# MULLUM NETBALL NEWS



Autumn Season – February 2023

Hi everyone,

My name is Katie Jacobson, and I'm your new President for 2023. My daughter Zoe plays in the 15Us, and has played with Mullum since she started netball 2 years ago. (Pictured together here ->)

I nominated for Club President, as I hoped my career experiences in governance, fundraising, risk management, volunteer recruitment and retention, could be of assistance to the club. I see Mullum as a Goldilocks club: not too big, not too small - just right. We are an inclusive club, a friendly club, and a family club - and can offer netball experiences for our players and families that other Clubs may not.

Mullum also has a long history as a sporting club, with many successes and strengths to be proud of. Even last season we had 5 teams reaching Grand Finals with 4 winning, plus players celebrating 5 and 10 year milestones with us too. That's amazing!

I'm honoured to build upon the work of my predecessors, and excited about what lies ahead for us. Already, our brand new Executive Committee are working behind the scenes to strengthen our foundations, plus investigating new ideas to keep building up Mullum Netball Club as a great place for both our players and families alike.

So thank you for giving me the chance to lead our Club. I can't wait to watch the year and future unfold with you.

In the meantime, if you have ideas or questions to share I'd love to hear from you. Simply drop me a message via email: president.mullumnetballclub@gmail.com

Catch you all courtside... Katie 🚳





To our players accepted into Rep programs for 2023 "It's not how big you are. It's how big you play!"

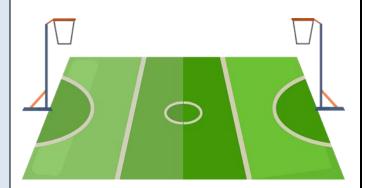


Ask your friends to come play with you!

Contact us at mullumnetballclub@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
10 and 11 March	No netball	
March (date to be	Club Twilight	
confirmed)	Tournament	
8 and 9, 15 and 16,	No netball	
22 and 23 April		
5 and 6 May	Pink Weekend	
3 June	Semi-finals for 11U, up	
	to Opens	
9 and 10 June	No netball	
16 June	NetSetGo Round Robin	
17 June	Grand Finals for 11U, up	
	to Opens	

Netball Rules can be found here - INF Netball Rules

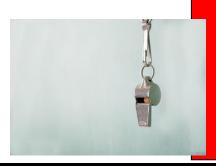




### **MENA NEWS & UPDATES:**

- The home team is to supply the game ball for each match. We ask our teams to please make sure your game day netball (newest netball in coaches bag) is fully inflated before arriving.
- The indoor court works are ahead of schedule, and the new courts should be able to be used from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February!
- All teams will play every week starting Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February.
- The cafe will be open.







# **THANK YOU UMPIRES!**

- Did you know that our team's games (up to 1pm), are umpired by one of our own Mullum players?
- We have a training program run with MENA to improve our umpire's skills
- Umpiring is a first job for many teenagers
- Great job Annie, Charli, Dilly,
  Isabel, Gemma, Abi and Narelle!

## CHILD SAFE STANDARDS IN NETBALL

New Victorian Child Safe Standards have come into effect to ensure better safety and protection for all children and young people. On 1 July 2022, the Victorian Government brought in 11 new Standards (replacing Victoria's original 7), then on 20 January MENA just provided guidance for how all local netball clubs should review, respond to and enact each of these new standards.

#### The standards are:

- Organisations establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued
- 2. Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture
- 3. Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously
- 4. Families and communities are informed, and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing
- 5. Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice
- 6. People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice
- 7. Processes for complaints and concerns are child focused
- 8. Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training
- 9. Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed
- 10. Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved
- 11. Policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people.

Enacting these standards is not only a legal requirement upon us, but helps Mullum Netball Club continue to be recognised as an inclusive, safe and friendly club. We are lucky our incoming President Katie has in-depth working knowledge in adapting and applying these standards, from her current work as an Early Childhood Teacher, and has taken a lead with our Executive Committee on reviewing our practices, policies and procedures against MENA's guidance. This work will be ongoing throughout this year. If you would have ideas for supporting Child Safety, diversity and inclusion at Mullum, please message our President, Katie Jacobson on 0474 730 811 or <a href="mailto:president.mullumnetballclub@gmail.com">president.mullumnetballclub@gmail.com</a>



Remember, advocating for Child Safety is not just up to the Club, but all of us!



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Open Red Stuart Sully

Open White Salina Collins (team manager)

