019
Foundation	45 online	TBA	40
KNEE Physios	4	TBA	
KNEE Coaches	5	TBA	
Development - online	8	TBA	20
Development F2F	0	24	20
Intermediate	5	2	10
Advanced	1 commenced	1 completed	4
Elite	1		0

#### *Foundation Course*

- All associations need to continue to encourage their coaches to complete the online Foundation Course.

#### *Development Course*

- 2019 saw a significant improvement in the attendance at our Face-to-face courses in both Alice Springs, Darwin and Tenant Creek. To maintain these improved numbers NNT and Associations need to continue to work together to promote courses and the Accreditation pathway, particularly the prerequisites for courses to ensure coaches are fully prepared and get the most out of the course. Given the issues experienced with MyNetball and navigating the site to register being problematic, NNT has developed a 'how to guide' to assist with this which will hopefully translate to better numbers again for 2020.

*Intermediate Course* – Due to event scheduling conflicts and the cancellation of Development courses in 2018 only 1 Intermediate course was run in Alice Springs for 2019. Given the increased number of coaches in the 2019 courses we expect to run several Intermediate courses in 2020 for these coaches moving into the next Accreditation level.

*Advanced Course* – Conducted approximately once every 2 years in Darwin, pending interest. Should numbers of coaches working through both Development and Intermediate courses remain stable NNT will look to run an Advanced course in 2021, however with increased benefits of moving outside the Territory to complete the Advanced coaching course NNT will also work with those interested and eligible on appropriate interstate MO course options.

*High performance Course* – run by Netball Australia. Candidates must apply and go through a selection process before being accepted into the course. For 2019/2020 NNT are proud to support Debra Gray in her participation and completion of the course.

## OTHER COACH DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Practical Coaching Classes

Along with increased numbers for courses in 2019, the Practical Coaching Classes held in March of this year were also a lot more successful than in previous years. The March classes in Darwin were attended by 29 coaches across two Wednesday evenings, and included coaches from both Darwin and Palmerston Associations. This model has not been taken up as readily by Alice Springs coaches, moving forward NNT will continue to work with ASNA on appropriate development opportunities for the Alice Springs coaching community.

### One on One Mentoring

Along with PCC classes, specific club coach mentoring was offered from March – July and again in August - September in both Darwin and Palmerston with great success. Format varied depending on club and coach requirements and included age specific training sessions for the Nightcliff Tigers and one on one coach mentoring at training and games for Northern Districts, MASH, Nightcliff Tigers, Pints, Palmerston Crocs, Southern Districts Crocs, Rovers, Wests, Federal and Giants.

### Targeted Coach program

To coincide with the 2019 NT training camp in Alice Springs, Netball NT ran a Targeted Coach Program across the camp to provide local coaches with an opportunity to observe and learn from specialist coaching sessions. Coaches were supported by the Pathways Manager and the NTIS along with Christine Voge from the Sunshine Coast Lightning and Michelle Wilkins, Netball Australia Centre of Excellence Coach. This opportunity will be provided to coaches on an ongoing basis where it has been identified as suitable for the coaches and appropriate for the overall program.

Similarly, the opportunity to observe on the secondary bench during the home round of DUANL in June 2019 was made available to coaches. This included observations of the Territory Storms training session and access to the Storm coach for some question time, this was a new initiative for 2019 and received very positive feedback.

### NTIS Scholarship Coaches

NNT Pathway Manager continued to work with and support NTIS Scholarship coaches throughout the 2019 Club and NT Link seasons. Coaches for 2019 included: -



Cheryl Talbot  
Lauren Wapling  
Alicia Pegram  
Kerry Thompson  
Matt Christophers  
David Mundy  
Terika Horwood

These coaches are continuing to work through the pathway and within Club/Association and NT programs.

The NTIS are currently reviewing their Coach Scholarship Program, NNT will continue to work with them and any changes to the model to ensure continued support and development opportunities are available for NT coaches.

### **NT Link Coach Mentoring**

One on one coach mentoring for NT Link coaches took place again for 2019 across the Championship weekend. 13 Coaches were mentored across their games during the Championships from all Associations and provided with feedback on their coaching. Moving into the Championships resources and best practice principles were provided to all NT Link coaches and Associations. This included detailed information on athlete load management leading in to and across the Championships. Given current research indicates the importance of load management this is an area that NNT will continue to work with Associations and their coaches in the future. Further to this NNT would like to establish a more formal coach development support program for Associations and their NT Link Coaches.

### **NA Workforce Development Strategic Plan**

In November of 2019 Netball Australia held their annual Coach Development Workshop for all MO Coach Developers to attend and collaborate regarding NA's strategic direction for coach and workforce development moving forward. It has been identified that coach development has received limited resourcing from NA in recent years. All MO's participated in outlining key areas with which to move forward with designated outcomes. Topics for discussion included the Accreditation Pathway and its relevance, course content and delivery within the pathway, the importance of, role of and support for coach developers, opportunities for MO's to join forces in delivery of coach development activities.

NNT looks forward to updating Associations and members on the new strategic plan from NA for Coach and Workforce development for 2020.

The Pathway Advisory Panel will also play a key role in supporting and directing coach development activities for 2020.

### **School Sport NT**

In recent years Netball NT has recognized the importance of the School Sport program within the NNT pathway for athlete and coach development. While NNT has supported School Sport NT where possible in key events recent meetings have been held to establish a more formal relationship between both NNT and School Sport. This will see more NNT involvement in School Sport NT programs, from Regional Gala days and selections to 12s and 15s selections and programming and coach/officials support.

# ALICE SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

CHELSEA MIFSUD + GRACE BARRY

There has been a strong focus on building netball in Central Australia in 2019. School holiday netball clinics were held in April and July holidays, and were very successful. The first all abilities program ran through July and August. The team was naming the Thorny Devils and was coached by a group of dedicated volunteers. This program will continue in 2020 with the aim to grow it considerably to provide more people the opportunity to play netball. Regular sporting school clinics were booked in for terms 1-3, including 4 remote schools.

## SUNCORP NETSETGO

Suncorp NetSetGO	2019
Net Tier (5-6years) Full Program (min 8 weeks) Participants	20
Set Tier (7-8 years) Full Program (min 8 weeks) Participants	55
GO Tier (9-10 years) Full Program (min 8 weeks) Participants	67
NetSetgo Centres	7
Net Tier (5-6 years) Full Program (min 8 weeks) Centres	1
Set Tier (8-9 years) Full Program (min 8 weeks) Centres	2
GO Tier (9-10 years) Full Program (min 8 weeks) Centres	1
Clinic/Come & Try (1-4 weeks) Participants	134
School Program (1-4 Weeks) Participants	983
Indigenous Inclusion Full Program (min 8 weeks) Participants	-
Disability Inclusion Full Program (min 8 weeks) Participants	8
CALD Inclusion Full Program (min 8 weeks) Participants	-
Regional/Remote Inclusion Full program (min 5 weeks)	-
Inclusion Clinic/Come & Try (1-4 weeks) Participants	77

## SPORTING SCHOOLS

SPORTING SCHOOLS	2019
Sporting Schools participants	859
Sporting Schools programs	13
Teacher Ambassadors – Primary	0
Teacher Ambassadors – Secondary	0
Endorsed caches	2

## Non-NetSetgo

School (School Managed ex NSG)	80
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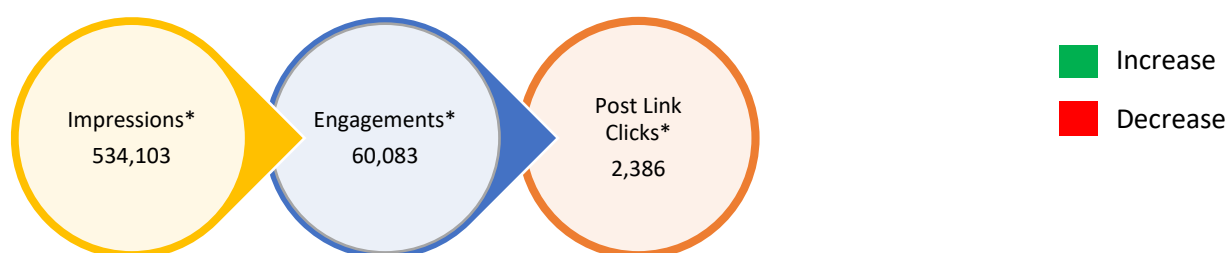
# MARKETING REPORT

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## FACEBOOK OVERVIEW

Facebook Performance Summary

Key Performance metrics from the reporting period (1/1/2019-31/12/2019)



Page	Fans	Net Page Likes	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Post link Clicks	Engagement Rate (per impression)
2018	2330 <span style="color: green;">(18%)</span>	349 <span style="color: red;">(9.4)</span>	142 <span style="color: green;">(65%)</span>	534,103 <span style="color: green;">(24.3%)</span>	60,083 <span style="color: green;">(7.1%)</span>	2,386 <span style="color: green;">(28%)</span>	11.2% <span style="color: red;">(13.8%)</span>
2019	1975	385	86	429,616	56,079	1,866	13.1%


Audience Metrics	Totals	% Change
Fans	2330	<span style="color: green;">17.97 %</span>
Net Page Likes	349	<span style="color: red;">9.35%</span>
Organic Page Likes	426	<span style="color: red;">3.40%</span>
Paid Page Likes	0	100.00
Page Unlikes	77	<span style="color: green;">28.33%</span>

Publishing Behavior by Content Type	Totals	% Change
Total Published Posts	142	<span style="color: green;">65.1%</span>
Published Videos	14	<span style="color: green;">75%</span>
Published Photos	94	<span style="color: green;">38.2%</span>
Published Likes	29	<span style="color: green;">263%</span>
Published Text	5	<span style="color: green;">150%</span>

By Lifetime Engagements

**Netball Northern Territory**  
Thu 10/31/2019 8:56 pm PDT

We would like to congratulate the appointment of the following people who have been selected to support and guide our Nationals teams in 2020: 🏆🏆🏆




**Total Engagements** 1,993

Reactions	416
Comments	95
Shares	16
Post Link Clicks	5
Other Post Clicks	1,461

**Netball Northern Territory**  
Thu 1/24/2019 8:15 pm PST

Our brand new, state of the art Territory Netball Stadium was officially opened yesterday!! This world class facility is equipped with 4 courts including our




**Total Engagements** 1,621

Reactions	260
Comments	22
Shares	11
Post Link Clicks	1
Other Post Clicks	1,327

**Netball Northern Territory**  
Sun 10/13/2019 9:49 pm PDT

Congratulations to our Dragonflies on their successful campaign at the Marie Little Shield! Following a win yesterday against ACT 🏆 our Dragonflies played c



**Total Engagements** 1,497

Reactions	418
Comments	66
Shares	25
Post Link Clicks	-
Other Post Clicks	988

Impression Metrics	Totals	% Change
Total Impressions	534,103	24.32%
Organic Impressions	526,407	25.64%
Paid Impressions	0	100%
Average Daily Impressions per Page	1463.3	24.32%
Average Daily Reach per Page	699.41	29.91%

Impression Metrics	Totals	% Change
Total Impressions	534,103	24.32%
Organic Impressions	526,407	25.64%
Paid Impressions	0	100%
Average Daily Impressions per Page	1463.3	24.32%
Average Daily Reach per Page	699.41	29.91%

**Impressions:** The total number of times the post has been seen.

**Reach:** The number of unique accounts that have seen the post.

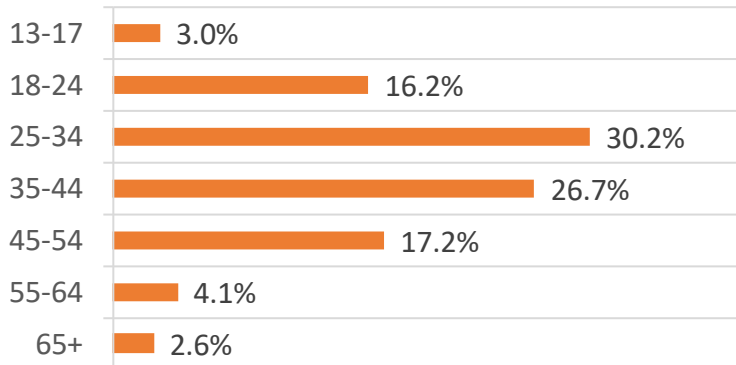
**Engagements:** Any action someone takes on page and posts. Examples are likes, shares, comments and checking in to our location.

**Post Link Clicks:** Link click are the number of *clicks* on *links* to selected destinations. For examples Facebook post of linking articles to website.

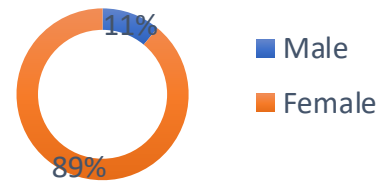
## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Facebook People Fan Demographics

Audience by Age



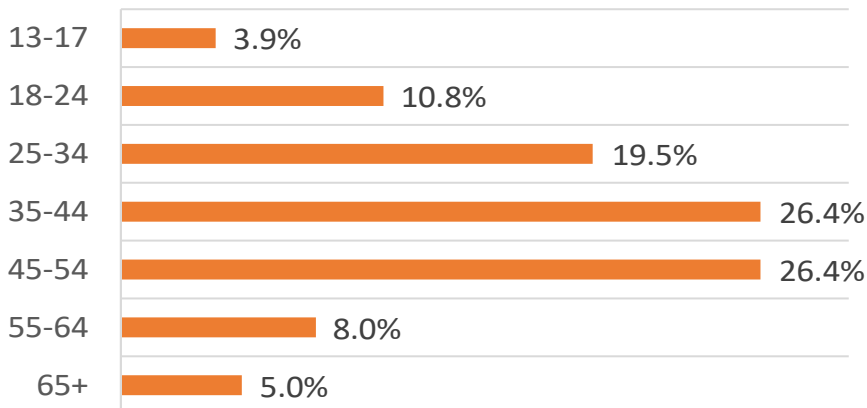
Audience by Gender



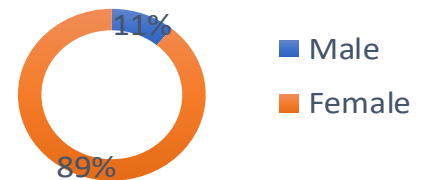
Women between the ages of **25-34** appear to be leading force among all fans.

### Facebook People Engaged Demographics

Audience by Age



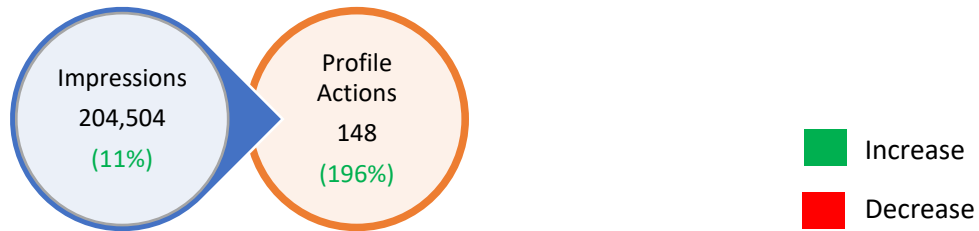
Audience by Gender



Women between the ages of **35-44** are most likely to engage with the content.

## INSTAGRAM OVERVIEW

### Instagram Performance Summary



Publishing Behavior by Content Type	Totals	Change
<b>Total Published Posts &amp; Stories</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>46.7%</b>
Published Carousels	12	53.8%
Published Videos	5	44.4%
Published Photos	73	45.5%

Impression Metrics	Totals	Change
Impressions	204,054	41%
Average Daily Impressions per Profile	559.05	41%
Average Daily Reach per Profile	179.09	7.3%

### Instagram Profiles

Aggregate profile metrics from the reporting period

Profile	Net Follower Growth	Published Posts & Stories	Impressions
Reporting Period 2019	462 (12.1%)	90 (46.7%)	204,054 (41%)
Reporting Period 2018	412	169	144,688

## INSTAGRAM TOP POSTS

netballInt  
Sat 9/14/2019 4:30 am PDT

Here is one of the earliest images we could find of Netball in Darwin. This image is from 1920. Now that's a flashback. 📷 🕒

<b>Total Engagements</b>	<b>382</b>
Likes	349
Comments	3
Saves	30

netballInt  
Sat 6/8/2019 5:54 pm PDT

Congratulations to our Territory Storm team who won both games this weekend in Round 6 of the ANL against the Southern Force. 🎉

<b>Total Engagements</b>	<b>176</b>
Likes	172
Comments	3
Saves	1

netballInt  
Wed 6/5/2019 5:25 pm PDT

Only two days until our Territory Storm team play at home in Darwin. Will you be there to cheer them on? #netball #netballInt

<b>Total Engagements</b>	<b>151</b>
Likes	143
Comments	7
Saves	1

## Marketing Summary

Netball NT's marketing report is a comparison of reporting period 2018 and 2019. Despite not doing any paid promotions on social media, advertising outcomes were extremely positive.

We had over 60,000 engagements and more than 2,300 'post link clicks' organically on our Facebook Page. In contrast to last year, we had fan growth of 18% and 9.4% growth in page likes.

Women between the ages of 35-44 are the demographic most likely to engage with our page and age group of 25-34 appear to lead force among all fans.

On Instagram, our followers have increased by 12% while impressions increased by 41%.

Another positive outcome for 2019 was an increase in our EDM (Electronic Direct Mail) subscriptions from 1,547 to 3,028, a growth of 49%.

The following promotional activities were performed in 2019:

- Social media posts and videos.
- Creation of articles on the website and linked to social media.
- Fortnightly/monthly newsletters for all the upcoming activities/events.
- Robust Calendar of events.
- Visits to promote advertising spaces in the stadium.

Our objective for 2020 is to continue to strengthen communication with our community by further building our presence across all social media platforms and by expanding to utilize the free community advertising spaces offered by local television stations.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to provide for your consideration the Special Purpose Financial Report. Prepared by our auditors for the financial year ended 31 December 2019.

It has been an interesting year in relation to our financial management. Following a disappointing result in 2018, adjustments to the recording and management of Grant Funds to more closely monitor our cashflow position, particularly in light of the uncertainty that the impact of Stadium management would have on the Association and its finances.

The initial budget for 2019 saw a significant six figure deficit in order to try to account for all of the unknown factors which would impact the organisation in 2019. This could not be allowed to materialise into reality in order for Netball NT to be sustainable going forward. Whilst the board acknowledged that bringing the organisation into a more financial sustainable position would take more than one financial year, some very difficult decisions were made in reduce our expenditure in 2019 to try to at least ensure that the organisation didn't continue to end up in a net deficit position.

I am pleased to report that, largely due to the efforts of Ian Harkness our Executive Officer, the end of year result was a small surplus of \$2,144.

This was achieved through some frugal economic management and by some tough HR and recruitment decisions to not immediately (or at all) replace staff when existing staff members resigned over the course of the year. This required a refocusing of the work Netball NT undertook for the year and also required to support of our member organisations, who have assisted in sharing this load along with us in order to see the

financial position of Netball NT improve into a more sustainable position.

In relation to the stadium, the initial impact of power prices was a huge problem based on the air conditioning system and the continual operational issues with the solar power system were such that there wasn't one month during the year where everything was working in sync to gauge what accurate expenses were being incurred.

Changes to air conditioning system assisted in reducing power costs but the offset of solar hasn't been felt to any great extent and it is hoped this will become more evident in 2020.

From a revenue perspective, the netball community grasped the ability to train indoors and also conduct other non-competition activities and the number of external users was pleasing and as more of the community becomes aware of the size and scope of the venue it will encourage more bookings.

The other major expenses of the year that was reviewed leading into 2020 were the costs associated with the Representative teams.

As you would be aware the Territory Storm was only able to participate in the ANL following funding support from the Federal Government.

Of course, since that time the NT Government has withdrawn the Grant program that financially assisted senior Territory representative teams and thus participation in 2020 will not be occurring.

The costs associated with the 19's and 17's was also being reviewed towards the end of the year particularly in regard to extent of camps and travel for various preparatory parts of the campaigns.



Thanks to the contribution of Netball NT staff and to our members, the financial position of Netball NT as at the end of 2019 took a large leap forward to sustainability, with more work to be done moving into 2020 to ensure that the net asset position of the organisation continues to improve.

Prior to the impact of Coronavirus, we had hoped to achieve a positive net asset position by the end

of 2020. With careful monitoring and control of expenditure, we may still achieve that goal and all efforts are now being focused on ensuring that Netball NT is poised to resume full operations as soon as this crisis is averted.

## SUMMARY

*The 2019 report is an improvement, in parts, from last year but ongoing stringent economic monitoring will be required to complete the recovery process that was started in late 2018.*

*I am confident that with a greater awareness of Stadium revenue and expenses and careful management we will ensure sustainability for NNT into the future.*

*The 2019 Special Purpose Financial report is submitted for adoption.*

Melissa Yates  
Treasurer  
Netball NT

# AUDITOR'S REPORT

## **Netball NT Incorporated**

**ABN 73 772 881 978**

**Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 31 December**

## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

31 December 2019

Your board members submit the financial report of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2019.

### Board of Management

The names of board members throughout the year and at the date of this

report are: President – Catherine Sansom

Treasurer – Melissa Yates

Elected Director – Shannon

Millar Elected Director –

Mark Coffey Elected

Director – Rachel Boyce

Elected Director – Tahlia

Lee

Appointed Director – Josine Wynberg

### Principal activities

The objectives for which the Association is established and maintained are to:

- (a) be the governing body of netball in the Territory;
- (b) create a uniform entity through and by which Netball in the Territory can be encouraged, conducted, promoted and administered;
- (c) promote and encourage Territory Netball and the conduct of National competition as an affiliated member of Netball Australia Ltd;
- (d) adopt and accept the playing rules of the International Netball Federation Limited and abide by the interpretation of such rules as determined from time to time by Netball Australia;
- (e) control, manage and conduct Netball competitions at a Territory level;
- (f) select and manage Netball teams to represent the Territory in national matches;
- (g) encourage, conduct, promote, and administer Netball throughout the Territory, through and by the Member Associations for the mutual and collective benefit of Members and Netball;
- (h) act in good faith and loyalty to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of the Association, its standards, quality and reputation for the collective and mutual benefit of the Members and Netball;
- (i) create and promote mutual confidence and trust between the Association and the Members in pursuit of these objects;
- (j) act for its members in all relevant matters pertaining to netball;
- (k) promote the economic and sporting success, strength and stability of the Association and each Member Association;
- (l) affiliate and otherwise liaise with Netball Australia Ltd and such other bodies as may be desirable, in the pursuit of these objects;
- (m) apply the property and capacity of the Association towards the fulfilment and achievement of these objects;
- (n) use and protect the Intellectual Property;
- (o) strive for and maintain government, corporate and public recognition of the Association as the authority for Netball in the Territory;

- (p) where practical promote and secure uniformity in such rules and standards as may be necessary for the management of Netball in the NT, Netball competitions and related activities, including but not limited to the rules of the game and coaching standards;
- (q) pursue such commercial arrangements, including sponsorship and marketing opportunities, as are appropriate to further the objects of the Association;
- (r) promote the health and safety of athletes, officials and other individuals participating in Netball in any capacity;
- (s) conduct education and training programs for players, coaches, umpires and officials in the implementation and interpretation of Netball rules and standards;
- (l) formulate and implement appropriate policies to better regulate for members and netball;
- (u) promote performance-enhancing drug free competition;
- (v) encourage appropriate recognition for those whose efforts in connection with Netball merit such recognition;
- (w) undertake and or do all things or activities which are necessary, incidental or conducive to the advancement of these objects.

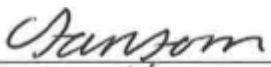
### Operating result

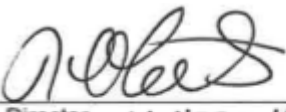
The net surplus of the Association for the year was \$2,144 (2018 net loss: \$275,667).

In our opinion:

1. The accompanying financial report as set out on pages 5 to 8, being a special purpose financial report, is drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Association as at 31 December 2019 and the results of the Association for the year then ended;
2. The accounts of the Association have been properly prepared and are in accordance with the books of account of the Association; and
3. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Management.

  
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Director Catherine Sansum  
Darwin  
Date: 6 April 2020

  
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Director Melissa Yates  
Darwin  
Date: 6 April 2020

Independent audit report to the members of Netball NT Incorporated

### **Qualified Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial report of Netball NT Incorporated (“the Association”), which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2019, the statement of income and expenditure for the year then ended and notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the board of management statement.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial report of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2019 presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Netball NT Incorporated as at 31 December 2019 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

### **Basis of Qualified Opinion**

We were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to satisfy ourselves with respect to the accuracy and completeness of opening balances. Since opening balances enter into the determination of the financial performance, we were unable to determine whether adjustments might have been necessary in respect of the income and expenditure for the year reported in the statement of income and expenditure.

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 Association in accordance with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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

### **Emphasis of matter – Basis of Accounting**

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Association meet the needs of the Associations Act and the Association’s constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

### **Material Uncertainty Regarding Continuation as a Going Concern**

We draw attention to the balance sheet as at 31 December 2019 in the financial report, which indicates the Association’s current liabilities exceeded its current assets by \$43,590. As stated in Note 1(j), the Association is dependent upon the continued support from its members, funding from Northern Territory Government and sponsorships to continue as a going concern. As a result of these matters, and conditions as disclosed in Note 1(j), there is significant uncertainty whether the Association will continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Act and the Association’s constitution and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a 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 Association’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association’s financial reporting process.

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report for the year ended 31 December 2019 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 the 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 the financial report.

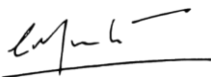
As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- 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 Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of 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 Association'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 Association 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 management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control, if any, that we identify during our audit.

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Director

Darwin

6 April 2020

Statement of Income and Expenditure  
For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Grants and contributions	592,562	323,781
Member Association fees	190,780	169,647
Development Program income	51,667	19,138
National Player contribution	66,690	53,058
Facility Income	157,628	75,734
Sponsorships	116,054	82,315
Sundry income	38,162	40,887
	<b>1,213,543</b>	<b>764,560</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Accounting, bookkeeping and audit	4,450	12,310
Advertising	10,633	3,126
Awards and trophies	4,781	5,514
Capitation and affiliation fees	26,337	23,297
Catering	18,567	28,723
Cleaning	21,660	33,053
Computer expenses	5,162	3,531
Direct program costs	42,365	35,244
Dues and subscriptions	7,761	4,166
Equipment purchases	119,149	10,480
Health and safety	16,922	9,381
Honorariums	8,500	0
Insurance	29,033	27,547
Leases	2,537	2,455
Motor vehicle expenses	3,701	3,948
Printing, stationery and postage	4,750	8,750
Repair and maintenance	4,279	3,749
Return of unspent grant funds	31,151	3,166
Salary and wages	425,054	436,158
Sundry expenditure	8,050	27,586
Telephone and Internet	10,876	10,832
Travel	234,907	272,230
Uniforms	17,346	27,490
Utilities	139,671	41,265
Venue Hire	13,757	6,226
	<b>1,211,399</b>	<b>1,040,227</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Loss)</b>	<b>2,144</b>	<b>(275,667)</b>

Balance Sheet  
31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	253,649	207,156
Trade and Other Receivables	3	17,657	62,569
Other Assets	4	22,148	21,563
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>293,454</b>	<b>291,288</b>
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		-	-
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>293,454</b>	<b>291,288</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	5	16,142	38,279
Deferred Income	6	296,312	277,727
Employee Benefits	7	24,590	21,016
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>337,044</b>	<b>337,022</b>
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>337,044</b>	<b>337,022</b>
<b>NET (LIABILITIES)</b>		<b>(43,590)</b>	<b>(45,734)</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Balance at the beginning of the year		(45,734)	229,932
Net result for the year		2,144	(275,666)
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>		<b>(43,590)</b>	<b>(45,734)</b>



## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Act NT*. The Board has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity because there are unlikely to exist users who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy all of their information needs.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not consider changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the prior period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent disclosed in the significant accounting policies below.

The financial statements have been presented in Australian dollars and have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### (a) Revenue and other income

Grants are recognised as revenue in accordance with the year in which the service to which they relate is performed. Grants received or receivable in respect of services that will be provided in future years, are treated as a liability. The portion of grants unspent at year end, is transferred to current liabilities as unexpended grants and carried forward to the next financial year.

Member association fees are recognised in full when the fees become due and payable, unless there is significant uncertainty over collectability, by which the fees are recognised as income at the time of receipt.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon delivery of the service to the recipient. All revenue is stated net of the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

##### (b) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax.

##### (c) 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 Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

##### (d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

##### (e) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are stated at their nominal values, less any provision for doubtful debts. The provision for doubtful accounts is the estimated amount of probable losses arising from non-collection based on past collection experience and review of Association's management on the current status of long outstanding receivables.

Bad debts, if any, are written off during the year when receivable is considered worthless.

(f) Trade and other payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability 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.

Accruals are liabilities to pay for goods or services that have been received or supplied but have not been paid, invoiced or formally agreed with the supplier, including amounts due to employees.

(g) Property, plant and equipment

Items of property, plant and equipment costing less than \$5,000 and also items funded by Government grants are expensed in the year of purchase.

(h) Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period the Association reviews the carrying amounts of its non-financial assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the asset's fair value less costs of disposal, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the Statement of Income and Expenditure.

(i) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

(j) Subsequent Events, going concern and economic dependency

The financial report has been prepared on the basis that the Association is a going concern and will continue to operate. The Association relies on the support of its members, funding from Northern Territory Government and sponsorships.

Subsequent to year end, the World Health Organisation (WHO) announced COVID-19 being a pandemic. The Australian Government is responding strongly to the pandemic by implementing a number of measures, including widespread restrictions on social gatherings, including the prohibiting of activities and venues including gyms and indoor sporting venues. These restrictions are expected to be in place for at least 6 months. As a result of these restrictions community netball is being deferred across the country following discussions between Netball Australia and state-based Member Organisations, with return to play dates to be announced independently by each state or territory organization.

As at 31 December 2019, the Association's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by \$43,590 (2018: \$45,734).

In light of the above conditions and circumstances, there exists a material uncertainty that casts significant doubt about the Association's ability to continue as a going concern and therefore, the Association may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

Notwithstanding that there is material uncertainty whether the Association will continue as a going concern, the Board believes that the support from members, sponsors and the Northern Territory Government will continue and that the Association will continue as a going concern for the ensuing 12 months from the date of this report.

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>2. Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash at Bank	253,649	207,156
	<hr/> 253,649	<hr/> 207,156
<b>3. Trade and Other Receivables</b>		
Trade Receivables	17,657	62,569
	<hr/> 17,657	<hr/> 62,569
<b>4. Other Assets</b>		
Prepaid Expenses	21,734	21,563
Airline Credits	414	-
	<hr/> 22,148	<hr/> 21,563
<b>5. Trade and Other Payables</b>		
Trade and Other Payables	5,338	24,728
Accrued Expenses	4,346	0
Net GST and PAYG	6,458	13,551
	<hr/> 16,142	<hr/> 38,279
<b>6. Deferred Income</b>		
Grants in Advance	296,312	277,727
	<hr/> 296,312	<hr/> 277,727
<b>7. Employee Benefits</b>		
Provision for Annual Leave	24,590	21,016
	<hr/> 24,590	<hr/> 21,016

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