

# **Southern Districts Netball Association Inc.**



**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS  
1966-2016**

**SOUTHERN DISTRICTS NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC**

**1966** – March saw the formation of the Southern Districts Basketball Association. With the season commencing on 30<sup>th</sup> April at Coker Park, Cannington. 10 Senior and 10 Junior Teams competed playing on four courts. Registration Fees were Seniors \$20, Juniors \$10.

A Combined Senior & Junior Team was selected with Red and White being the Association Colours. They played in a Lightning Carnival on 14<sup>th</sup> August.

**1967** - 32 teams competing on six courts at Coker Park and two courts at Cannington Senior High School.

A Lightning Carnival was held in July at the Gosnells Oval

**1968** – With 34 teams games were played at Coker Park and Cannington Primary school.

The Combined Teams travelled to Collie for a weekend of basketball (netball) with a Lightning Carnival being held on 4<sup>th</sup> August at Mills Park, Beckenham.

The Association was fortunate in having three of its members gaining State ‘C’ Badge for umpiring. They were K. Buckingham, I. James and L. Whyte.

**1969** – 33 teams competed this season with the Lightning Carnival being held at Gosnells Oval on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

This season suffered chaos with the resignation of several Committee members and failure to gain a nomination for position of President. Positions were eventually filled and the season was able to proceed.

The Association approached the Gosnells Shire Council to find suitable grounds, close to public transport as Cannington could not allocate any further venues.

The Council agreed to develop a five acre reserve in Holling Street, Maddington for use by the Association.

Work on the new centre with four bitumen courts was completed in time to hold the finals.

**1970** – The council erected a building with toilets & change rooms and another four courts were ready for the start of the season with 44, teams competing.

The Basketball centre was named the H.W. Walker Basketball Centre in appreciation of the Shire Clerk for all the work done by him in establishing permanent grounds for the Association.

A resolution was passed by All Australia Council that the game would now be referred to as NETBALL, rather than Basketball, as in all other countries.

**1971** – This season saw an increase in teams to 58 being graded A1-C2. The council advised that the courts that had been promised for this season would not be completed in time and should any more courts be required that the Association seek alternative grounds.

Iris James award State ‘B’ badge for umpiring from W.A.N.A.

**1972** – The number of teams competing this season increased to 68 and accommodated on eight bitumen and eight grass courts.

This year’s Lightning Carnival was held at the Netball Centre.

An inaugural event this year was a carnival for State Primary Schools. Carol Matison & Iris James worked in conjunction with several Primary Schools to organise this event.



**1973** - 87 Teams registered this season.

A Lightning Carnival was not held this year due to lack of interest.

Primary School Carnival was very successful although it was unfortunate to see the dreadful condition of the grass courts deteriorate.

Chaos occurred when the Gosnells Council banned further use of the grass courts due to their condition. Matches had to be switched to Sunday mornings which proved very unsatisfactory with several teams having to forfeit.

Helen Robinson achieved her State 'C' Badge for umpiring awarded by WANA. Umpires from the association were supplied to various Schools and Rockingham Netball Assoc. for finals.

**1974** –With 86 teams this year the Gosnells Council decided not to further develop Holling Street but advised that a proposed new centre was to be built in Langford Ave, Langford. This would happen in the next three years with provisions for thirty courts. Helen Robinson gained her State 'B' badge for umpiring.

**1975** – More interest in netball increases with 100 teams registered this season playing in Grades A1-D1. The second Life Membership to be awarded by the Association was this year awarded to Iris James a member of the association since the inception in 1966. This year saw the introduction of Badges for Umpiring. The following were the first recipients of the badges.

Grade 2 – Colleen Bennier, Grade 3 – M. Hicks, Carol Matison, Helen Patterson and Anne Tigchelaar.

**1976** – By now there were 108 teams participating with a summer competition planned if courts under lights could be found. The Gosnells Council granted use of two courts at Mills Park, Beckenham with 26 teams competing in this new season.

An honour board was obtained during this season to record premierships teams each year, commencing at 1974.

**1977** – At last the Association has its new headquarters. A building comprising a meeting hall, kitchen/canteen, first aid room, office, changerooms for players, public toilets, and storeroom.

22 bitumen courts to expand to 30 when needed. The Association spent a considerable amount of money to furnish and equip the new centre.

112 teams commenced playing at the new centre.

The summer competition proved to be successful and 34 teams entered this year again playing at Mills Park.

A Lightning Carnival was held on 10<sup>th</sup> July and incorporated the official opening of the Netball Centre. The opening ceremony was conducted by the Mayor of the City of Gosnells Mr Arthur Mills. Also in attendance were the Councillors and their wives and local, metropolitan and country netball teams.

**1978** – This year the Association had 112 teams competing on Saturday afternoons, consisting of 67 Senior and 45 junior teams.

A Mid-week trial competition with 17 teams competing in three grades was also formed. A child minding service was operated to assist mothers. 64 teams played in the summer competition which was held at Mills Park.

Sub- Junior players mainly school teams were playing on a Saturday morning. This was organised by an independent association using the facilities.

The Lightning carnival was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July was a great success with a total of 66 teams competing (28 Senior, 22 Junior and 16 Sub Junior).

Helen Robinson attained her State 'A' badge for umpiring.

**1979** – More improvements were made after much struggle the installation of lighting on eight courts enable the summer competition to be played at the centre. A very successful competition was run over three nights with 143 teams competing - 128 Senior and 15 juniors.

Mid week teams grew dramatically this season with 35 teams competing.

The Primary Schools Carnival had to be held over two days as there were 82 teams participating.

**1980** – By this year there were 179 Teams (132 Senior, 47 Junior) playing winter, 45 Teams playing Midweek. Spring/Summer competition grew to 176 Teams (155 senior, 21 Junior) and had to be extended by an extra two weeks being played over three nights.

A Burglar alarm was installed in November of this year as the premises had been broken into and vandalised no less than 20 times before installation.

To assist the secretary who was often away from the office doing association business a Voca answering service was installed.

An automatic timer for the lights was another much needed improvement and a typewriter was also purchased for the Press Agent as most news media require typed copies.

This year also saw the introduction of an Association letterhead, the logo of which was designed by Mr & Mrs Barrie.

Mrs T Barrie and Mrs I James recommended that the game of netball might benefit from the additional rule allowing a substitute player during matches. The grading committee felt it appropriate to give this idea a trial and incorporate it in the winter season of B1 grade.

Mrs Barrie presented a report on the experiment to W.A.N.A. and as a result of this innovation by S.D.N.A. the ruling has been passed at All Australian Level.

**1981** - It was decided to introduce an Intermediate division this season for the 16-19 age groups. Prior to the new grade talented players had to be content competing in low grade seniors which did not improve their skills, thus preventing their advancement to higher grades.

92 Senior, 20 Intermediate and 37 Junior teams played in the winter season. Mid week hosted 40 teams with 131 Senior, 18 Intermediate and 12 Junior teams playing in the Spring/Summer season.

A total of 76 teams competed in the lightning carnival with division in Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Sub Junior.

This year a great deal of fund raising was organised to assist the party of 42 who went to Singapore. The nucleus of the party were players, who participated in three social matches against teams from Singapore.

A first for S.D.N.A this year was the attempt of the Checkers Netball Club to beat the existing non-stop playing record (Guinness Book of Records). The record stood at 25 hours 10 minutes and the club planned to play for 30 hours. The day prior to their attempt they were notified that a Victorian team had played for 36 hours the previous

week, but this did not deter them and they commenced playing the following morning. Unfortunately they were unsuccessful due to several injuries and extremely cold, windy conditions which prevented them from continuing play. The players recorded a total time of 20 hours 30 minutes, a great effort and now a record at S.D.N.A.

Another first was the introduction of a netball magazine, 'On The Ball'. This was the 'brainchild' of Tommi Barrie (Editor), Mary Cash and Maxine Dashwood (Co-Editors). The magazine covered all events and news concerning S.D.N.A. and snippets of netball news from elsewhere. Once Mathews were aware of our magazine they followed suit and produced a very smart edition. As both magazines were having trouble with the cost of publishing they decided to amalgamate.

Carol Matison was elected to the W.A.N.A. Executive committee. This is the first year that non-Matthews members have gained position on the executive.

**1982** - A special award was created this year namely "The Iris James Service Award." This award to be given to any member the Association believes has devoted their time or contributed in any way to the betterment and running of the Association. The Inaugural award was presented to Helen Freeman for her services in running the canteen.

The Association had the pleasure of hosting the Under 21 New Zealand touring team on 14<sup>th</sup> May. Girls were picked up from their hotel and taken sightseeing including Cohuna Wildlife Sanctuary. Lunch was held at the Association with an exhibition match against a local team.

June saw the calling of all "oldies" for the first Veterans Carnival to be held at Rockingham Association. S.D.N.A put a team in A Div. (35 and over)

Players: Tommi Barrie, Colleen Bennier, Sandra Glenny, Carol Matison, Barbara Mayall, Irene McKay, Leslie Nunn, Helen Robinson, Vicki Seal, Bev Shaddock, Joan Smith.

Coach: Darelle Seal

Manageress: Greer Nunn, Taryn Bridle, Dale Miller (age limit Under 16)

The day was quite cold but our aides were quick off the mark with blankets for the "OLDIES", wheelchairs were even supplied for the lap of honour, pushed by the senior team players. S.D.N.A won A Division outright winning all their games. Not to be outdone by the oldies the senior team also won their division.

**1983** – The Southern Districts Sub Junior Netball Assoc. an Independent Association became affiliated with the senior part of SDNA. Constitution changes were made and the position of SJ President becoming Sub Junior Convenor was elected to Executive and would operate with a Sub Committee. Grand Final Trophies and runner up trophies to be awarded.

The winter saw 92 Senior, 48 Junior, 16 Intermediate teams playing with 42 Mid Week teams and 135 teams playing in the Spring/Summer.

**1984** - Major extensions were added to the existing building. A new and larger secretary's office was added with the old office becoming the match office. A development office, meeting hall was extended into a function room. More change rooms and showers plus first aid room and the canteen was doubled in size giving a very extensive work area.

It was decided to employ a person for litter duty during finals of winter competition. This proved to be most successful as rostered teams were not doing court cleanup duties efficiently. It was voted that the association employ Mr Keith Hackett to do grounds and courts clean up duties.

171 Teams competed in the winter season with 26 Mid week and 147 during Spring/Summer

**1985** - Meetings were held with Belmont, Canning, Dale and Foothills Associations to interchange ideas to establish an Inter District Competition. It was decided to run a competition during the second round of 1986 winter season. Teams to compete would be the premiers from A Grade 1995 winter season.

With the introduction of Sub Juniors into the Association the Development Officer saw the need to introduce a coaching clinic for Sub Junior Coaches and to hold a Holiday coaching clinic for players during May school holidays. This was very successful and skill development and participation was evident.

**1986** – Sub Junior teams were placed in grades according to age and ability and were known by colours rather than A, B, C grades. It was hoped this would encourage participation and fun rather than competition. The season would commence with an opening march with trophies being given for Best Dressed and Best Marching Teams. No finals to be played.

The Inter Districts Competition, named “South of River Competition” got off the ground this season.

Teams Competing were-

Belmont	Westcoasters & Classics
Canning	Eso Sprints
Dale	Classics
Foothills	Hollies
Southern Districts	Crusaders

The final was played at Belmont between Westcoasters & Crusaders with Westcoasters being winners. The success of this competition was evident and it was decided that the following season to have Premiers and runner up teams from A Grade to compete.

#### AMERICA’S CUP FESTIVAL OF SPORT

S.D.N.A was chosen as the region centre for players from Belmont, Canning, Dale, Foothills and Southern Districts Associations to form a team to compete against other regions in a tournament to be held between 21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September 1986 at Wanneroo Netball Association . Fourteen Region teams from all over the state competing.

Players selected-

Belmont Vivienne Davies, Monica McIlroy, Ray Paul, Sue Trezise, Danielle Wooltorton.

Southern Districts- Tracy Baker, Fiona Harding, Janine Litterick, Gloria Maidment, Peta Simeon.

Coach	Mary Cash	Southern Districts
Manageress	Veronica Fuller	Belmont
Umpires	Sue Millen	Belmont

Helen Robinson Southern Districts

The team finished third in the Gold Division, then played Midlands who finished third in Green Division. The final results being Southern Districts 46 Midlands 44.

A computer suitable for the association has been recommended by W.A.I.T. and this will be in use for the 1987. Two students from W.A.I.T have taken the task of designing a programme suitable for use at the Association. It will be part of their course project.

**1987** – WA Netball asked the association to trial a variation of the Substitute Rule during the winter season.

The Trial involved all teams in Senior A1, B1, C1 and Junior A1, B1. Under the trial rule teams could substitute players on and off the court at quarter breaks, however a player who was replaced injured could not retake the as per injury rule.

Insufficient registrations were received to run a Mid Week competition. It was decided to call registrations again for a spring competition and sixteen teams registered and operated along the same lines as indoor netball with players paying per game and umpires paid \$5 to umpire. South of River Competition was represented by Checkers, Crusaders & Harlequins none of which made the finals. This was won by Westcoasters from Belmont.

**1988** – The winter competition saw the introduction of a “Squad” for senior A1 & AR. This meant that clubs who had teams in both grades could interchange players for a certain period to help establish stronger competition within the A1 grade.

**1989** – Narelle Shaw from Vamps Club was the first player currently playing at SDNA to be selected in U/19 State Team. Tanya Rose was selected in U/17 State Team. South of River Competition – Hawks represented SDNA and went on to win the competition beating Westcoasters from Belmont for the pennant. Player of the season went to Chris Barclay of Hawks.

A new dimension in netball was started this year with the introduction of the “State Netball League.” To be eligible a player was selected from the council area that she lived. The area for Southern Districts included Armadale, Belmont, Canning, Gosnells & Serpentine Jarrahdale. The team for this region was called “South Side Sparks” and were sponsored by Kenwick Auto Electrics. All games to be played indoor at the following venues:

Park Rec .Centre	Victoria Park
Loftus Rec. Centre	Leederville
Herb Graham Centre	Mirrabooka
Ray Owen Centre	Lesmurdie

Games to be played either Friday nights or Sundays.

Players:	Justine Burns, Jenny Brown, Roxanne Edwards, Ruth Hegney, Michelle Robinson, Tanya Rose, Narelle Shaw, Peta Simeon, Beverley Stone, Julieanne Sugar, Lisa Wake.
Coach:	Bev Lupica
Manager:	Paula Mill
Co-Ordinator:	Helen Robinson

**1990** - The success of the State Netball League last year saw the introduction of a Under 19 division to the League. The team which was coached by Colleen Bennier had a successful season being undefeated all season.

Smiths Lite Gala Day & Talent Search – Two teams of nine players were selected from 70 girls to attend the Gala Day with Lea Hadley (Willetton) and Helen Robinson (Checkers) coaches for these teams.

Tania Hansen ( Vamps) and Annette Van Houwelingen (Checkers) were selected in the Under 17 State Team to play at the National Championships being held at Perth Netball Association.

The Under 19 and Veterans Association teams were successful in winning State Championship Carnival in their division.

The Veterans team attended the Central Australian Masters Games held in Alice Springs and were successful in winning the silver medal. The team was accompanied by their coach Irene McKay, Manager Bruce Bingham Umpire Maxine Dashwood and Statistician Helen Prince.

**1991** – Helen Prince was elected President of W.A.N.A at the AGM, a first for a person outside of Perth Association. Helen Robinson was awarded Life Membership to W.A.N.A.

Tanya Rose (Vamps) was elected in Under 19 state Team.

**1992** – It was resolved at the December Executive meeting that the canteen be run as a business and that a manager be appointed to work on Friday's and Saturday's during winter season. Other staff to be employed – Assistant Manager and Junior Staff to cover two shifts thus deleting rostering of clubs.

With 346 teams competing this winter season – 84 senior, 104 Junior and 158 Sub Junior with Junior A1 and A2 having to play at 2.30pm and 4.00pm.

A letter was received from two junior players asking to use the store room as a “play room” during afternoon time slots. It was resolved that the playroom could go ahead and be monitored and then formulate a policy to establish a crèche.

**1993** - Australian Masters Games were held in Perth with Helen Robinson Co-ordinator of Netball, Irene McKay Assistant Co-ordinator. Crusaders & Mixtures from SDNA plus the 1992 Association Veterans Team participated in these games.

Restructure of Executive as made with Canteen, Grounds & Maintenance and Press Agent/Historian being deleted. The position of Vice President to remain a structured position . The Member position to remain as a way of introducing new people to executive.

After a successful trial of a “play room” for toddlers it was resolved that the crèche operate as a trial and if successful plans to be made to apply to Women in Sport for a grant to construct proper facilities.

Adriana Giovenco to be Senior Supervisor at a rate of \$8.41Hr plus two helpers.



An extremely successful year for Southern District at State Level with five of the ten players for Under 17 from SDNA – Tamlyn Boland, Leah Fogarty, Terri Hadley, Bridget Payze, and Christine Robins, with Mary Cash appointed Coach.

This year saw the most teams playing since Sub Juniors became part of the Association. There were 350 teams playing winter – 82 Senior, 98 Junior and 170 Sub Junior. Spring - 42 Senior and 30 junior teams with 20 senior teams playing summer. Eight time slots were required to accommodate all teams during winter and four during spring.

**1994** – A request for a children playground to be erected at the centre was met with approval by Council and is the process of being established.

A more professional approach was made to the match office this winter season with two people employed, Kerry Mercer and Christine Robinson. One working mornings other afternoons.

**1995** – After five years as Development Officer Jan Symonds resigned.

Five teams were selected in the U/15 Talent development Program to attend a Gala Day at Kalamunda.

**1996** – Miss Sue Gaudion commenced duties in February as the new Development Officer.

The implementation for the Netta Programme for 5-7 years was introduced this year. All Australia have officially launched this programme nationally and will be run over a 6-8 week period.

Helen Robinson resigned As Secretary/Administrator after commencing in 1978. As well as a paid employee Helen was also an Association team Player, Coach and Umpire over her time at Southern.

Incoming administrator from September will be Mrs Sue Watkins.

**1997-** Upgrade Project for 96/97 included building of a new store room to house Association Team uniforms, equipment and photocopier.

Building of new Grandstands near Sub Junior Courts.

Existing grandstands to be upgraded by cladding the backs for protection against weather. A light be installed over the training wall.

**1998** – A motion was passed at the AGM that the colours of the association should include black. As new uniforms must be purchased for 12 & under division for 1998 Association Member Championships new skirts with black incorporated on them would be purchased.

Southern Districts to host State Championships over the long weekend in June.

**1999- Development** Officer Sue Gaudion and Administrator Sue Watkins both resigned this year with positions being filled by – Sue Scott Development Officer and Nicole (McKrell) Prothero as Administrator. Nicole was the winner of Linzy Starick Scholarship for this year.

**2000** - Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second Queen of Australia, instituted an Australian medal to commemorate, in the year 2000, Australian Sporting

Achievements. Sixteen Southern Districts people received the Australian Sports Medal for their contribution and achievements.

**2001** – SDNA was acknowledged by Netball WA receiving an award for ‘Outstanding delivery of Netball Development Programs.’

**2002** – SDNA was again acknowledged by Netball WA receiving an award for “Recognition of Excellence in Overall Performance.”

Mr Keith Hackett was awarded 20 Years of Service to the Association with a gold watch. Mr Hackett was employed by the Association 1982 after it was learnt that he had been going down to the grounds after games and cleaning the court of litter a job that was assigned to teams but not getting done efficiently. He also received the Iris James Service award in 1989.

**2003** - New Comers to Netball (based on the lines of Net set Go) programme was introduced on a Saturday morning for 5-7 year olds with 35 participants joining. It would be 8 week skill based program.

**2004-** Southern Districts players were well represented in the Regional Team Sparks/Demons with all three teams winning the Grand Final. SDNA was asked to hold the first NAICOD (stands for the National Aborigines and Islander Day Observance Committee.) Carnival for netball which was run very successfully until 2014 when it was played at Noranda Netball Association

**2005** - Players Amber Harvey, Josephine Janze, Amber Metcalf, Ashleigh Neal, Kyra Neal and Apprentice Coach Nicole Prothero were all member of 21/Under State Team that won National Championships. Former Development Officer Sue Gaudion was coach.

The Regional carnival was held at SDNA this year.

**2006** – City of Gosnells resurfaced all courts ready for the start of the 2007 season at a cost to them of over \$250,000 dollars. Extensions to the veranda were also completed and an upgrade to the canteen.

A grant from CSRFF was successful and lighting to courts 1-3 should be completed by end of year.

**2007** – Eight teams represented the association at WA Member Championships played at Waneroo on the long weekend in June. U/17 Division won with Open & U/15 -2 losing the grand final.

The old shelters around the courts were condemned by the council. These were previous donated to the association over 15years ago when the Thornlie pool was demolished were they stood for approximately 20 years. The shelters were removed and at the suggestion of the clubs a levy was charged to assist with the building of new ones as the quote for replacing them was \$12,500 each. Grants have been obtained from City of Gosnells and Dept Sport & Recreation.

**2008** – Bendigo Bank came on board as a Major sponsor for Development over the next three years.

**2009-** Caitlin Basset former player at SDNA playing for Illawarra Sparks makes her debut for Australia against England in Glasgow, after former Australian Player Cath Cox had to withdraw due to injury.

**2010-** The development at SDNA is continuing to be displayed with the number of players and officials being selected for Regional and State Teams.

Netta and Sub Junior divisions continue to maintain their popularity and this year Junior and Senior divisions have grown. Newcomers programme continues to grow with a large number of registrations for the coming season.

**2011 -** Department of Sport and recreation awarded Nicole Prothero High Performance Coach of the Year. Nicole has been coaching Region Team Demons since 2000 and became Head Coach in 2007, winning premierships 2007-2010. She also was awarded Smarter Than Smoking State League 'Coach of the Year' in 2007, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

**2012-** Mary Cash was elected onto Netball WA Board for a three year term.

**2013-** A sad day in September for all SDNA members and followers with the passing of Development Office Sue Scott. Sue spent 13 years at southern in which time she became a much loved and professional figure around the Association.

Sue coached Regional and State League teams and was a mentor to many inspiring coaches. Developing players and taking them as touring teams to Fiji, Vanuatu and Bali to gain experience from other nations.

Bev (Stone) Gallagher commenced as Development Officer. Bev was a former State Player and was an inaugural member of Southside Sparks team in the new State Netball League Competition.

Courtney Bruce (former play of Zodiacs club) included in 21/Under Australian Netball team to go to Glasgow for World Youth Cup. Courtney played in final against New Zealand but Australia could only come away with silver medal

**2014-** SDNA continues to have strong representation at Association, Regional and State Level. Players continue to be represented in State League, State teams, Fever and National Levels. Coaches hold positions at State League & State Teams with umpires officiating for State League and State Teams . Bench official have been officiating at World Championships, Commonwealth games, State Championships , ANZ championships and State League . The representation of Southern Districts is again the highest on a ratio to the size of the Association.

Former SDNA and Orioles/ Fever players Catlin Bassett played for Australian Diamonds at Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and Kyra Jones (Neal) who is now living in the UK played for Wales.

**2015 –** We began the year with a trial of a Fast 5 competition over February & March eight teams competing in a preseason competition. The game is played without a wing attack or wing defence and subs can be made during game without stoppages. Each quarter is played for six minutes.

Tuesday 1st April will long go down in the history books as the day an incredible milestone was reached when South East Demons veteran Danielle Mitchell broke the

Smarter than Smoking State Netball League appearance record when she played her 250<sup>th</sup> game.



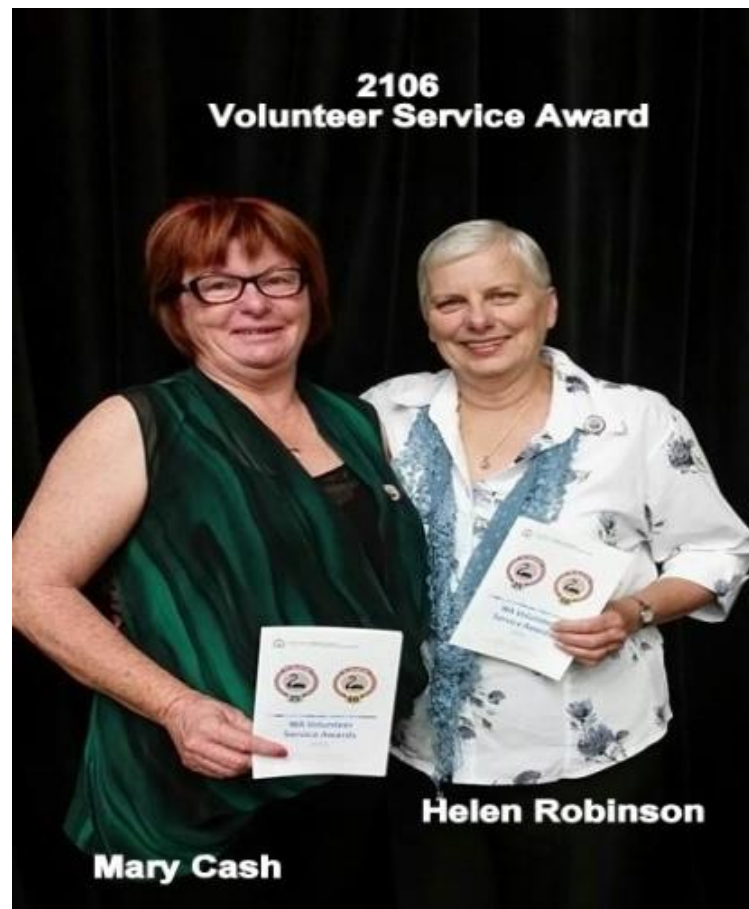
Danielle Mitchell and Nicole Prothero

Opening day was 50 years of competition and all Sub Junior, Netta & Junior players were given a certificate of participation.

Caitlin Bassett became the first Western Australian Netballer to surpass 50 International Test Appearances during the World Cup which was held in Sydney. Caitlin became the first shooter to claim Australian Netball individual honour, the Liz Ellis Diamond . She was also crowned Australian netballer's Player of The Year.



Mary Cash & Helen Robinson were both recognised for their services to SDNA at the Government of WA Volunteer service Awards.



**2016** – 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations were held on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Exactly 50 years to the day the Association was formed. Celebrations included a march past by teams followed by a High Tea for 80 invited guest in the club rooms.

Perth Harmony Chorus welcomed the guest with two songs then Vic President Jane Lill welcomed guests to the morning then invited Irene McKay and Helen Robinson to reminisce of highlights that came to mind over the past 50 years.

This was followed by Perth Harmony Chorus singing Happy Birthday with the cutting of the cake by 1966 Association members.



Rhonda (Husk) Williams, Iris James, Gloria (Gibbs) Maidment, Lorraine Butler

Congratulations to Sue Neal on being joint winner of the RAC Insurance Service to Sport

NUMBER OF TEAMS PLAYING EACH SEASON												
	Winter				S/Junior	Mid	Spring/Sum				S/Junior	Summer
	Total Teams	Senior	Junior	Int	Netta	Week	Total Teams	Senior	Juniors	Inter	Netta	Seniors
1966	20											
1967	32											
1968	34											
1969	33											
1970	44											
1971	58											
1972	68											
1973	87											
1974	86											
1975	100											
1976	108						26	26				
1977	114						34	34				
1978	112	70	42			17	64	64				
1979	148	98	50			35	143	128	15			
1980	179	132	47			45	176	155	21			
1981	149	92	37	20		40	161	131	12	18		
1982	138	82	35	21		43	0					
1983	160	96	48	16		43	184	135	38	11		
1984	171	87	62	22		26	147	101	34	12		
1985	295	98	56	21	120	18	126	114	No	12		
1986	279	80	61	21	117	15	99	84	Comp	15		
1987	264	70	58	21	115	16	109	73	30	6		
1988	323	85	93		145		113	84	29			
1989	298	77	77		144		110	82	28			
1990	299	84	76		139		122	76	46			
1991	322	90	80		152		112	66	46			
1992	346	84	104		158		99	52	47			
1993	350	82	98		170		92	42	30			20
1994	326	75	92		159		86	36	30			20
1995	319	62	99		158		81	28	29		24	
1996	306	68	88		150		58	17	25		16	
1997	273	51	93		129		83	26	33		24	
1998	271	51	91		129		69	24	24		21	
1999	260	48	80		132		75	20	31		24	
2000	156	38	42		76		63	27	11		25	
2001	140	27	37		76		70	26	15		29	
2002	152	32	36		84		81	24	16		41	
2003	156	30	36		90		76	24	21		31	
2004	146	33	29		84		77	24	24		29	
2005	136	35	27		74		65	24	12		29	
2006	141	31	35		75		64	12	15		37	
2007	131	24	29		78		76	12	21		43	
2008	148	24	38		86		88	13	24		51	
2009	154	28	46		80		95	19	26		50	
2010	161	36	45		80		95	22	29		44	
2011	180	37	51		92		126	27	41		58	
2012	192	39	57		96		142	34	45		63	
2013	199	45	63		91		124	26	48		50	
2014	200	48	114	NSG	38		140	30	85	NSG	25	
2015	193	45	110		38		150	31	88		31	

**SOUTHERN DISTRICTS NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATE 2015



Players Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF COMPETITION**  
1966 - 2015



*\*In preparation for our 50th Birthday next year, we would appreciate any memorabilia - old playing uniforms, photo's articles, medallions etc that you could lend us for these celebrations. Please see us in the Match Office or email us - [sdna@sdna.com.au](mailto:sdna@sdna.com.au) if you can help.*

## PRESIDENTS

1966	Mrs L. Spriggs	1983-1985	Mrs K. Burke
1967	Miss J. Stalker	1986-1988	Mrs C. Bennier
1968	Mrs L. Brittain	1989-1990	Mrs H. Prince
1969	V. Fieldgate	1991-1993	Mrs J. Maras
1970-1975	Mrs J. Haigh	1994-1996	Mrs M. Dashwood
1976-1977	Mrs I. James	1997-2000	Mrs G. Maidment
1978-1982	Mrs C. Matison	2001-2016	Mrs J Maras

## SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATORS

1966	Miss M. Worth
1967	Miss J Kirkwood
1969-1973	Mrs. I James
1974-1977	Mrs B. Randall
1978-1996	Mrs H. Robinson
1986-1999	Mrs S. Watkins
2000-2016	Mrs N. Prothero

## LIFE MEMBERS

1967	Mrs L. Spriggs	1994	Mrs M. Dashwood
1975	Mrs I. James		Mrs J. Maras
1976	Mrs J. Haigh	2000	Mrs G. Maidment
1979	Mrs B. Randall	2002	Mrs J. Church
1980	Mrs H. Robinson		Mrs S. Neal
1983	Mrs. T Barrie	2003	Mr B. Bingham
1986	Mrs C. Matison	2005	Mrs K. Barr
1988	Mrs. G. Johnston		Mrs S. Mitchell
1989	Mrs L. Nunn	2011	Mrs K. Dallimore
	Mrs L. Starick		Mrs I. McKay
1990	Mr M. Anderson		Mrs N. Prothero
1992	Mrs M. Cash		Mrs S. Scott
	Mrs T. Giovenco	2013	Mrs B. Gallagher
	Mrs H. Prince		Mrs L. Staines
	Mrs K. Simpson	2015	Mrs J. Cleverley
	Mrs R. Williams		Miss A. Harvey

## SDNA LIFE MEMBERS AT NETBALL WA

1991	Helen Robinson	2008	Mary Cash
1997	Helen Prince		Sue Scott
2002	Lea Hadley	2012	Jenny Maras
	Irene McKay	2013	Sue Neal

<b>SDNA Representatives to Netball WA</b>		
1981-1982	Carol Matison	Executive Member This is the first time there has been anyone outside of Matthews on this governing body.
1982	Glynnis Johnson	Tournament Committee Member
1989	Martin Anderson Helen Robinson	Executive Member State Championship Co-ordinator
1990	Karen Burke	Corporate Affairs Officer
1990-1992	Maxine Dashwood	Events Committee Member
1990-1996	Helen Robinson	Director of Events WA Delegate All Australia
1991-1992	Trish Andrew	Events Committee Member
1991-1996	Helen Prince	President
1993-2008	Irene McKay	Events Committee Member
1993	Helen Robinson	Vice President
1994	Trish Andrew	Director of National & International Affairs
1994-1997	Christine Robinson	Events Committee Member
1994-1995	Helen Prince	WA Delegate to All Aust.
1994-1995	Helen Robinson	WA Liaison Officer to AANA
1996	Trish Andrew Helen Robinson	General Manager Vice President Director Board AANA
2012-2015	Mary Cash	Board Member Netball WA

<b>SDNA Reeciipients Australian Sports Medal - 2000</b>		
BENNIER	Colleen	
BINGHAM	Bruce	
CASH	Mary	
EDWARDS	Roxanne	
HADLEY	Lea	
MAIDMENT	Gloria	
MATISON	Carol	
MCKAY	Irene	
OWEN	Louis	
PALMER (Ayrey)	Sandra	
PRINCE	Helen	
ROBINSON	Christine	
ROBINSON	Helen	
SCOTT	Sue	
STARICK	Linzy	
VAN LEEUWEN	Trish	



WA State Representation								
	OPEN		Under 21		Under 19		Under 17	
1989					Narelle Shaw	P	Tanya Rose	P
1990					Tanya Rose	P	Tanya Hansen Annette Van Houwelingen	P P
1991	Kylie Aggiss Helen Carter Bev Stone	P P P	Kathy Hull Narelle Shaw	P P	Tanya Rose	P	Helen Prince	M
1992			Naydene Clarke Tanya Rose	P P	Helen Prince	M	Terri Hadley	P
1993	Justine Burns Michelle Robinson Peta Simeon	P P P	Julie Meehan	P	Helen Prince	M	Tamlyn Boland Leah Fogarty Terri Hadley Bridget Payze Christine Robins Mary Cash	P P P P P M
1994	Justine Burns Peta Waterman Lea Hadley	P P Ap/C			Helen Prince	M	Tamlyn Boland Leah Fogarty Terri Hadley Bridget Payze Christine Robins Mary Cash	P P P P P C
1995	Terri Hadley Ruth Hegney Julie Neville Lea Hadley	P P P Ap/C	Tamlyn Boland	P	Tamlyn Boland Terri Hadley Bridget Payze Liz Booth Helen Prince	P P P Co M	Belinda Meehan Danielle Mitchell Rena Venance Lea Hadley Irene McKay	V/C P P C M
1996	Terri Hadley	P	Kylie Nadenbousch	P	Terri Hadley Belinda Meehan Taryn Parks Roxanne Edwards Helen Prince	C P P Ap/C M	Kellie Gurney Danielle Mitchell Kym Mitchell Rena Venance Lea Hadley Irene McKay	P P P P Co M
1997	Roxanne Edwards Peta Waterman	P P	Belinda Meehan Kym Mitchell Marnie Vidovich	P P P	Belinda Meehan Kym Mitchell Lessa Rychlak Rena Venance Janine McKay Helen Prince	P P P P Ap/C	Marnie House Kellie Gurney Jenna McClure Daniell Mitchell Juenelle Symonds Larrissa Willcox Lea Hadley Irene McKay	C P P V/C P P Co M

## WA State Representation

	OPEN		Under 21		Under 19		Under 17	
1998	Roxanne Edwards	P	Belinda Meehan Danielle Mitchell Kym Mitchell Jessica Van Kuyl	P P P P	Belinda Meehan Danielle Mitchell Kym Mitchell Renaë Vallance Jess Van Kuyl Janine Halliwell	P P P P P Ap/C	Jenna McClure Larrissa Willcox Lea Hadley Irene McKay	C P Co M
1999	Jenna McClure Julie Meehan		Belinda Meehan Danielle Mitchell Kym Mitchell Irene McKay	P P P P	Jenna McClure Daniell Mitchell Meagan Scott	VC P P	Irene McKay	M
2000	Jenna McClure		Kym Mitchell Irene McKay	P M	Jenna McClure Irene McKay	C M	Melissa Johnson	P
2001	Kym Mitchell	P	Jaquie Fisher Irene McKay	P M			Melissa Johnson	P
2002	Amber Harvey		Amber Metcalfe	P	Melissa Johnson Irene McKay	P M	Amber Harvey	P
2003			Irene McKay	M	Kyra Neal	P	Nicole Cherry Amber Harvey Josephine Janz	P P P
2004	Kyra Neal		Kyra Neal	P	Rhiannon Bassett Amber Harvey Kyra Neal Nicole Prothero	P P As/C	Caitlin Bassett	P
2005			Amber Harvey Josephine Janz Ashleigh Neal Kyra Neal Nicole Prothero	P P P P As/C	Rhiannon Bassett Amber Harvey Josephine Janz		Ashleigh Neal	
2006			Ashleigh Neal	P	Ashley Neal Kalistah Shaw Nicole Prothero Lynley Johnson	P P Co M	Sarah East Alicia Janz	P P
2007			Amber Harvey Sarah Leitch Ashleigh Neal	P P P	Ashley Neal Sarah Leitch Kalistah Shaw Nicole Prothero	P P P Co	Alicia Janz	P

WA State Representation								
	OPEN		Under 21		Under 19		Under 17	
2008			Ashleigh Neal			P P P	Morgan Kinsman Megan Leitch Nikeah Winterburn Nicole Prothero Andrea McCulloch Maree Lewis	P P P Co Ap/C M
2009			Megan Leitch Jenna Logan Ashleigh Neal Alyce Peters	P P P P	Rechelle Camper Sarah East Alicia Janz Mrogan Kinsman Nakita Little Nikeah Winterburn Nicole Prothero Andrea McCulloch Maree Lewis	P P P P P C Ap/C M	Courtney Bruce	P
2010			Courtney Bruce Alicia Janz	P P	Alyce Peters Andrea McCulloch	As/C	Courtney Bruce Suzanne Lennon	P M
2011			Courtney Bruce Alicia Janz Nicole Prothero	P P Co	Courtney Bruce Alyce Peters	P P	Jessica Colvin Suzanne Lennon Bev Gallager	P M A/M
2012			Courtney Bruce	P	Courtney Bruce	P	Paige Doy Rebecca Lill Emily McCorkill Bev Gallager	C P P As/M
2013			Courtney Bruce	P	Paige Doy	P	Emma Littley Bev Gallager Belinda Reynolds	P As/C As/C
2014			Courtney Bruce Hinemoa Mehau	P P	Paige Doy Hinemoa Mehau Julie Cleverley	C P As/C	Courtney Kruta Tyler Rollo	P P
2015			Hinemoa Mehau	P	Hinemoa Mehau Belinda Reynolds Rae Doy	P As/C M	Morgan Millar	P
Ap/C - Apprentice Coach, Ap/M - Apprentice Manager, As/C - Assistant Coach, C - Captain, P - Player, Manger-M, VC - Vice Captain								



<b>SDNA PLAYER REPRESENTATIVES</b>		
<b><u>ORIOLES</u></b>	1997	Terri Hadley
	1998	Roxanne Edwards, Belinda Meehan
	1999	Kym Mitchell
	2000	Jenna McClure
	2001	Jenna McClure
	2002	Melisa Johnston, Jenna McClure
	2003	Melisa Johnston, Jenna McClure
	2004	Brittani Edwards, Amber Metcalf
	2005	Melissa Johnston, Kym Mitchell
	2006	Caitlin Bassett, Amber Harvey, Mellisa Johnston, Kym Mitchell
2007	Caitlin Bassett, Kyra Neal	
<b><u>FEVER</u></b>	2008	Caitlin Bassett, Josephine Janz
	2009	Caitlin Bassett, Josephine Janz, Ashleigh Neal, Manger - Lynley Johnson
	2010	Caitlin Bassett, Courtney Bruce, Josephine Janz, Ashleigh Neal
	2011	Caitlin Bassett, Courtney Bruce, Josephine Janz, Alicia Janz
	2012	Caitlin Basset, Josphine Janz, Ashleigh Neal, Lindal Rohde
	2013	Caitlin Basset, Courtney Bruce, Josephine Janz
	2014	Caitlin Bassett, Courtney Bruce, Josephine Janz
	2015	Caitlin Bassett, Courtney Bruce, Josephine Janz
2016	Caitlin Bassett, Courtney Bruce, Josephine Janz	

<b>People With Disabilities State Representatives</b>		
	1992	Coach Trish Andrew (Van Leeuwen)
		Player Paula McIntosh
	1994	Player Jenny Waters
		Manager Pam waters



## Mary Cash

Mary started her netball aged 9 years at St Munchins in Gosnells when at primary school, then played in interschool teams for St Joachims during her high school years.

She then joined her sister's team HBF and played at Matthews Basketball Association in Floreat. In 1971 she played with her sisters, cousin and sister in law in a team called 5+2 also at Matthews.

Then in 1973 they changed their name to Crusaders. Mary is a founding member of the Crusaders Netball club registering with Southern Districts in 1975 and playing when the courts were in Maddington.

She became an active member of the association as well as being the longest serving person on SDNA executive. Has been a Coach, Umpire and Player of association teams over the years. Coached Regional Team Sparks/Demons, has also been President for the Region for twenty plus years.

Coached various teams which travelled to Indonesia, Fiji, Vanuatu & Cook Islands

Participated at the Honda Masters Games in Alice Spring with Checker's 1994, Hylander's 1996.

Listed below are other achievements.

1978-1980	Summer Convenor
1979	Attained Level 3 Umpires Badge
1980	Attained Level 2 Umpires Badge
1981	Umpires Division Committee Member
1981	Attained Level 1 Umpires Badge
1982	Umpires Convenor, State 'B' Umpires Badge, Level 2
Coaching	Certificate
1983	Mid week Convener
1986	Coach – Regional netball team which played in America's Cup Festival of Sport
1988	Liaison Officer
1992	Life Member SDNA
	Only WA applicant to be invited to AIS Canberra to commence Level 3 Coaching Course
1992-2000	Vice President
1993	Member Southern Districts Veterans Team, Mixtures, which played in Australian Masters Games held in Perth.
1993 & 1994	Coach State U/17 Netball Team
2000	Awarded Australian Sports Medal for services to Sport.
2001-2016	Finance Officer
2013, 2015	Board Member Netball WA
2015	WA Volunteer 50 year award for services to Netball



## **Jenny Maras**

Jenny is the Associations longest serving President and as per her netball history below has held many other positions and has been a great contributor to all areas of netball.

### **Netball History**

I started playing at Southern Districts in my early high school years. I remember catching the bus down to Pitchford Avenue to play (sometimes on grass) on a Saturday. My cousins had formed a netball club named Drifters and I then played for them for a couple of years.

When Drifters disbanded my sister and I along with a group of friends formed a team called Misc. We played at Southern when it moved to Langford and stayed together for quite a long time. As I umpired for the team I developed an interest in umpiring and joined the umpiring squad. Umpiring then became my priority and I stopped playing to concentrate on that, attaining my National C badge in 1984. I coached for the Harlequins Netball Club from 1985 to 1993 before taking a break from netball.

During this time I was on the Executive Committee as Umpires Coaching Convenor, Vice President and then President. At the end of the 1996 season I chose to take a break from netball.

At the time my youngest daughter was showing an interest in netball I was approached to consider nominating for the position of President and returned to Southern Districts in 2001 when my daughter commenced playing for Crusaders as a Netta. I coached for the crusaders Netball Club for a number of years before becoming an independent member of the Association with no ties to any club. During this time I have seen the association grow and develop with pride and hope to continue to contribute to this development.

As part of my development in netball I joined the score bench for the WA Netball league (previously State League) assisting at the regional level and progressing through to score bench on ANZ Games. I also became the Event Convenor for the South East Demons Region and an active member of this committee.

Netball is my passion and I was proud to receive my Netball WA Life Membership in 2012.

During my involvement with netball I have seen our association grow and develop with pride, plus netball evolve to what it is today, and hope to continue to contribute to both the sport and our Association in the future.



## **Helen Robinson**

Helen started her netball journey as the Club Secretary of Pingelly Netball Club in Regional WA in 1965. After moving to the metro area Helen formed the Checkers Netball Club in 1970. She was President of the Club until it folded due to declining numbers in 2000

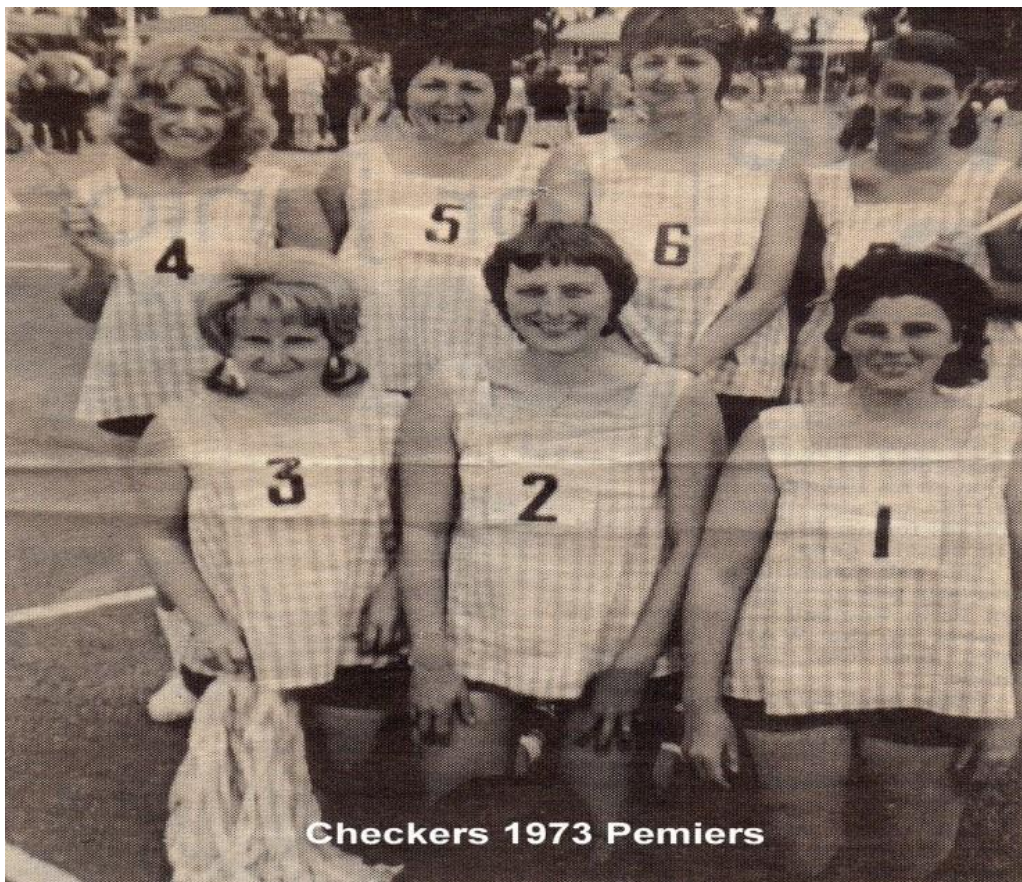
1971-1977	SDNA Committee Member
1972-1977	SDNA Umpire Convener
1973	Attained State "C" Umpire Badge
1974	Attained State "B" Umpire Badge
1974-1994	SDNA Grading Committee
1978	Attained State "A" Umpires Badge
1978-1996	Secretary/Administrator SDNA
1980	Awarded Life Membership SDNA
1980-2013	Score Bench Coordinator National Championship Netball Australia
1986	Awarded Life Membership checkers Netball Club
1986-1992	Coach Under 15 Association Team
1987	Awarded "Iris James Service Award" for outstanding service to SDNA
1988	Elected to WANA Executive Committee
1989	WANA Co-Coordinator State Championships and Regional (South East Metro) Coordinator for the newly formed State League Competition.
1989-2014	Score Bench Coordinator WA State Netball League
1990	Member WANA – Finance Committee, Director of Events which included organizing State Championships, Johnson & Johnson Test Series and Under 17 National Championships which were both held in Perth. Also was WANA delegate for AANA.
1990-2013	Score Bench Coordinator / Manager / Sorer / Timer International matches Australia
1991	Awarded Life Membership to WANA A new scoring policy was incorporated by ANAN and Helen had the task of attending all National Events throughout Australia as a Bench Referee and then accrediting personnel for these positions.
1992 & 1994	Toured to Alice Spring with Checkers Veterans Team to play in Honda Masters Games.
1993-1994	WANA Vice President
1994	Australian Masters Games Co-Coordinator for Netball which was held in Perth
1996	Resigned as Administrator at SDNA and became a member of the staff at WANA as Events Manager.
1996-2014	Events Manager Netball WA
1997-2014	Score Bench Coordinator ANZA Championship / Commonwealth Bank Trophy
1998	Score Bench up skilling Manager New Delhi India
2000	Awarded Australian Sports Medal
2002	Statistician Commonwealth Games Manchester England

2005	Tournament Referee Asian Netball Championship Singapore
2006	Score Bench Coordinator Commonwealth Games Melbourne
2007	Awarded Life Membership South East Demons Netball Region
2008-2015	Netball Australia Technical Officials Advisory Panel
2009-2014	Score Bench Coordinator Australian Netball League Perth, Hobart
2010	Score Bench Coordinator Commonwealth Games New Delhi India
2010	Awarded Service Award Netball Australia
2012	Technical Delegate 8 <sup>th</sup> Asian Netball Championships Sri Lanka
2013	Score Bench Manager Finals ANZ Championship
2014	Named as the Technical Delegate for the 2015 Netball World Cup
2015	Technical Delegate 17U / 19U / 21U Netball Championships Netball Australia
2015	International Technical Delegate Netball World Cup Sydney
2015	Recognised for service to Southern Districts Netball Association, Local Government award.



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