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# Waratah Leagues Netball Club – Presidents Report

September 2008

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## *Committee Goals for 2008*

At the start of this season, the Committee were happy to see a healthy account balance for the club. The past few years' fundraising efforts have been very successful, so we decided to inject the funds back into each team. At the start of the season, each coach was asked to select some training equipment to purchase for their team, and a great range of training gear was purchased. There were individual team items such as training cones and spots, reaction balls, and a whole bunch of training balls ordered, as well as a club agility ladder. From the enthusiasm of the players at training, these items were highly enjoyed by all. I'm sure they've been a great addition to the training kits for each team, and it's great to be able to provide our teams with the most current training materials on the market.

Due to the available funds in the clubs account, we were also able to re-offer last year's discount on club jackets to this year's new members. And I must say, it's great to walk around the netball courts and see so many kids and adults wearing their jackets. It's a great way to show pride in our club, and for anyone who hasn't yet bought one, I urge you to pre-order yours for the 2009 season and wear your club colours with pride.

As a community Club, we believe that it is important to encourage young children to participate in team sports. Therefore we are pleased to have the foundation of a new sub-junior team, the U7 Chipmunk's, with two new FunNet players joining the Club also. In addition, we were lucky to add another senior team to the club this year. This is great for our development, as this season we had last years A3 Tah's playing in A2, and the Champions of 2007's B3 division the Cheetah's playing in A4. Our new senior team, the Dynamites, played in B2, and showed great commitment and improvement throughout the year. What a great way to attract new players for the 2009 season.

*Special mention to our players, parents and coaches of the 12 years Zoomers, Goldies, and Maroons teams*

I would like to take this time to thank the parents and players of 3 of our 12 years teams: the Zoomers, Goldies and Maroons, who had a hard season this year. Due to complications beyond their control, these 3 teams found themselves in less than satisfactory grades prior to the first game. After numerous phone calls and letters to NNA executives, we were unable to have the teams regraded into more suitable divisions. I realise this has affected the spirit of some of our players, and some parents as well, and some of you have been let down by this.

But I want to ask those players and parents to not let this affect your love of netball, and know that we have been assured by NNA this won't happen next season. We ask that you give the club, *your* club, another go next year, and to help us rebuild the passion and good spirits you all have for netball.

Special thanks to Donna Allen and the parents and players of the Goldies for taking the place of the Maroons in division 2. I know it was a tough season for you, but you have made the club proud to have you associated with us. You "took one for the team" and played against opposition well above your experience, but still played every week with a "can do" attitude, and did not let them beat you mentally. Well done.....

## *Our Fundraising for 2008*

Two major fundraising events took place this year, with a chocolate drive during the first half of the season, and our annual Trivia Night at the end of the season. Both were very successful, and enabled the club to keep building our financial stance.

We went on a different track this year with the trivia questions, and whilst a few of them were a bit curly, Trivia Party put a great package together to keep the night interesting. Congratulations to the

Wise Old Owls for coming out on top at our trivia night, and pocketing themselves \$250! Other winners on the night include:

52 card club – Jen Walker & Nick Osborne

Lucky Door prize – Sarah Gallagher

Early bird prize – Jackie Jukes

Sarah won herself free registration for the 2009 netball season with Waratah Leagues Netball Club, and Jackie will enjoy a night out with a \$50 meal voucher from David's Kitchen @ Mayfield West Bowling Club. Congratulations to all our winners on the night, and a big thankyou to the volunteers who helped make the night a success.

*Congratulations to our Finals teams!*

Out of 10 teams this season, 5 teams made it to the Finals series. Congratulations to:

12yrs Spitfires Grand Final Winners

14yrs Hawkettes – Grand Final Winners

15 yrs Angelinas – Finalists

Senior Tah's – Grand Finalists

Senior Cheetahs – Grand Final Winners

A champion effort from all those teams to make it to the finals, and extra congratulations to those teams who won their respective grades. We hope to see! more teams make the Finals series next season, and hope to add more names to our Grand Final trophy

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*To you all*

I would like to thank all the parents and players for a wonderful season, and congratulate the teams who made it to the finals series. A special congratulation goes to the teams who made the Grand Final, and an extra mention to those who won. You have made your club proud, and we hope you have enjoyed yourself in 2008. To those teams who did not make it to the finals, don't be disappointed, hopefully you had fun during the season. Keep your heads up, there's always next year! A special mention to my wonderful team of committee members: Nick, Ian, Jackie, Rachel, Dave, Chantelle and Sarah. Without you all, our club would not exist. You have done a wonderful job this year, and I hope to see you, and a few new faces, in 2009. To our new players and parents, we hope you have enjoyed your first year with us, and we look forward to you returning. Have a wonderful off season everyone and I hope to see you all back next year bringing some new faces with you!!!

Best regards

*Nicole Cadogan*

President