



## STCC NETBALL COMMITTEE AGM - MINUTES

20 October 2025

### Attendance

**St Clare's College:** Jamaya Ferguson (STCC Head of PE), Louise Patton (STCC Sports Administrator)

**Parents (in-person):** Matt Heffernan, Helen Lloyd, Stacey Miller and Dallas Richardson.

**Parents (online):** Kirsten Leitch, Matt van der Plaat, Danielle Hitchcock, Angela Bartkowiak, Rhiana Webb, Judi Barton, and Lisa Cahill.

**Volunteer (online):** Claudia Jenkins

### Apologies

Nil.

**Retiring Members** The following retiring members of the Committee were acknowledged and thanked for their support over the last 12 months; Liza Marando, Lisa van der Plaat, Amanda Boriani and Jenny Tiffen.

### Executive report from President

Matt thanked all involved in the 2025 season, in particular departing committee members. The President provided hard copies of his 2025 season report and also distributed it via email prior to the meeting (**Attachment A**).

### Governance

It was noted that the St Clare's Netball Club Committee is a working group under the school Community Council and that all major decisions are referred through the Head of PE, and the Community Council.

### Finance

It was noted that there is no Treasurer position on the committee and no end of season financial report provided. All financial transactions are managed through the school finance team and Business Manager which ensures transparency, accountability and integrity of Committee operations. It was noted that \$7410 was raised through sponsorship, donations and fundraising.



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### **Voting for positions**

Jamaya Ferguson thanked Matt and the committee for their efforts this year. She dissolved the 2025 Committee. Positions vacated, and she called for nominations for president. Matt Heffernan nominated and was confirmed unopposed.

#### **Executive**

President – Matt Heffernan (unopposed)  
Vice President – Dallas Richardson (unopposed)  
Secretary – Kirsten Leitch (unopposed)  
Coach and Umpire Manager – Claudia Jenkins (unopposed)  
Registrar – Helen Lloyd (unopposed)

#### **Non-Executive Positions**

Coach co-ordinator – Rhiana Webb (unopposed)  
Umpire co-ordinator – Jude Barton (unopposed)  
Communications co-ordinator – **to be appointed in 2026**  
Fundraising and events co-ordinator – **to be appointed 2026**  
General committee members

1. Matt van der Plaat
2. Stacey Miller
3. Lisa Cahill
4. Angela Barkowiak
5. Danielle Hitchcock

Staff representative – **Jamaya Ferguson, Head of PE**

Student representatives – **to be appointed in 2026 (netball captains)**

### **Closing remarks**

Louise Patton thanked the committee, coaches, managers, players and umpires for their support and commitment throughout the season.

### **Next meeting date**

Monday 3 November 2025 at 7.00pm (online only).

### **Action items**

- A) New WhatsApp group to be set up.
- B) Teams invite for next meeting to be sent by Matt Heffernan.



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## **Attachment A – 2025 Club Presidents Report**

The 2025 netball season was a great display of teamwork, resilience, and school spirit. Through icy mornings, swirling winds, sleet, sunshine, and rain, our 18 teams and umpires rose to every challenge with unwavering enthusiasm. Week after week, they showed up with smiles, determination, and pride, choosing to represent St Clare's, brave the elements and participate in sport with their friends. It was nothing short of inspiring to witness the commitment and joy of more than 161 players at the Deakin Netball Courts each week, choosing to step away from screens and into the heart of Canberra's winter to compete, connect, and grow.

Netball at St Clare's is more than a sport, it's a way of life. Players, coaches, manager, umpires and supporters come together each week to be part of an inclusive, supportive and fun community. This incredible support was no more evident than on Grand Final day, where three teams suffered some heartbreaking losses, yet all players and spectators rallied around one team to help get them home in an extra-time thriller against a highly competitive opposition.

Thanks to Netball ACT, and South Canberra Netball Association, participation in netball across Canberra continues to thrive, and we're proud to be part of that momentum. What I love most is seeing our students and families embrace the game, building resilience, friendships, and school spirit in every match. Further to that, congratulations goes to all girls who represented their club, state or country in tournaments or fixtures in 2025. The Committee wants to ensure there is a high-performance pathway through St Clare's for players aspiring for higher representative honours, and the development of the netball program over future years will demonstrate this.

My sincere thanks to everyone on the 2025 Committee; Kirsten Leitch, Helen Lloyd, Dallas Richardson, Rhiana Webb, Amanda Boriani, Angela Bartkowiak, Matt van der Plaat, Lisa van der Plaat, Jenny Tiffen and Liza Mirando. You have all helped pave the way for future committee members to continue to build a program that encourages participation in netball for St Clare's students of all ages and abilities.



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On behalf of the Committee and the wider netball club, my sincere thanks to the St Clare's College PE Department, particularly Ms Louise Patton, and the teachers who have supported the program in 2025, either at school with administration or coming to Deakin to watch the girls compete. Your support demonstrates to the girls and parents that their contribution to the college on a weekend is recognised, meaningful and worthwhile. My thanks also to the school community council, in particular Dr John Norgrove, for their support with a range of decisions and various guidance as required.

### **2025 highlights and achievements**

- 18 teams competing weekly, with over 180 players involved.
- 15+ umpires officiating junior and senior matches.
- Volunteer coaches, managers, and supporters showing up every week.
- Expanded parent committee: from 6 to 10 dedicated volunteers in the second year, improved sponsorship and fundraising activities which raised a combined total of \$7,410.
- Seniors Div 1 – 1st team, coached by Rhiana Webb and Angela Bartkowiak (Manager) finished second in the regular season, narrowly missing the Grand Final after a spirited semi-final.
- Intermediate Division 1 (Year 7 team): Undefeated Premiers and Grand Final Winners.
- New supporter wear and playing dresses were ordered by families online directly with ISC, and garments arrived in week 2 of the competition (May).
- Team photos taken by volunteer parent and provided to teams at no cost.
- Two major fundraising raffles (Easter & Father's Day) generating more than \$1,000 revenue.
- Volunteers supporting a fundraising BBQ at the school athletics carnival.
- Weekly club newsletter to database of over 150 parents plus coordinated team / club What'sApp chat group which assisted with volunteer duty management, sponsor recognition and community building.
- Monthly committee meetings with minutes recorded.
- Grand final evening gathering at Canberra Southern Cross Club Woden, approximately 50 people to celebrate the season.
- St Clare's players recognised by SCNA with individual awards for achievement within their respective competitions.
- Leveraged social media to promote the school and club, including a great video made by the Saturday Netball Sports Captains.
- End of season parent and coach survey conducted.

These achievements reflect the strength of our club culture and the commitment of everyone involved from players and families to staff, coaches and volunteers.



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### **Areas for improvement for 2026**

1. Recruitment of new players to increase participation beyond 18 teams.
2. Recruitment and retention of umpires to support more SCNA fixtures each weekend.
3. Alignment of player selections for respective Division 1 teams with SCNA policy for the best players to be selected within each age division regardless of school year.
4. Improved planning and timing of key netball program activities:
  - A) Coach nominations and appointments (December 2025) – no volunteers to be turned away or considered as surplus to requirements.
  - B) Player registrations, selection trials and team selections / announcements.
  - C) Coach and umpire mentoring and development.
5. School netball facilities and equipment – school gymnasium floor, first aid kits and goal post pads.
6. Record keeping and acknowledgement of St Clare's students with representative achievements.

### **Sponsor Recognition**

To our generous sponsors—thank you! Your support made a huge impact and helped us elevate the program in meaningful ways:

Sponsor contributions enabled:

- A new St Clare's branded 3x3m marquee, purchased with a community cash donation directly from Matt Walshe (Canberra Southern Cross Club)
- Branded match and training balls purchased with cash from a Canberra Southern Cross Club community grant through Slade Duke and Scott Bradford, Gilbert Footballs
- Sponsored training tops from ISC SPORT (Sam Cashman and Tariku Fitzgerald-Holmes.) The St Clare's first netball team players and coaches proudly wore tops featuring sponsor logos which were provided to each player at no cost through sponsorship and fundraising revenue.
- Laptop computer purchased to be used by the current and future Netball Club Committee to centralise the club administration, communications and databases.

#### **Sponsors**

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| • Aclivity                     | • Capital Maintenance Solutions |
| • Waves Car Wash               | • Build Professional            |
| • Canberra Southern Cross Club | • Malaganis Edwards Johnson     |
| • RAR Cranes & Rigging         |                                 |

**\*\*Donations and gifts provided to the club supported our Easter and Father's Day raffles**

Matt Heffernan  
2025 St Clare's Netball Club President



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