

GEORGIE MAY

– A NETBALL CHAMPION –

Background

In 2009 the MPNFL introduced Netball into our competition and Dromana Football Club embraced it whole heartedly thanks to seeding finance provided by the Dromana Netball Club that had recently wound up. We initially fielded A and B Grade teams and were one of the first clubs to change our Incorporated Association name and becoming Dromana Football & Netball Club (Inc). Tracy Williams was our inaugural Coach and Ruth Crawshaw the Netball Manager.

In 2019 ten years after establishing netball in our club we fielded 5 teams in the MPNFL 1st Division competition been A, B, C, D and U17s. We also had an U17s team competing in the local Saturday competition at Mornington. Our netballers also compete in local community netball during the off season.

Dromana Junior Football & Netball Club has also seen the chance to provide a sporting outlet for the younger girls in our community by incorporating netball into their club and providing a feeder for our senior teams.

In the ten years since netball was introduced there have been many players who could be considered champions and no doubt they will feature in future articles and this is the beginning.

GEORGIE DUNN(nee MAY)

One of our most outstanding and highly club decorated players would have been our first netballer to achieve Player Life Membership during the 2020 season.

Georgie was convinced to join the Tigers in our second year of competition, back in 2010. She had met Jade Smith at a mutual friend's wedding in Bali. Moving to the Tigers was a big call, Georgie had been a high achieving basketballer for many years, and in 2017 was named in the Sharks Half Century Women's Team! But the lure of joining a 'social' netball club was too strong and she made the switch to start playing alongside girls that would become some of her closest friends.

Georgie made an impact on the Club immediately, with her competitive nature and win at all costs attitude. She has a strong leadership presence, with many of our young competitors aspiring to play just like her.



Georgie Dunn 2014 ANZAC Medalist

Accomplishments

Year	Award
2011	A Grade Runner Up Best & Fairest
2012	A Grade Best & Fairest
2013	B Grade Best & Fairest (No A Grade)
2014	A Grade Best & Fairest
	ANZAC Day Medal Recipient
2016	A Grade Runner Up Best & Fairest
2018	C Grade Runner Up Best & Fairest



Her name is a consistent feature on the awards wall in the Clubrooms. But Georgie is so much more to the club and court than just a name on a trophy. She is fearlessly loyal, relentless in her desire to win, and brings a physical hustle to her defence that has been known to reduce the opposition to tears. Not a tall defender by netball standards, Georgie excels under the ring rebounding missed shots, rarely missing the opportunity for the turn-around.

Her dedication to her team has been demonstrated in many ways, but not least in a couple of final matches where her kneecap 'popped out' of alignment. Rather than relinquish the bib, Georgie would step off court and use a nearby wall to smash it back into place and continue on with the game. The pain could be dealt with after the win. Her commitment to the development of the Club and the growth of netball has seen Georgie in a supportive coaching assistant role over the years, putting in many extra hours to the teams at training.

As a Club we were a little concerned when she started seeing then married into a well-established Rye Football Netball Club family that we had seen the last of Georgie carving up the dance floor at the mid-season ball. We are pleased she has remained loyal to the Tigers in this regard also. Supporting the Club not just at functions, she has been known to flip a sausage or 2 fundraising for the Club at Bunnings.



Georgie has indeed rendered a distinguished netball playing career with the Tigers and would have been a well deserving first netball recipient of Player Life Membership.



Georgie with her C Grade teammates from 2018 Grand Final Team

The word 'Champion' is quite often unwarranted and based on a single game or season but I think Georgie's resume speaks for itself and she is a true CHAMPION.

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