

# ANNUAL REPORT



ALBANY NETBALL ASSOCIATION

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# Executive Summary

2025 was a season of growth, innovation, and strengthened community connection for ANA. Key achievements included the rollout of e-scoring and record participation at the Albany City Nissan Junior Carnival.

Challenges such as umpire shortages and increased injury reports were met with proactive solutions. ANA also made strong progress against its 2025–2027 Strategic Plan, particularly in governance, technology, and event delivery.

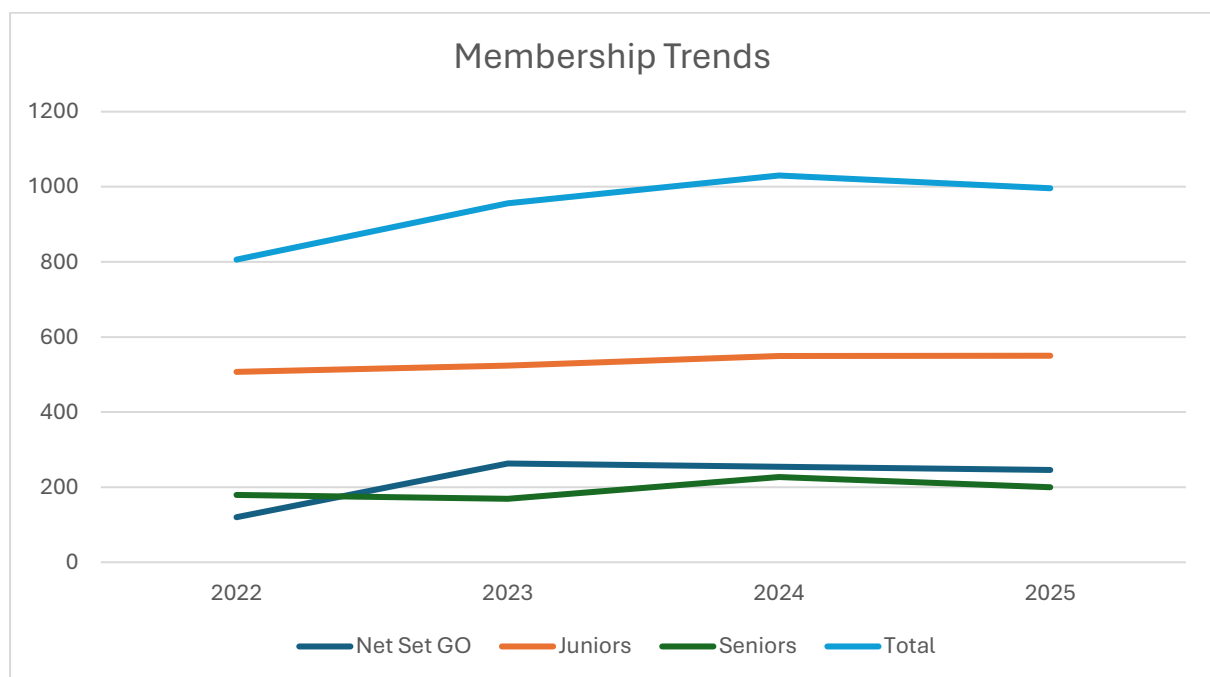
## Strategic Highlights:

- Constitution and by-laws updated for digital operations and dispute resolution
- E-scoring and Square Reader successfully implemented
- Junior Carnival and Association Championships delivered with record participation
- Expanded coach development

## Governance & Committee Activity

- Monthly meetings held January - September with strong club representation
- Key motions passed: hardship support, by-law updates, dispute resolution, digital voting
- Sub-committee roles reviewed for 2026
- Succession planning initiated
- Constitution amendments prepared for AGM

## Membership & Participation



Year	Net Set GO	Juniors	Seniors	Total
2022	120	507	179	806
2023	263	524	169	956
2024	254	549	227	1,030
2025	246	550	200	996

## Financial Overview

**Income:** \$188,881

**Expenses:** \$172,386

**Surplus:** \$16,494

Key Investments:

- Development squads and coaching
- Umpiring support
- Website and tech upgrades
- Junior Carnival, Regional Championships and Association Champs
- Square Reader introduced to streamline financial operations.

## Player Welfare & Injury Management

Injury Type	Cases
Ankle	28
Knee	14
Head	7
Finger	6
Other	20+

Injury reports rose from 9 (2024) to 31 (2025). This was a result of increased awareness of the incident reporting system. In 2025 the Office position of the ANA was asked to hand out any incident report each time a request for an ice-pack was made. In addition the injury report data was included periodically at ANA committee meetings and social media posts.

Courts 2 and 6 flagged for audit

Repeat injuries tracked; concussion protocols enforced

Recommendations: preventative training, court audits, improved data quality

## Coach Development

2025 saw the following courses presented within the Albany Netball Association:

Development course held May 2025 - 10 participants

New coaches workshop held March 2025 – 13 participants

New coaches workshop – May 2025 – 15 participants

On the Court session with Netball WA – 18 participants

## Development Squads

2025 saw 123 athletes participate in the 12s, 13s, 14s, 16s and 20s development squads with 6 training sessions prior to team selections for Association and regional championships. 11 coaches assisted in these training sessions under the direction of 6 Head coaches.

Trials for 2026 development squads have seen 169 athletes register for the 12, 13, 14 and 16 age groups.

## Fuel to Play and Go Association Championships

Albany Netball Association continued to build momentum in 2025 with outstanding results at the **Association Championships**. Ten teams represented ANA, with five reaching finals and two securing division wins.

These achievements reflect the strength of our development pathways and the dedication of our coaches, managers, and umpires. Special thanks to Sam for her real-time Facebook coverage throughout the weekend, which helped showcase our players and build community engagement.

Finally, the benches and trolleys purchased after last year's championships have proven to be excellent additions to our equipment inventory, improving comfort and logistics for players and officials alike.

	Coach	A/coach	Placing
Open	Lisa O'Farrell	Rachel Adams	2 <sup>nd</sup> /Division 1
20 & under Team 1	Jenny Cristinelli		1 <sup>st</sup> /Division 3
16 & under Team 1	Rosemary Wolter	Linsey King	7 <sup>th</sup> /Division 2
16 & under Team 2	Marianne Tutt/Fiona Cohen		2 <sup>nd</sup> /Division 8
14 & under Team 1	Trish Hines	Petra Simojoki	7 <sup>th</sup> /Division 4
14 & under Team 2	Mandy Bootsma		6 <sup>th</sup> /Division 7
13 & under Team 1	Kym Quartermaine	Fiona Cohen	2 <sup>nd</sup> /Division 4
13 & under Team 2	Brooke Pearson	Cheri Muir	3 <sup>rd</sup> /Division 7
12 & under Team 1	Gail Butterworth	Tash Cale	1 <sup>st</sup> /Division 3
12 & under Team 2	Mel Pears	Narda Street	5 <sup>th</sup> /Division 7

## Grassroots Program

Albany grassroots program implemented a clear training schedule and a renewed focus on inclusion. Three training dates were held and teams sent to the NAIDOC Carnival in Perth. Fundraising efforts—including cake stalls and soup sales at the Junior and Great Southern Carnivals—have helped support families with travel costs. A heartfelt thank you to all clubs for their ongoing support and generosity.

### Boorloo NAIDOC Carnival – 2025 Highlights

The Boorloo NAIDOC Carnival once again delivered a vibrant celebration of culture, competition, and connection. ANA proudly fielded teams across three age divisions, with players, coaches, and families representing Albany with pride and resilience in challenging conditions.

#### Under 12s

- Reached the Grand Final and finished as runners-up

#### Under 14s

- Finished 3rd out of 7 teams

#### Under 16s

- Also placed 3rd, just shy of finals qualification

### Individual Recognition

Courtney White was named Junior MVP of the day

Courtney’s journey from Under 10s to her final junior year has been marked by dedication and excellence

## Albany City Nissan Junior Carnival:

- 35 teams, 88 games
- 387 participants (318 juniors)
- Sponsor branding and media coverage (7,534 Facebook views)

## Regional Championships

Albany continues to be a strong competitor in the Great Southern regional championships with 3 winning teams for 2025.

	Coach	A/coach	Placing
Open 1	Jean Davis		4th
20 & under Team 1	Jenny Cristinelli		1st
20 & under Team 2	Brooke Pearson		4th
16 & under Team 1	Rosemary Wolter		1st
16 & under Team 2	Marianne Tutt/Fiona Cohen		3rd
14 & under Team 1	Petra Simojoki	Cheri Muir	2 <sup>nd</sup> pool A

14 & under Team 2	Mandy Bootsma		3 <sup>rd</sup> Pool B
13 & under Team 1	Kym Quartermaine		2 <sup>nd</sup> Pool B/14 and under
12 & under Team 1	Gail Butterworth	Tash Cale	1st
12 & under Team 2	Mel Pears	Narda Street	2nd

## Great Southern Regional Squads

Following the Regional champs the following athletes and coaches have been selected into the 2026 Regional squad.

Players who play in the ANA are as follows:

14s

Abbie Cameron

Hendriette Labuschagne

Vileasha Michael

Hannah Newbey

Brylee Paunic

Lucy Smit

Zoe Tomlinson

16s:

Ava Kirkman

Ruby Lee

Charlotte McLeod

Lily McGill

Ruby Steele

Ava Wignall

Coaches selected were:

Coach mentor – Rosemary Wolter

16s Head Coach Fiona Cohen

## Umpiring Report 2025

### Overview

The 2025 season was a significant year for umpiring within the Albany Netball Association (ANA).

Across 678 games(14 rounds plus a Sunday round), a total of 1,356 umpire allocations were successfully completed.

Each weekly round required approximately 94 allocations, with the exception of the Sunday round which required 40.

The Finals Series required an additional 96 allocations (48 for Preliminary Finals, 24 for Semi Finals, and 24 for Grand Finals)

### Championships and Representative Commitments

- Members Association Championships, Perth (30 May – 1 June 2025):  
9 ANA umpires officiated 67 games. Four additional ex-ANA umpires, now Perth-based, supported to ensure full coverage.

- GS Championships, Albany (18 – 20 July 2025):  
14 ANA umpires successfully officiated 58 games, demonstrating the association’s strong contribution to regional netball

## Umpiring Achievements

- Cadet Program: 12 registered cadets
- Badging Progression: 8 umpires (from Cadet Program) attained their C Badge, with strong growth compared to previous years.
- Umpire Education: Netball WA GS Officials’ workshops were hosted on 23 February 2025 at Retravisio Stadium. These focused on “Building the Whistle Crew” and game management skills, both well supported by clubs and umpires.
- Registered Testers: ANA expanded its badging assessing capacity in 2025 with an additional 3 testers. ANA has two (2) umpires registered for B Badge and seven (7) for C Badge testing
- Green Shirt Program: Integrated into local clubs (Narrikup, Kangas, Griffins, Bullets), attracting 35 participants with support from 10 mentors.

### Development Pathways:

- Mackenzie Sutherland and Kimberley Johnson – Netball WA Tier 1 invitation
- Jayde McHenry – Netball WA Fever in Time program
- Candace Laurent, Tegan Pears and Aloma Baxter – GS Umpire Academy invitations
- Jessamy Law-Davies and Mackenzie Sutherland – completed the Fever in Time program (Oct 2024 – Jun 2025)

## Challenges

The association continues to face a shortage of experienced umpires, particularly for A1/A2 grades and representative competitions such as the Members Association Championships and GS Championships. Despite proactive measures, key challenges include:

- Limited availability of experienced umpires (often due to relocation or other commitments).
- Lack of clear umpiring pathways for country-based officials.
- Insufficient opportunities for higher-level coaching, mentoring, and assessment (notably, GS Champs in Albany are often not at a suitable standard for B Badge assessments).

## Future Directions

It is essential that ANA and member clubs work collaboratively to strengthen umpire recruitment, retention, and development. Strategies include:

1. Appointment of Umpiring Coordinators within clubs to actively encourage and support umpire pathways.

2. Establishment of club-based umpire squads to coordinate duties and provide progression opportunities.
3. Expansion of Green Shirt Programs at club level, building on the successful 2025 pilots.
4. Structured mentorship programs to support developing umpires.
5. Encouragement for all team umpires to complete Netball Australia's online Foundation Course and Theory Rules Exam

## Conclusion

Umpiring remains an essential pillar of ANA's success. While the association has celebrated significant growth in accreditation, education, and development opportunities in 2025, ongoing challenges highlight the need for strong partnerships between ANA, its clubs, and Netball WA. Through continued collaboration, ANA is committed to fostering a supportive and sustainable umpiring culture into the future.

## Strategic Plan Performance

Pillar	Status	Summary
Governance & Planning	✓ Solid	Constitution updated; succession planning underway
Technology & Administration	✓ Strong	E-scoring and Square Reader implemented
Programs & Events	✓ Robust	Junior Carnival and Champs delivered successfully
Membership & Participation	⚠ Mixed	Slight decline; NSG model under review
Player & Coach Development	✓ Active	Courses delivered; mentoring to expand
Officials & Umpiring	⚠ Needs focus	Shortages persist; badging and mentoring underdeveloped

## Other Highlights

This season has been defined by innovation, collaboration, and the continued growth of our netball community. ANA's Grading Day at Retravisio Stadium received overwhelmingly positive feedback, thanks to the tireless efforts of our Executive Committee.

We also celebrated the launch of ANA's updated Coaches Handbook, now accessible via our new website, reinforcing our commitment to transparency and coach development. The final stages of e-scoring implementation mark a significant milestone in our digital transformation, with special thanks to Jaime Lee Strickland for leading club engagement and to Marcelle and Lyndsey for championing this initiative from its inception.

ANA continues to invest in player development and elite pathways. We were proud to host a Development Squad training session led by Deanne Quartermaine, whose return to Albany and involvement with Western Roar brought valuable expertise to our young athletes. We also congratulate the following players on their representative achievements:

- Keely Berry – National 17s Championships
- Sophie Panizza – Western Roar & Fever Futures
- Emily Gadean – South West Jets
- Jaz Foggin – Peel
- Mia Dominiak – Rangers
- Courteney White – Netball WA's First nations Team

Their success reflects the strength of our grassroots programs and the dedication of our coaching community.

Finally, ANA's participation in the Netball WA Regional Leaders Forum—supported by travel subsidies—demonstrates our ongoing commitment to statewide collaboration and leadership development.

## Sponsorship

Appreciation to Sam Loveridge for her work in attracting and promoting ANA sponsors. Sam has done an amazing job in bringing new sponsors to the ANA and promoting them to our membership.

Major sponsor: Riverhill

Round Sponsors: Alkoomi, V-belt & Rubber, Crave, Elders Albany, Phil Davey Electrical, Hooked On Middleton beach, Albany All Soils and Landscape, Beebe Bulk Haulage, Adam Taylor Electrical, Head to Tail Pets, Physio Strong, Kadadjiny Aboriginal Corporation

Carnival Sponsors: Albany City Nissan

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## Acknowledgments

Judy Eskett recognized for outstanding service as Office Manager

Appreciation to coaches, umpires, managers, and volunteers

Recognition of club efforts in sponsorship, media, and community engagement

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## Action Plan for 2026 and 2027

- 1 Liaison with City of Albany re: Court bookings and access (input into expansion plans)
- 2 Develop a risk management plan
- 3 Remainder of Executive to be on the Microsoft Shared Drive for the ANA Executive (including use of Teams)

- 4 NSG - Develop a handover document for Net Set Go with an annual checklist included
- 5 Grassroots - .Develop an annual checklist to go with Netball WA handbook
- 6 Junior Carnival – Update checklist for the carnival
- 7 Extend the coaches handbook into a competition manual
- 8 Develop a development squad manual
- 9 Umpire information to be updated on website annually