MITTAGONG NETBALL CLUB

WILDCATS

2026 ANNUAL REPORT

A season of growth, friendship and Wildcats pride



MORE THAN A GAME.

Celebrating a year of teamwork, resilience, friendship and green and gold pride across our growing Wildcats community.

MITTAGONG NETBALL CLUB

2026
OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

A season of growth, firsts and moments worth celebrating.



MORE PLAYERS. MORE TEAMS. MORE WILDCATS.

113
ACTIVE PLAYERS

12
TEAMS IN 2026

51 NEW WILDCATS

31% MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

THE SEASON IN NUMBERS





FROM FIRST PASSES TO FINALS

3 PREMIERS

- 4 GRAND FINAL TEAMS
- 1 MINOR PREMIER
- 3 NATIONAL C BADGES

27 NetSetGO registrations + 3 NetSetGO-aged players in division competition

A CLUB FIRST Our first male player joined the Lions in Cadets and became the first male player over 12 to compete in SHNA.

OUR WILDCATS

OUR YOUNGEST WILDCATS

FIRST SKILLS. FIRST FRIENDSHIPS. FIRST LOVE OF THE GAME.



27

NETSETGO REGISTRATIONS

3

NetSetGO-aged players playing in division competition

LITTLE GOAL POSTS. BIG MOMENTS.

Our youngest players developed skills and confidence in a fun, supportive environment. With no scores or ladders, the focus stayed on participation, development and enjoyment. Shorter goal posts gave Under 8 players more opportunities to experience the excitement of scoring.

LEARNING THE GAME TOGETHER

Mittagong members supported SHNA's separate NetSetGO Skills program. Emilia Medcalf helped lead sessions in catching, passing, changing direction and teamwork. Families reported positive experiences and participants showed clear improvement.

Mittagong volunteers also managed the cowbell and timekeeping at the weekly sessions.

Woolworths provided food and drinks for a morning tea, adding to the enjoyment of the sessions.



OUR WILDCATS

FIRST STEPS & FOUNDATIONS

EVERY WILDCAT HAS A STORY

From the first pass to finding confidence.



CUBS

NETSETGO

COACH Emilia Medcalf
MANAGER Emilie Sivak

The Cubs made wonderful progress as they learned the rules, tried different positions and developed their skills. Their team-building day at Tabatinga brought players and siblings together and helped the Cubs family grow closer. Their teamwork and enthusiasm also earned a nomination for Club Team of the Year.

"They tried and tried and tried every single week." - Emilia Medcalf



KITTENS

NETSETGO

COACH Mali Stewart
MANAGER Elouise Gillispie

The Kittens discovered the fun of netball while learning to catch, pass and shoot, building confidence and making new friends. A favourite team tradition was their adopted kitten teddy bear mascot, which became part of training and game-day preparations.

"From first-time players to confident little Wildcats, they grew together."



LEOPARDS

FINALISTS

COACH Trish McCann
MANAGER Brodie Jonoski

With many players new to netball, the Leopards started by learning the fundamentals and grew enormously in skill and confidence. Coach Trish McCann and manager Brodie Jonoski worked closely together, with Brodie stepping in to coach when needed. Their progress and positive team environment were highlights of the year.

OUR WILDCATS

FRIENDSHIPS, GRIT & FINALS

GROWING TOGETHER, ON AND OFF COURT

Three teams, countless moments of progress.



CHEETAHS

PREMIERS

COACH Liz Stokes
ASSISTANT COACH
Maude Kurr, Lucy Stokes, Lauren Hogan

The Cheetahs finished 2026 as Premiers. Their strong friendships, trust and encouragement helped them meet challenges together and celebrate one another's successes. Away from the court, they joined the Jaguars for a fun team-bonding outing at Flip Out.



JAGUARS

FINALISTS

COACH Liz Stokes
ASSISTANT COACH Allie Medcalf, Victoria Feetham

The Jaguars kept showing up and improving despite facing older and more experienced opposition. After a winless regular season, their persistence was rewarded with a memorable first victory in the semi-final. A shared Flip Out outing with the Cheetahs added to the friendships formed along the way.



TIGERS

FINALISTS

COACH Gayle Hicks
MANAGER Cherrie Brown

The Tigers grew in confidence and skill throughout the season, with their progress clear to coaches and families alike. Their enthusiasm and team spirit earned a Club Team of the Year nomination. A nail-biting semi-final victory took them through to the Final.

OUR WILDCATS

TEAM SPIRIT & DETERMINATION

THE POWER OF TEAMWORK

Support, resilience and memorable finishes.



PUMAS

PREMIERS

COACH Emily Stokes
MANAGER Camilla Tame

The Pumas built a strong, caring team culture and supported one another through every challenge. When a teammate broke her collarbone, the team made sure she remained part of their season from the sidelines. Their resilience and teamwork culminated in a Grand Final victory and the premiership.



BOBCATS

SEMI-FINALISTS

COACH Victoria Feetham, assisted by Amelia Feetham
MANAGER Raylene Neville

The Bobcats welcomed several new players and showed tremendous improvement over the year. Their supportive approach, growing skills and enjoyment of netball took them to the semi-finals and earned a nomination for Club Team of the Year.



LIONS

MINOR PREMIERS • GRAND FINALISTS

COACH Linda Rampling
MANAGER No manager

A new group of players came together to become a close, encouraging team. The Lions finished the regular season as Minor Premiers before an exceptionally close Grand Final that went into overtime. A team photo shoot and dinner created memories off court, while their season was recognised with the Club Team of the Year Gold Award.

OUR WILDCATS

MORE THAN THE SCOREBOARD

CELEBRATING EVERY STAGE

Keeping players connected to the game.



LIONESSES

SEMI-FINALISTS

COACH Kylie Medcalf
MANAGER No manager

The Lionesses enjoyed a strong season and reached the Cadets semi-finals, where they faced fellow Wildcats team the Panthers. They finished the regular season with a gelato outing, inviting the Lions and Panthers to celebrate together across all three Cadets teams.



PANTHERS

PREMIERS

COACH Abbey Bowden-Grimes
MANAGER Jecca Blake

The Panthers finished their 2026 season on a high, progressing through the finals series to win the Cadets Grand Final. Their premiership came in an all-Wildcats decider against the Lions, a memorable achievement for the club.



COUGARS

6TH PLACE

COACH Not applicable
MANAGER Not applicable

The return of an Opens team was a welcome step forward after the club could not field one in 2025. The Cougars began the season with a small group and welcomed more players as the competition progressed. Balancing netball with work and family commitments sometimes left the team short on numbers, creating opportunities for Cadets to step up and experience Opens netball. The Cougars warmly welcomed these younger players, encouraging and supporting them on court.

"They really looked after me on the court and cheered me on." - Abby, Cadet player

GROWING OUR PEOPLE

UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT

Recognising achievement. Building confidence. Giving back.



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NATIONAL C BADGES

Earned by Wildcats umpires in 2026.

EMILIA MEDCALF • PAIGE SULLIVAN • AOIFE MARONEY

Celebrating Our C Badge Achievements

Achieving a National C Badge is an important milestone, recognising an umpire's knowledge of the game, decision-making and confidence managing matches. Congratulations to Emilia, Paige and Aoife on their hard work and dedication.

Welcoming Our New Umpires



FIVE NEW UMPIRES

Ella Stewart • Amelia Hicks • Sophie Camarsh • Amina Mahdi • Chelsea Bird

RISING STAR / ELLA STEWART

Recognised for her developing umpiring.



Recognition Beyond the Wildcats

SHNA Junior Umpire Award — Abby McNaught

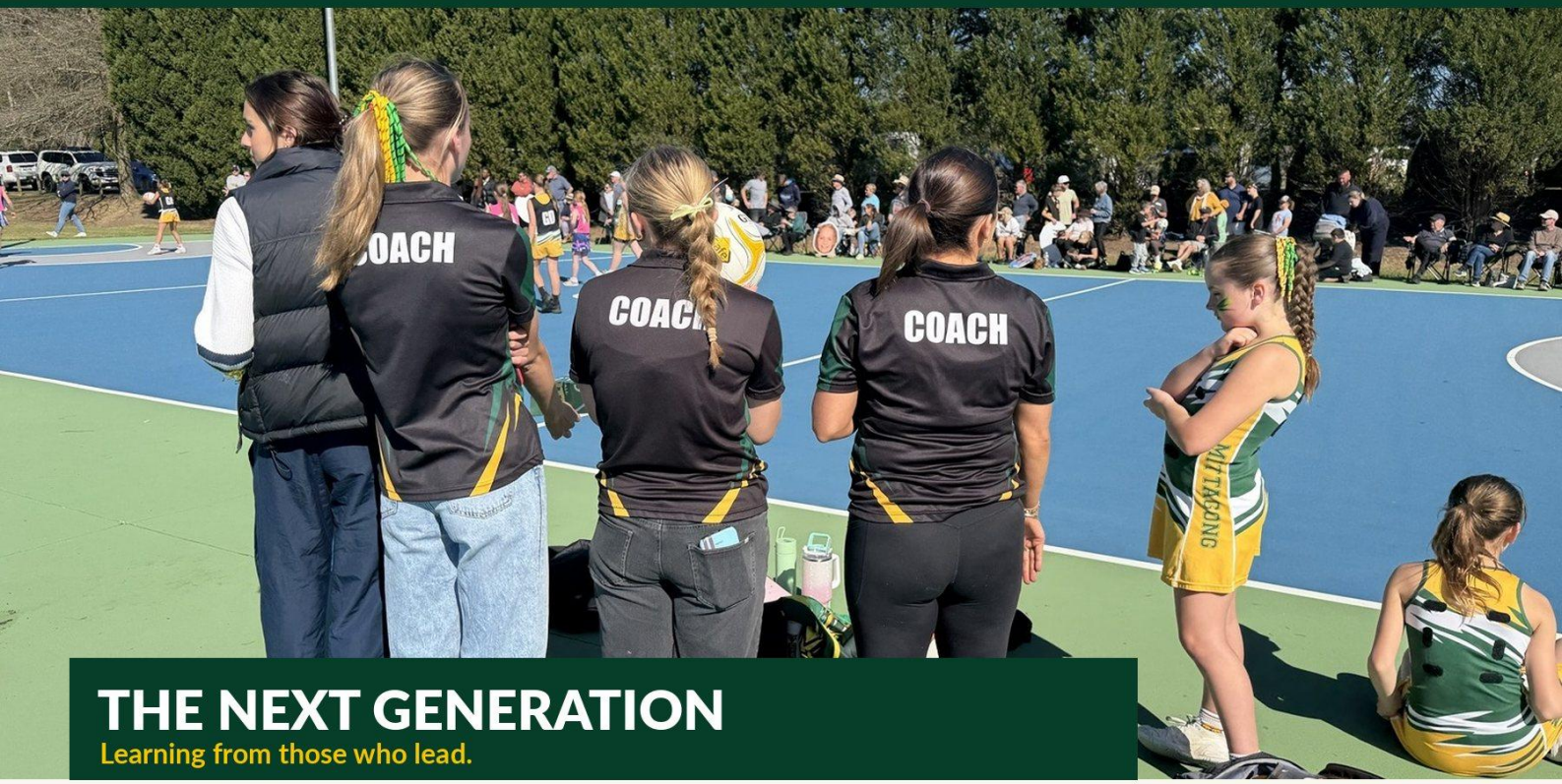
SHNA Senior Umpire Award — Emilia Medcalf

SUPPORTING OUR UMPIRES

Thank you to Gayle Hicks and Peta Paget for helping umpire Cadets matches. We look forward to supporting more young umpires in 2027.

GROWING OUR PEOPLE

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION



THE NEXT GENERATION

Learning from those who lead.

Developing Our Young Coaches

Throughout 2026, younger Wildcats stepped into coaching and assistant coaching roles, learning alongside experienced coaches. These opportunities helped build confidence, communication and leadership skills while giving back to the club.



OLDER PLAYERS SUPPORTING YOUNGER WILDCATS

Sharing skills, encouragement and a love of netball.



Older Cadets and Under 11 players came together for training at Frensham, strengthening friendships across age groups. Moments like these help build a welcoming club culture.

BEHIND THE WILDCATS

THE WORK THAT MAKES IT ALL HAPPEN

Beyond the sidelines, a dedicated team keeps our club moving — from registrations and uniforms to the equipment our players use every week.

01 / CLUB OPERATIONS

KEEPING THE WILDCATS RUNNING

Registrations opened on 13 January, with a $10 early bird discount available until 15 February. Volunteers coordinated registrations, teams, records, family communications and club activities.

02 / UNIFORMS & MERCHANDISE

Dresses, socks, hoodies, scrunchies, visors and coach shirts help our members look the part and show their Wildcats pride.

$5,121.50

SPENT ON UNIFORMS & MERCHANDISE



PROUD TO WEAR THE COLOURS

03 / EQUIPMENT & CLUB RESOURCES

12 TEAMS. 12 NEW NETBALLS.

Every team received a new Gilbert netball ($558.40). The club also invested in storage shelving ($229) and printing ($373.95) to support the season behind the scenes.



BACKING THE WILDCATS

OUR SPONSORS

Local businesses. Lasting community impact.

Four local businesses helped make the 2026 Wildcats season possible. Their generous contributions supported opportunities for our players and the continued growth of netball in our community.

$4,000

TOTAL SPONSORSHIP

FROM FOUR BUSINESSES

GOLD SPONSORS

$1,500 EACH

TASKER CONSTRUCTIONS

MITTAGONG HOTEL

BRONZE SPONSORS

$500 EACH

COLOSSEUM PIZZA & RIBS

RAY WHITE MITTAGONG



WHAT THEIR SUPPORT MADE POSSIBLE

Sponsorship helped support training facilities, carnival participation, our Easter Egg afternoon, Come and Try Day and Presentation Day.

Local support. Real experiences for our Wildcats.

BACKING THE WILDCATS

COMMUNITY IN ACTION

People, generosity and opportunities beyond the court.



OUR BUNNINGS BBQ CREW

FUNDRAISING

$959.70

NET FUNDS RAISED

Wildcats volunteers and families came together at Bunnings, raising $2,286.05 before expenses.



PITCHING IN TOGETHER



MAKING CARNIVAL MEMORIES

The club covered carnival entry fees to help players experience carnival netball. From volunteering at the BBQ to cheering each other on at carnivals, our Wildcats community made every opportunity count.



A MOMENT IN FOCUS

Magnus Ågren Photography and UEA each contributed $500 towards the Lions' professional photoshoot.

LIONS PHOTO SHOOT

THANK YOU MITTAGONG RSL

For generously providing meeting room facilities and supporting the people working behind the scenes for our club.

CELEBRATING OUR WILDCATS

THE PEOPLE, MOMENTS & MILESTONES OF 2026





PRESENTATION DAY / SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER / MITTAGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

Jumping castles, a BBQ and a celebration of the people who make our club special. Presentation Day brought Wildcats families together to recognise effort, friendship, sportsmanship and a wonderful season.

2026 CLUB AWARDS

LION HEART

JOANNA BURNS

Recognised for her kindness, sportsmanship and encouragement of teammates.

VANESSA TASKER PRIDE

THE MEDCALF FAMILY

Kylie, Emilia, Allie and Gabbie — recognised for their extraordinary contribution to club life.

COACHING LEGEND

LINDA RAMPLING

Celebrated for positive coaching and helping players grow in confidence and skill.

TEAM OF THE YEAR

GOLD

LIONS

SILVER

PUMAS

BRONZE

CHEETAHS

Celebrating teamwork, commitment and the Wildcats spirit.

OUR TEAM AWARDS

Every contribution counts. Every Wildcat matters.

RECOGNISING OUR PLAYERS

Each team celebrated players for their effort, encouragement and contribution throughout the season. Congratulations to all our award recipients.

CUBS

PLAYERS' PLAYER	Elodie Balme
COACHES' AWARD	Maddy Hart
TEAM SPIRIT	Ellie Wilson

KITTENS

PLAYERS' PLAYER	Hailey Henley
COACHES' AWARD	Vasiliki Nicolaou
TEAM SPIRIT	Addie McNeill

LEOPARDS

PLAYERS' PLAYER	Sophie Sivak
COACHES' AWARD	Izzy Pacey
TEAM SPIRIT	Bonnie Garzaniti

CHEETAHS

PLAYERS' PLAYER	Annie Naufahu
COACHES' AWARD	Lexi Parker
TEAM SPIRIT	Charlotte Alcorn

JAGUARS

PLAYERS' PLAYER	Jo Burns
COACHES' AWARD	Anna McIntyre
TEAM SPIRIT	Evelyn Hunter

TIGERS

PLAYERS' PLAYER	Emily Beasley
COACHES' AWARD	Ayla Pacey
TEAM SPIRIT	Nelly Pagano

PUMAS

PLAYERS' PLAYER	Kiah Reko
COACHES' AWARD	Amber Hayman
TEAM SPIRIT	Rajvi Patel

BOBCATS

PLAYERS' PLAYER	Sophie Camarsh
COACHES' AWARD	Poppy O'Donnell
TEAM SPIRIT	Chelsea Bird

LIONS

PLAYERS' PLAYER	Indi Elphick
COACHES' AWARD	Allie Medcalf
TEAM SPIRIT	Abby McNaught

LIONESSES

PLAYERS' PLAYER	Ella Herbst
COACHES' AWARD	Lily Pryor
TEAM SPIRIT	Amira Callus

PANTHERS

PLAYERS' PLAYER	Baylee Brown
COACHES' AWARD	Paige Sullivan
TEAM SPIRIT	Emma Goldburg

TO EVERY WILDCAT

Thank you for wearing the green and gold with pride in 2026.

OUR FINANCIAL YEAR

2026 SEASON

Mittagong Netball Club began 2026 with **$9,174.10**. The club received **$18,265.02** and paid **$25,088.78** to operate the season, provide training facilities and support members.

$18,265.02	$25,088.78	($6,823.76)	$2,349.63
CASH RECEIVED	CASH PAID	OPERATING DEFICIT	BANK BALANCE

OPENING $9,174.10 **CLOSING BALANCE** $2,349.63



SUPPORTING OUR WILDCATS

Club funds supported facilities, equipment and opportunities for our growing Wildcats community.

OUR BIGGEST INVESTMENT

The club spent **$6,000** hiring Frensham's sporting complex for training. With 12 teams in 2026, suitable training facilities remain essential for players and coaches.

MAJOR AREAS OF EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Training facility hire (Frensham)	**$6,000.00**
Uniforms and merchandise	**$5,121.50**
Presentation Day	**$5,016.05**
Umpire payments	**$2,000.00**
Team bonding activities	**$1,206.11**

Together, these five areas accounted for approximately **77%** of total expenditure. Other costs included fundraising activities, Come and Try and Easter events, equipment purchases and general club administration.

FINANCIAL POSITION

The club recorded a **$6,823.76 operating deficit**. Maintaining financial sustainability, strengthening sponsorship and exploring fundraising opportunities will be important as participation grows into 2027.

THANK YOU.

IT TAKES A
COMMUNITY
TO RAISE A WILDCAT

Behind every successful netball season is a community of people who generously give their time, energy and support to make it all possible.

OUR COMMITTEE

Thank you for the dedication that keeps our club running, from registrations and finances to uniforms, teams, umpires, sponsorship and events. So much of your work happens quietly behind the scenes.

SHNA

Thank you to Southern Highlands Netball Association for coordinating local competitions and supporting netball across the region. We are proud of the Wildcats who also volunteer in Association roles.

COACHES & TEAM MANAGERS

Thank you for the countless hours spent at training and on the sidelines. Your patience, encouragement and commitment help players build skills, confidence and a love of netball.

OUR UMPIRES

From first-time whistle holders to experienced officials, thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm and willingness to keep learning. You are essential to our game.

PARENTS, CARERS & FAMILIES

Thank you for the early mornings, lifts to training, volunteering, fundraising and encouragement from the sidelines. Your support makes an enormous difference.

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

Thank you for believing in our club and helping provide opportunities for players. Your generosity helps make the season possible.

TO EVERY WILDCAT

Thank you for proudly wearing the green and gold in 2026. Whether you celebrated a premiership, achieved a personal goal, made a friend or simply enjoyed being part of a team, you made this season special.

It's the people who make the Wildcats special, and we couldn't do it without you.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2027

BUILDING ON OUR SUCCESS, GROWING TOGETHER

As we reflect on another wonderful season, Mittagong Netball Club looks forward to the opportunities and challenges that 2027 will bring. Participation has grown from nine teams in 2025 to twelve in 2026. This growth is something to celebrate and a reminder of the resources, facilities and volunteers needed to keep providing positive netball experiences.

01

STRENGTHENING OUR CLUB

Financial sustainability will be an important focus moving forward. Securing additional sponsorship, exploring fundraising opportunities and carefully managing operating costs will help ensure the club remains in a strong position to support players and families. Maintaining suitable training facilities, equipment and resources will also be important as participation grows.

02

GROWING OUR PEOPLE

We hope to build on the development of players, coaches and umpires in 2026. Encouraging young players to explore umpiring, supporting coaches and creating opportunities to develop skills and confidence will strengthen our future. We also want to encourage more families and community members to volunteer and help share the responsibilities of running the club.

03

KEEPING THE WILDCATS SPIRIT ALIVE

Above all, we want Mittagong Netball Club to remain welcoming, supportive and a place to feel proud to belong. From a first NetSetGO experience to learning new skills, discovering umpiring or returning to the court, there should be a place for every Wildcat. We look forward to building on the friendships, achievements and community spirit of 2026.

HERE’S TO ANOTHER YEAR OF

TEAMWORK, GROWTH, FRIENDSHIP & GREEN AND GOLD!