

>>> WINTER SEASON NEARING AN EXCITING FINISH

It's hard to believe we're already heading into the final

few rounds of the KBNA Winter Competition! With just three home and away games remaining, the excitement is building as teams begin their final push towards the end of the season and, for our Under 11s, Under 13s and Under 16s, a place in the finals at the end of August.

Our Winter season has been an incredible one so far. Every Saturday has been filled with fun, friendships, laughter and plenty of fantastic netball. It's been wonderful to watch our players grow in confidence, develop new skills and support one another both on and off the court. The progress every team has made throughout the season is something our club can be incredibly proud of.

Our Under 9 players also have something special to look forward to, with the opportunity to take part in the annual Round Robin Carnival hosted by St Pat's Netball Club on Saturday 22 August. The day is all about participation, enjoyment and giving our youngest players even more opportunities to put their skills into practice in a fun and supportive environment.

As we head into the final weeks of the season, we'd like to thank all of our coaches, team managers, umpires, volunteers, families and supporters who continue to make every Saturday possible. We can't wait to see what the rest of the season has in store—good luck to all of our teams! 🤝💚

>>> CRAIGIEBURN SPRING COMPETITION IS UNDERWAY

While our Winter season is heading towards an exciting finish, we're thrilled to have four Wandong teams back out on court in the Craigieburn Junior Mixed Spring Competition, which kicked off on 18 July.

A huge welcome and congratulations to our newest Spring Competition teams:

- 💚 9&Under Raiders
- 💚 11&Under Renegades
- 💚 13&Under Rebels
- 💚 15/17&Under Stars

The Craigieburn competition provides a fantastic opportunity for our players to continue developing their skills, gain valuable match experience and enjoy more time on the court in a fun and supportive environment. It's also a great chance for players to build new friendships, play alongside teammates from different Winter teams and continue growing their confidence throughout the year.

>>> WINTER WONDERLAND - NOT SO SILENT DISCO



Our Winter Wonderland Silent Disco was another fantastic success, bringing together players from across the club for an evening filled with music, dancing and plenty of laughter.

Held at the Wandong Community Hall, the event gave our junior players the chance to celebrate the season away from the netball courts, make new friends across different age groups and simply enjoy being part of the Wandong Netball Club family.

From the moment the headphones went on, the dance floor was packed, with players singing along, showing off their best dance moves and creating memories that will last well beyond the season. The night was made even more special thanks to the many committee members and volunteers who gave up their time to supervise, organise food and ensure everyone had a safe and enjoyable evening.



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>>> WANDONG GOES BLUE FOR DOLLY'S DREAM

One of the highlights of our season was hosting our Do It For Dolly Day during Round 8 of the KBNA Winter Competition.

The day brought our entire club and community together to raise awareness about bullying and support the incredible work of Dolly's Dream, a charity dedicated to creating a kinder, safer world for young people.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our players, families, volunteers, local businesses and wider community, we didn't just reach our fundraising goal—we surpassed it, **raising an incredible \$3,976.46** for Dolly's Dream.

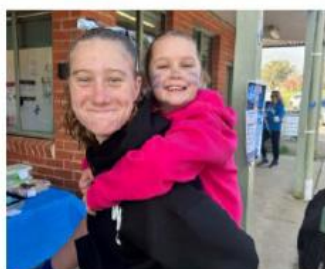
The day was filled with blue, smiles and community spirit, with a huge raffle, bake sale, games, face painting, canteen treats and plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved. We were also incredibly grateful to the many local businesses and families who generously donated prizes, baked goods and their time to help make the event such a success.

While the fundraising result was something to celebrate, the most meaningful outcome was the conversations the day inspired. Following the event, one of our junior players found the courage to speak with a coach about their own experience with bullying. Knowing that our club provided a safe and supportive environment where a young person felt comfortable enough to reach out for help is something we'll always be proud of.

At Wandong Netball Club, we're about much more than wins and losses. We're committed to creating a community where every player feels safe, valued and supported, and our Dolly's Dream Day was a wonderful reminder of the positive impact sport can have both on and off the court.

To everyone who donated, volunteered, baked, purchased raffle tickets, attended on the day or simply helped spread the message—thank you. Together, we made a real difference.

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>>> BUILDING BETTER SPORTS

This season, Wandong Netball Club proudly delivered our Game Changers Workshop, bringing together players to learn that being a great teammate is about so much more than what happens on the scoreboard. The interactive workshop focused on respect, resilience, teamwork, communication and good sportsmanship, while encouraging players to think about the positive impact they can have on their teammates, opponents, coaches, umpires and supporters. As a club, we're committed to developing not only better netballers, but also confident, respectful and resilient young people. The Game Changers program aligns perfectly with our club values and reinforces the culture we're striving to build both on and off the court.

