



# Pine Panthers Press

*Our goal is to achieve through genuine sportsmanship  
and fair play*

Welcome to Pine Panthers Press.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Welcome to 2017 Netball Winter Season. The first round was an extremely hot day. Thank you everyone for making it a successful one. The players played their hardest in the harsh conditions and the spectators were supportive and thank you to all the officials who helped the day run smoothly.

The moddies was so exciting to watch. Even though nearly all the 8's and 9's are new, they are definitely showing some great basic skills and again the 10's are blitzing the courts. Out of 12 competitive teams we had 7 wins and 1 draw – what a great result.

The pre-season was very busy for the committee. Grading in February ran for 2 Wednesday nights and all day Sunday. The logistics to organise this is extensive and overall it was run extremely smoothly with around 100 ladies graded making it a long week.

Our first ever "Family Fun Day/BBQ" was also held in the pre-season. With rain coming in before it started then the sun making itself known with intense heat and humidity didn't stop the fun. There were heaps of team building games and the best part I think was the water/ice fight at the end, it certainly cooled us all down.

Good luck to you all for the upcoming rounds and see you around the courts.

Joanne Bryce

## **SIGN ON DAY**

We were able to fill 15 teams after Sign on Day. This year we had to grade many ages (all of a competition teams 11's-opens) and even picked up a Modified 8's

team. This year we had a Uniform Prize pack up for grabs. Congratulations to Aaliyah Gundy who is very worthy of this prize.

## **FAMILY FUN DAY**

To start the 2017 season, the club hosted what we called a Family Fun Day. The day was there for all players and their families to come down to the courts, meet the committee, teams and play some fun games. A great day was had and everyone looked like they enjoyed themselves playing water games and team building games to kick off a great start to a great season ahead.

## **ROUND 1 FIXTURES**

What a start to the 2017 season. Our modified 10's and 8's were the first Panthers teams to take the courts this year. Even at an early start of 8am it was sweltering hot. The rest of the day was long as each team in Panthers battled it out against oppositions and the heat. We had some outstanding wins from our Junior 4A's, 4C's, 3B's, 2B's 1A's Inter 5's and Div 4's. Inter 4's even had an extremely hard game drawing against their opponents. Even our Modified 8's, 9's and 10's had fantastic games. Good luck to all the teams for future games.

## **CARNIVALS**

**PRNA Modified Carnival** – 30.04.17 (8's, 9's & 10's)

**Downey Park Carnival** – 21.05.17 (all ages)

**PRNA Senior Carnival** – 4.06.17 (11-17 year olds)

**BNA Carnival** – 6.08.17(all ages)

If you wish to attend a/all carnivals, please hand your nomination into Gunilla Russell. Nominate as soon as you can, these carnivals can fill up quick.

## COMMITTEE PROFILES

### Joanne Bryce

As I said in my email and facebook post recently, I did not get the opportunity to introduce the committee to you at the Family Fun Day. So as promised here is a bit about all the members with their mug shots.

This is my 8<sup>th</sup> year involved with Pine Panthers. I initially started out as a parent/supporter/ manager for my daughter. I then decided I wanted to be more involved in the club and started attending meetings, eventually nominating for positions. I have been President since October 2016. Prior to that I was treasurer for 2 years, Assistant Secretary for 1 year and for the past 4 years the Equipment Manager. I am also a coach for the club and play in a senior division team. Each year I try to take my coaching to the next level so I am able to improve or teach the girls new skills. I have coached 10 year olds, 12 year olds and this year I have been given the opportunity to coach the Junior 1A, these girls work well together and I am enjoying my time training them. I love the challenge they give me each week and hope that they are enjoying their time with me too. I also have 2 daughters heavily involved with the club too – you will read about Jasmine in this letter – Teagan plays for the inters team and is also one of the umpires for our club. I love this club and have made many friendships, I also love watching the players improve and advance each year. Feel free to come have a chat anytime I am free.



### Kim McLeod

My name is Kim McLeod and I am the Club Secretary. I have been involved with netball for over 10 years since my eldest daughter started playing when she was in under 9s for Scorpions Netball Club. We moved clubs after 2 years and joined Panthers back in 2010 and then by 2015 I had both my daughters playing for Panthers. In our 2nd year with the club I took on the role of assistant Secretary and the following year took on the role of Secretary. I work full time as a PA to 6 Project Managers for a Shopfitting company at Brendale.

I love watching netball (of course!), exercising, yoga & pilates and travelling. I love volunteering my time and being part of the Panthers family and always look forward to seeing all our players on the courts each Saturday.



### Jackie Wilson

Hi there my name is Jackie and I came to Pine Panthers as a parent watching my daughter play in 10c way way back in 2013. I then became a coach in 2014 coaching the 13b side. 2015 I thought I'd jump on the committee as the uniform convenor and realised gosh it's so demanding on the committee. I also coached that year a bunch of inters girls. 2016 I changed roles in the committee and became the registrar. What a hard job that was but luckily I had the committee to help and also my go to girl Sharyn Smith. I didn't coach that year but I was still busy. 2017 is a great year, I am on the PRNA Grading Committee and still doing the registrar role and now coaching a group of wonderful 13 year old. My daughter Chloe is still playing and loves being down at the courts with her Pine Panthers Family. I have had the privilege of inviting a few people from my small home town in Ngaruawahia NZ to join their daughters in our club.



### Grant Summers

Hi, I'm Grant Summers, Treasurer of the club for 2017. My daughter joined Panthers for the 2016 season after a number of years at a much larger club. Our family

enjoyed the atmosphere of the club, and the family orientation, so much that we not only stayed on in 2017, but both myself and my wife have joined the committee to assist in the running of this awesome little club. We have had many new members this year and I hope that you all enjoy your time at Panthers as much as our family has.



### Nicola Henry

Hi my name is Nicola I've been apart of the club for 4 years as a parent/ supporter for my 2 girls who both started when they were in moddy 8s and now play in the u11s and u10s, for 3 of those years I've been coaching the same bunch of beautiful girls with awesome parents and playing in the divs and for the last 2 years I have been apart of the Committee managing the uniforms. I love Panthers because of the people and friends I've made over those years and I am so passionate about the game, I wouldn't be with any other club!



### Conor Orlowski

Hi, I'm Conor the Coaching Convenor for Pine Panthers. Netball has always been a big part of my life, my 3 sisters and I grew up playing netball at PRNA when the courts were all grass, so its not surprising that my 2 daughters love their netball too. This is my 6th season with the Panther family and over the years I have been a manager, player, coach and I loved being apart of this club so much that 3 years ago I joined the committee as the Coaching Convenor. Being part of the committee has shown me how much goes on

"behind the scenes" within a Club. But we're really lucky that we have a Club full of awesome families that all chip in to make the work easier (like on grounds duty day and bbq fundraisers). This year it is a real family affair for the Orlowski family. My daughter Chloe plays for Jnr 1A, my youngest Kayla plays for Moddy 10's, I play for our Div 4 womens team and also very lucky to coach our Inter 5's who have had a great start to the season, plus my husband Kev is the coach of the Div 4 womens team. I am very proud to be a Panther member. GO PINE PANTHERS :)



### Aranda Summers

Hi my name is Aranda Summers and I'm the Umpires Convenor at Pine Panthers this year. I've been involved in Netball for quite a long time now, having played the game since I was 8 years old, coaching, mentoring and now watching my daughter play which I absolutely love. This is only our second year at Pine Panthers having transferred from another club and I can't tell you enough how much we love the family atmosphere and comraderie that has been shown to us. I love it so much so I volunteered to be on the committee this year, as well as putting my hand up to manage my daughters team. I either really love it or I'm absolutely crazy!! Anyway I'm thoroughly enjoying being with the club and can see us staying for a long time to come. GO PANTHERS!!!



### Gunilla Russell

Hi my name is Gunilla Russell and this is my 6th year at the club and have loved watching my 3 girls being involved in playing, coaching and umpiring netball over

these years. I enjoy helping out and am happy to take on the roll of carnival coordinator and join a committee which is full of kind, generous parents all helping to make the Pine Panthers the great family club that it is.



### Jasmine Bryce

Hi! I'm Jasmine! I am the Events Convenor for the club. This is my 6<sup>th</sup> year with Panthers and I wouldn't want to be with any other club. This is my third year on the committee as Events Convenor. I have played every year since joining Panthers and this year playing in a spectacular senior divisions team. Not only do I play, I also have done some coaching. I was an assistant coach for 2 years starting with Modified 9's, I followed them into Modified 10's and saw them advance in competition. After assistant coaching, I decided I wanted to take on the role of coach myself. I stayed in Modified 10's teaching the girls the basics and this year I have now moved up into coaching a competition Division. I coach a bunch of wonderful 11 year olds in the Junior 4C division who have made me very proud. I love watching each team in the club every week picking up new skills and improving throughout the season.



### TRAINING SINGLETS & UNIFORMS

The club this year are giving the players the privilege of training singlets. Most of you have received them and they look fantastic!!

If you are looking for new or second hand uniforms, contact Nicola Henry and we can organise uniforms for you on [pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com](mailto:pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com). Our Pine Panthers uniforms are our Club Dress, plain white socks

or Club Socks, plain black bummers, and we also have as an option our Club Visor.

We also have our Pine Panthers Jackets and with Winter fast approaching, the last chance to order them is 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Please contact Nicola Henry our Uniform Convenor if you wish to purchase a Jacket.



### COMMITTEE MEETING DATES 2017

Please find below the committee meeting dates for 2017. The meetings are held at PRNA Clubhouse on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00pm. If you are willing to come down to a meeting to see how things behind the scenes happen you are welcome to come along. We love to hear your ideas and opinions on things.

13 <sup>th</sup> April	11 <sup>th</sup> May	8 <sup>th</sup> June
13 <sup>th</sup> July	10 <sup>th</sup> August	14 <sup>th</sup> September
12 <sup>th</sup> October	9 <sup>th</sup> November	14 <sup>th</sup> December

### FEEDBACK

At Pine Panthers we are keen to hear from our members about how well the club is running and we welcome any feedback or suggestions to help us make the club even better. It could be suggestions/improvements to our website/facebook; newsletters; end of year events, ideas for drills at training etc. If you have any suggestions or feedback please email us at [pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com](mailto:pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com). All comments/feedback will be treated with the strictest of confidentiality.

### WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

If you haven't already checked out our website then go to [www.pinepanthers.com](http://www.pinepanthers.com). We are also on Facebook – head over to our page and like us. Even in the off season we will continue to post updates on the Summer night season, general information etc

If you have any suggestions for our website, Facebook or our Newsletter then please contact us via email [pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com](mailto:pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com)

### PINE PANTHERS NETBALL CLUB

Contact: [pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com](mailto:pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com)

Website: [www.pinepanthers.com](http://www.pinepanthers.com)

**BIRTHDAYS**

The Pine Panthers Family would like to wish the following girls a very Happy Birthday! We hope your day was filled with joy!

January - April

