

# Netball

Ravens netball teams have made their mark on the ERNA competition with solid results from both junior and senior teams. Semi final, final and grand final results are telling Raven netballers skills and determination. It has been the enthusiasm and spirit that has brought about these results.

We had a total of 27 teams register with us this year, 9 seniors, 18 juniors. This was an increase of 2 teams from last year. I hope that we keep growing and continue to make our mark.

We also had a big influx of modified teams. These are teams made of girls ranging from 7 years to 10 years. At this age they are too young to play competitively, and use their games as part of their training. Regardless of whether they won or lost, they enjoyed playing and there was a wonderful feeling of comraderie. This also applied to our older competitive teams. There were a few who were thrashed throughout the season but loved playing and looked forward to their weekly games. This is what it should be about.

We had quite a number of teams make it to the finals this year. This was quite an achievement. Three senior teams and two junior teams won the grand final. Congratulations to all these teams.

I would also like to make a special of two teams who received our major awards:

Encouragement Award: This went to the 12/1 team. This team was outclassed and lost most of their games. They were disheartened but continued to go and play every week. I wanted to formally acknowledge what they had gone through and that as a club we were behind them.

Lyn McDonald Award: This one was given to the C6, team 5. Last year they struggled and had a hard time, but things turned around for them this year as they went through to become premiers and champions. Two players also received awards – Lauren Rowe – players player and Lisa Ratcliffe – player of the year for the team.

Next year a new uniform is being introduced – the all in one bodysuit. Two of our senior teams played in it this year, and thought that they were quite comfortable. Before making this decision, I asked teams what they thought of the bodysuit and would they consider wearing it. The results were split, close to 50/50. Based upon this decision and as there was a fair bit of interest in it, I decided that next year it would be given a trial run, so to speak.

## SENIORS

Gladesville Ravens had a very successful season in 2009. With 9 senior teams in the competition, 7 made it through to the semi finals. The B1 team finished in 3rd place and the C7 team finished 4<sup>th</sup>, but both were knocked out in the semi- finals. D grade finished 1<sup>st</sup> and won the semi final to advance straight to the grand final. In divisions C1 and C6 the Raven's teams finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in both of these divisions so they had to play each in the semi final. In division C1, team 3 won the semi to advance straight to the grand final and team 4 were knocked out the following week in the finals. In division C6, team 5 won the semi final, but both Raven's teams will meet again in the grand final after team 6 won the final.

In 2009, two of the Raven's senior teams made the switch to a new all-in-one uniform. The new uniforms not only look very professional, but are fabulous to play in. They are comfortable and all players loved the new uniforms. Over time teams will have the option to change to the new uniforms.

Cathy Inglis  
Senior Convenor



**Thank You**

Thank you to all the umpires and coaches who helped the club this year. Without their dedication, the teams would not have been able to take to the courts.

Cathy Inglis for looking after the senior teams. Debbie Randell for her work with the umpires. This is Debbie's last year as Umpire Convenor. All I can say Debbie is I will be totally lost without you. You have been invaluable to me.

Ruth Colsell  
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