

Lismore Netballers Take out State Title

At the conclusion of the 2009 State Age Championships Lismore & District Netball Association has again performed exceptionally well with the 14 years team taking the title of division 2 State Age Champions at Blacktown. With all teams ranking in the top eight finishers it has been an outstandingly successful campaign, each year the standard rises and the games become more and more hard-fought with 2009 proving no exception.

The 14 years team were victorious and secured their title with outstanding netball across the Championships. This team played mature netball and were arguably the standout team in the age group, a credit to themselves. Sabrina Lisetto was outstanding at goal defence over the three days, Lisetto was inspiring displaying superb aerial skills grabbing strong intercepts in every game turning defence into attack she at every turn she was supported by Brianna Martin who stepped up to put in rock solid defence at goal keeper Martin had a great carnival centre court was dominated by Ella Durheim who was simply superb through the centre taking crucial intercepts in the game against 2nd placed City of Sydney to see Lismore take the game 16 -13 Stella McWilliams never put a foot wrong over the 25 games of netball crossing the centre court to put in superb games at wing attach feeding the circle with pinpoint accuracy the find of the carnival was Billie-Lee Farnham who stepped up to dominate at wing defence Samantha Knight showed her versatility with a solid display at both wing defence and swinging into the goal circle together with Nicky Small who made the most of every opportunity, Renee Millard stepped up the pace each time she took the court, team goal shooter Clarissa Hammond and Georgia Woods were simply superb Hammond rarely missed a shot standing up to defenders twice her size taking every rebound on offer combining with Woods to dominate the circle team captain Georgia Woods led from the front playing skilful tough netball taking the game right up to the defenders, this team of talented netballers richly deserved their State Championship title.

All four teams played with great courage, determination and sportsmanship which gained them many accolades from their opposition, coaches and supporters for their fair-play, supportiveness and team spirit. They are a credit to the Association.

12 years Jessica Thodley, Chloe Mays, Caitlin Hammond, Natasha Rhodes, Eloise Bashforth, Clair Follent, Meghann Fry, Brianna Murphy, Chloe Daly

13 years Jessica Steele, Emma Oaten, Alyssa Watts, Sheree Riley-Cox, Caitlin Diamond, Claudia Smith, Bess Lowbridge, Chloe Santin, Larissa Gummer

14 years Ella Durheim, Stella McWilliams, Sabrina Lisetto, Clarissa Hammond, Georgia Woods, Renee Millard, Nicky Small, Billie-Lee Farnham, Samantha Knight, Briana Martin

15 years Briege Bailey, Joanna Whitby, Tamara Lennon, Perri McInnes, Loretta Hickling, Cassie Brown, Joanna Law, Jennifer Ross, Amelia Wright