



# **SURREY PARK NETBALL CLUB**

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# NET SET GO

**Lucy Smith**

**Christina Close**

**Holly Ashton**

**Estelle Jones**

**Charlie Eu**

**Cora Davis**

**Lilly Mc Nidder**

**Mietta Smith**

**Amelia Lundgren**

**Izzy Bremner**

**Rhiannon Kirily**

**Amelie Mc Intyre**

**Belle Askew**

**Giselle Murphy**

**Abbey O'Farrell**

Congratulations to the 15 girls who participated in a very successful 10-week program. It was great to have the opportunity to work with the girls from the previous program and to have some new faces join the club. All the girls were keen and enthusiastic, and a pleasure to coach.

I was very impressed with the commitment shown by the 15 participants. They showed great improvement week to week.

The program's focus was to further develop their skills, particularly concentrating on using correct techniques in passing and goal shooting and the spatial awareness on the court. Skills were developed through a variety of minor games and modified matches in a fun and safe environment where all girls demonstrated a great understanding of the game.

I wish the girls all the best for their upcoming season in 2015, and hope they can carry the skills they learnt and demonstrate them on the court!

Big thank you to all the parents involved in the program, getting the girls there early on a Saturday morning rain or shine and even helping to make up numbers in practice matches.

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# ASTEROIDS

The Asteroids have had a great spring season and have showed great passion and determination all throughout the season.

The girls are always arriving to training on Friday evenings ready to learn new skills and different game plays. The attitude that they show and the willingness to learn and try new things is very admirable and I am constantly impressed by it.

This season the Asteroids managed to have a few more wins than previously, which encouraged the girls to work harder and 'fight' for the ball. I saw a big improvement in the skills of all the players, and also their general attitude to the game.

I would like to thank all the parents and friends of the Asteroids who came and supported the girls on Saturday mornings, regardless of the weather. I would like to give a big thank-you to Maria Merry for being a wonderful Team Manager; I couldn't have kept organized without her!

I look forward to watching the girl's progress even more in their netball careers in the coming years.

**Gemma Merry**

**Mia Walsh**

**Nyabiey Jock (MVP)**

**Emily O'Dwyer (CA)**

**Amber Sinclair**

**Zoe Lorandi**

**Bridget Frania**

**Chloe Faulkner**

**Coach**

**Em Flynn**

**Team Manager**

**Maria Merry**



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# COMETS

Spring was a great season for Comets. The girls worked hard to achieve some convincing wins and our rivalry with Mt Waverley continued. We suffered one loss during the season, but were able to bounce back and win our way into the Grand Final. The girls fought a hard game in the heat and came out as victors on the day.

The girls finished the season the same way they started, always trying to give their best.

Meg R and Ally continued to build a strong connection in the circle and Tara was always prepared to join the girls in goals with her fast pace and passes.

Our dynamic mid court combinations with Emily, Anna, Meg G, Georgia and Tara always kept the opposition guessing. The girls showed enormous strength on the court to be able to change positions and combinations seamlessly.

Nicola and Bec continued to be an unbeatable force in defence with very few passes or rebounds getting by them. Georgia was always willing to join the defenders and didn't let her height stop her from getting more than her fair share of the ball.

A big thank you goes to Hannah for being a regular fill in for us and helping us get across the line in the grand final.

It was a very successful season for the Comets, but also a sad one as we had to farewell our much loved Georgia. We would like to wish her well in Sydney and look forward to her filling in when she is back in Melbourne.

A big thank you to Robynne, her effort as team manager is always to go above and beyond and I was incredibly grateful for all her help and support.

**Tara Cabello**

**Georgia Coad (CA)**

**Emily Cuddy**

**Meg Gibson**

**Rebecca Marks**

**Ally Oakley**

**Meg Reid**

**Anna Smethurst**

**Nicola Toomey (MVP)**

**Coach**

**Vanessa Lovell**

**Team Manager**

**Robynne Smith**

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# CYCLONES

Spring has been another fun season for the Cyclones. Having only lost one game of the season the girls were confident that they had finished top of the "ladder" having only lost once to a very strong Lloyd St. The girls prevailed in some close matches to win by only a few goals, whilst still following our policy of equal positional rotations. With the introduction of two new team members, the Cyclones players were given the opportunity to work hard in improving their game and leadership skills. Each girl learnt how it is important to be able to play at both ends of the court despite preferences for either attack or defence. They all grew in confidence with being able to play in each position, understanding their role in a specific position thus increasing their self belief and team strength. Friday night training was at times challenging, the girls were tired and so were the coaches. The girls loved to have a chat about everything that had happened during the week at school. When it came to Saturdays the Cyclones were very focused. They sometimes doubted whether they could win, but loved the challenge and it wouldn't take too much convincing for the Cyclones to believe they could do it. Whoever was off in the first quarter usually got to write the weather report, which came out with some surprising answers, cloudy with a chance of meatballs being the favourite. The girls liked to suggest which position they should play but they knew if they asked they just might get the opposite! Overall the Cyclones have had another successful season. Thanks to all the families - parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and even cousins that turn up every week to support the girls. And

**Emily Andrew**

**Millie Mason**

**Mia Kolednik**

**Chloe May**

**Maddie Woodmason**

**Emma Robbins**

**Sarah Bushby**

**Heidi May**

**Coach**

**Anna Smethurst**

**Claire Derrick**

**Team Manager**

**Virginia Mason**



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# GALAXIES

I've loved coaching the Galaxies this season! We have learned a lot. In particular focusing on shooting, passing and working as a team, in which the girls have all improved immensely.

Our season started off tough, but the girls played their best and walked away with big smiles and a positive attitude each game and improved week by week, levelling the playing field more and more every time we played.

I've really enjoyed watching the girls develop their skills and understanding of the game throughout the season, especially when it comes to teamwork and mid-court plays. I cant wait to see them continue to grow and advance with plenty of practise!

A big huge thanks to our Team Manager Sue for all her work and to all the parents for being so consistently wonderful and unconditionally supportive of me and the girls all through the season, and for supplying me with players each week!

Go Galaxies!

**Abbey Herring**

**Neve O'Connor**

**Lizzie O'Sullivan**

**Lizzie Duncan**

**Sophie Gazzola**

**Olivia Ward**

**Ella Buntin**

**Sophie Schlesinger**

**Coach**

**Hayley Peters**

**Team Manager**

**Sue Castelow**

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# HURRICANES

Moving up 2 divisions this season the Hurricanes lived up to their name! Starting the season in a whirlwind on wins and excitement!

Another excellent start to the season with the girls continuously practicing what they've been learning, and making us proud, they actually do listen!? We would like to congratulate each of the girls on creating such a lovely team culture, with each bringing their skills, personalities, ideas and willingness to try something a little new to make the Hurricane family what it is.

Moving up divisions provided a few challenges with some girls doubting if they could compete, but soon enough the teams efforts were rewarded. Another excellent season, and although we had to go the long way round to get to the grand-final, with a drawn game closing the season, we made it. The girls and us coaches were ecstatic with a convincing win and a fitting end to a fantastic season.

Each player should be proud of contribution to the team, and efforts this season...And as they say as champion team will always beat a team of champions, and we definitely have champion team spirit.

Thanks again to the families and friends who supported us this year, a big thankyou to Linda for her help throughout the season.

Go Hurricanes!

**Charlotte Abbott**

**Bella Loverso (MVP)**

**Ayesha Pokhrel**

**India Clarke-Jacobs**

**Jess Slattery**

**Charlotte Pittendrigh**

**Jess Grigg (CA)**

**Julia Pile**

**Maddie Lurati**

**Coach**

**Lucy Stevens**

**Amashi Aponso**

**Team Manager**

**Linda Abbott**

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# JETS

Messy would be an understatement to describe the Jets Spring season 2014! With 3 of the team completing Year 12 and other girls travelling to other countries for wonderful experiences, we rarely fielded a team of 10. To compound that, the Jets began in section 19/5 (the bottom U/19 section, as the majority of the girls are still eligible for U/17) and found their way up to 19/2 based on withdrawals of teams from other U/19 sections. Effectively we played against older, taller and more talented teams throughout the season, really testing the girls' netball and their commitment to the team. I am so pleased to report that despite the insurmountable challenges we faced each and every week, the girls approached their netball with great endeavour and fabulous humour, not even letting a 60 goal defeat get in the way of great team spirit and good fun netball. The girls fronted each and every week to training and games with great enthusiasm and the tough opposition usually lifted our game to a new level. Unfortunately we finished the season second last on the ladder with only one win under our belt, but I feel that we found some of our best netball, even in those losses. I won't mention everyone's feats from across the season as there were numerous highlights in relation to girls' individual games, but I will congratulate Hayley, Jas and Isabel for sticking with their netball across their busy Year 12 period – a credit to their commitment and organisation. Well done also to Phoebe who took out our MVP with a consistent year, playing wherever I needed her on the court, and to Mon, our Coach's Award recipient for her continued improvement as a mid-court player and her developing skills in feeding the goal circle. Thank you to the parents who keep turning up to support. We really appreciate your commitment, but especially appreciate the work of TM Cathie and to Lorelle, Noeleen and Kylie who filled in as TM and coach when needed.

Looking forward to Winter season!

**Phoebe Maus (MVP)**

**Eloise Lloyd**

**Jasmine Bettiol**

**Hayley Peters**

**Monica Gracie (CA)**

**Emilie Wicki**

**Isabel Campbell**

**Christine Soh**

**Sophie Warner**

**Jess Cuddy**

**Coach**

**Jacqui Peters**

**Team Manager**

**Cathie Maus**



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# LIGHTNING

Surrey Park Lightning have enjoyed a very successful and fun season this Spring. The girls faced some difficult matches, challenged by the weather and some tall and rough opposition, to come out undefeated until the last match of the regular season - a super effort. Each player demonstrated great improvement as skills learnt at training and during the match were applied to the next week's game. In particular, I was glad to see the girls working hard on their pressure and playing the game on their own terms, skills which helped Lightning finish atop the ladder and therefore progress straight through to the Grand Final.

On the very hot final Saturday of the netball year, this young team put on a show as they came up against St Cecilia's in the fight for the premiership. A tight and exciting game resulted in a defeat to Lightning by just one point, but each player should be really proud of their efforts as they put on one of their best performances and exhibited intense pressure, high skill and great sportsmanship and support for each other out on the court.

Well done to all Lightning girls, you've been a pleasure to coach this year as I've loved watching your enthusiasm both at training and once the whistle blows. You all demonstrate great skill and I've been impressed by every single one of you, whether it be by the pressure and interception skills of the defenders, the agility and persistence of the midcourters or the movement and accuracy of the shooters. I look forward to seeing what feats this awesome team can achieve next year! Many thanks must be extended to our team managers, Anne Wilby and Tracey Smith, and all other families for your support of the girls throughout the season. In particular thanks to Meg Reid for filling in as coach for the weeks I was unable to attend, the team really appreciate your help. So thanks to everyone for such a successful Spring season, and as always, GO LIGHTNING!

**Grace Tarulli**

**Sarah Hudspeth**

**Hannah McKay**

**Mel Pontikis**

**Bec Reid**

**Catherine Smith**

**Lilly Toomey (MVP)**

**Chelsea Wilby (CA)**

**Coach**

**Anita Coffa**

**Team Manager**

**Anne Wilby**

**Tracey Smith**

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# SATELLITES

The progress the girls have made from the beginning of the season right up until the end is a very impressive effort. Individually each player should be commended on their personal improvements. As a team we strongly focused on learning the importance of spreading out on the court and remembering correct footwork. It was very clear by the end of the season the girl's confidence in these areas in particular grew greatly. Furthermore the Satellites defensive work, interceptions and remembering to stay in front of their players really reflected their growing strategic knowledge of the game. All of the girls had a go in all different positions, this allowed them to think and interpret the game from different angles encouraging their development. We weren't very lucky with weather at training, it was either scorching hot or raining, it was a good effort by the girls for doing their best they could in these conditions. On behalf of the Satellites I would like to thank our Team Manager Linda Abbott for her ongoing support for the girls and behind the scenes work. I would also like to thank Christine Soh our mentee coach, for helping the girls at training and being an extra pair of eyes searching for things to improve. And finally I would also like to thank the parents for coming down to training and contributing to the game day cheer squad, the girls and I really appreciate your attendance. Overall it has been a pleasure to coach this enthusiastic bunch of girls, it was a very rewarding season watching the Satellites improve and grow as a team and as individuals. Great Job!

**Tara Perry**

**Eliza Conole**

**Liv Sayers**

**Emma Schutt**

**Gabrielle Abbott**

**Emma Miravet**

**Olivia Hams**

**Niamh Murphy**

**Coach**

**Emma Cowan**

**Team Manager**

**Linda Abbott**

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# STARS

The Spring season for the Stars was a challenging one trying to ensure we had enough players week to week.

A very big thank you to our team manager Adrienne for making this happen and also to all the girls who filled in for us throughout the season. Although this made it difficult to harbour a lot of success, all the girls were positive and have definitely gelled together better throughout the spring season after coming off a successful winter season. Improvement could be seen in the way the girls were all able to move the ball down the court and execute a number of new plays. It was a fun season with a lot of laughs, a big thank you to all the parents, players and support we had throughout the season.

**Sasha White (MVP)**

**Hannah Collins**

**Jackie Gracie**

**April O'Brien**

**Rachel Forge (CA)**

**Annabel Pittendrigh**

**Enya Peroni**

**Coach**

**Joh Griffin**

**Team Manager**

**Adrienne White**



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# STARSHIPS

This was the first time the girls came together as a team, some had played together in a previous team and some were new faces. The girls have worked very hard all season and were rewarded with a couple of wins. They grew as a team each week getting better and using the new skills they learnt each week at training. The girls approached their games with a positive attitude and the willingness to have a go. Each player accomplished something new at each game; whether that was shooting a goal, intercepting a pass, defending their player and getting the ball, dodging and coming forward to receive a pass. The team faced a few challenges with team members unable to attend trainings and games due to other commitments and working together cohesively but each and every training and game the girls gave it their all and should be commended for their efforts. They should be really proud of themselves and all that they had achieved Spring Season 2014.

I would like to say a big thank you to our assistant coach, Rachel (Rachelina to the girls), who did an absolutely amazing job, working with the girls, giving them new tools to use on the court. She will make excellent coach! Another big thank you to our team manager, Leonie who I wouldn't have been able to get through the season without. Thank you for being so organised and totally on the ball. Also to the parents who came and supported us each week both at training and games, the girls, Rachel and I really appreciate it, it was a really early morning but we all made it with smiles on our faces.

**Issy Yeap**

**Aisha Bowker**

**Emma Veal**

**Montana McIntyre**

**Molly O'Farrell**

**Tess Hayes**

**Natasha Matters**

**Kiara Seneviratne**

**Coach**

**Khayla Senevirante**

**Assistant Coach**

**Rachel Kelly**

**Team Manager**

**Leonie Yeap**

# SURREY PARK NETBALL CLUB

# SUNS

A very successful season for some of our newest girls to the netball courts!

The Suns kick started their netball careers in style, only losing their first match and going on to win all remaining matches! It was a very entertaining and fun season, which saw the girls improve in leaps and bounds in all aspects of their game. All the girls trained hard (and also had a lot of laughs) which was evident in the way they played each Saturday.

As the season went on, the movement around the court from all players improved, as well as their awareness and overall game play. This allowed for new plays to be utilised. Every game saw all the girls have an opportunity to play in goals, defence and the midcourt and each transition was seamless. A very versatile young group, they are definitely a team to watch and if the future of our netball club is in their hands, it looks to be a very successful one.

A massive thank you to all the parents for the oranges at half time and your support at every game! It was very much appreciated and made every game just as exciting as the first!

Also, a big thank you to Maddie Thomas who was our assistant coach – she was a fantastic help and great asset to the team!

**Emma Thomas**

**Emma Poon**

**Keira Singleton**

**Lucy Kolednik**

**Lila Goodwin**

**Maddy Burke**

**Bella Taylor**

**Ella Abbruzzesse**

**Coach**

**Joh Griffin**

**Assistant Coach**

**Maddie Thomas**

**Team Manager**

**Tamsin Bourke**

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Taipans once again played in Open 1, the top section of WDNA. Unfortunately our other SPNC team Chargers; withdrew from Spring season leaving the section with only four teams which resulted in us playing the same opposition every fourth week. The upside was that Spring season is only ten weeks long and with an even number of teams in the section we didn't have any byes.

After finishing Runners Up in the Winter season we saw a change to our line up with Tahnee Bell and Roisin Henden not playing but we welcomed back Alice Barrow. Kara White stepped up to the task of playing Open 1 having played in previous seasons with Hornets and Meteors in U/19 and Priscilla Ryles-Smith joined the team. Priscilla is well known around the club as a former Coach and current Co-ordinator of our Junior Development program (Net Set Go).

The departure of both Tahnee and Rosey also meant a loss of height in our goal circle and in the top section this was going to be a challenge. A further test was the lack of availability of several players at various stages throughout the season. There wasn't one game where we had our full team of players and we regularly needed to call on at least one and often two 'fill-ins'. Unfortunately for the first time in my time Coaching a SPNC team we had to 'walkover' as we only had 4 players (notified of course)!

We ended the season with 2 wins and 7 losses (1 w/o) but on a positive note the players were genuinely surprised to hear this, thinking we had a healthier ratio. I mention this as a positive because it reflected their attitude to each week where they gave full effort and often came away with a minor loss.

For many girls they have been playing with the club for 14 or 15 years so it's a credit to them and the club that they continue to devote their time to coming together at 4pm on a Saturday. I hope that they will continue to do so and look forward to Winter 2015 when they again take the court and strive restore themselves back into the top half of Open 1.

Congratulations to Priscilla for taking the votes in the MVP award in her debut season and to Alex Totney for her Coach's Award given for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the MVP.

Thank you once again to Lisa Clarke-Smith for taking on the role of Team Manager to Taipans.

**Alice Barrow**

**Kara White**

**Rebekah Clarke-Smith**

**Samantha Clarke-Smith**

**Georgia Hanna**

**Martine Scott**

**Alexandra Totney (CA)**

**Justine Travill**

**Priscilla Ryles-Smith (MVP)**

**Coach**

**Tracey Lethbridge**

**Team Manager**

**Lisa Clarke-Smith**



# SURREY PARK NETBALL CLUB

It was time to line up for our upcoming season  
But with a premiership under our belt, we all wondered 'for what reason'  
Stepping onto the court the excitement set in  
And as usual all we wanted was to score a big win

We beat all comers without much ado  
And before we knew it we were in section two  
The competition was a bit tougher than the duds from last year  
But with our big guns firing we had nothing to fear

We warmly welcomed Jane into our winning combination  
Which was a welcome change from her club administration  
Oh by the way, did you know Tammy plays in the same team as Shelly?  
It's all over Facebook, and probably on the telly

And speaking of Shelly, the weeks she did not play  
We were lucky enough to have Vanessa O'Donnell step into the fray  
Our tall timber Leanne, Judy, and Fran were up in attack  
Who all as usual had a really good crack

Our mid court stars Julie, Leonie and Rob  
All stepped up and did a fantastic job  
Shelly, Leonie and Vanessa defended without fear  
Cos Tammy was always nearby with a call of 'I'm here'

A big thanks to Michelle, Gin and Lisa for helping us out  
Without their skill the finals would've been in doubt  
Even Julie had a run, for a quarter or two  
But with three knee knee ops she couldn't pull through

And let's not forget the best support crew in town  
For best dressed scorers, Jacinta took the crown  
We had coach Tamsin, her inspiration helped us all excel  
And I'm sure we were the only side with a New York based Team Manager as well

Once again the finals we did make  
But the chances we had, we did not take  
So while our opponents had obvious elation