

HISTORY OF COBRAS NETBALL CLUB.
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Cobras began with 1 senior team in 1985. Bev Harris loved the game of netball and had played for a club in the Blacktown area. When Bev moved to Campbelltown to be closer to her family she still wanted to play netball. Her partner played soccer for Cobras Soccer Club(which was also known as Campbelltown RSL Cobras) as did her brother-in law and nephews.

Asking the question did Campbelltown RSL have a netball section she was given the answer no, but you can start one if you like.

Bev and her sister Barb Forward went about starting the club having no idea what was needed. They knew they needed a team first so they asked the wives and girlfriends of the soccer team if they were interested. Bev and Barb managed to get a team of 9 players, some played a little and some not at all.

Next they had to go to the AGM of the Campbelltown District Netball Association held at IRSL to be affiliated. A form was given to them to list all their committee. They had no idea who was going to run for what position, as they didn't even think about a committee! Barb was President, Bev was Secretary and that was a good start. They then put down the rest of the team in the other positions. Everyone didn't care as the team all worked together well.

Next was training so they decided to train in Bev's backyard as she was the coach. Around the yard they would run and then shoot a few balls in the ring, a few passes were added and then inside they went for a cuppa and discussion about the game. What a laugh they had!

They needed a uniform and Cobras soccer colours were brown and white. A brown netball skirt, white bonds round neck T shirt, white socks and black Dunlop volleys were the uniform. Forgetting about netball bibs, one of the players made the bibs the night before they were due to play, they were white with brown bias binding for the letters. How attractive did the team look?

All of the husbands, boyfriends and the families would show their support every Saturday cheering them on! The team managed to get to the grand final and was named joint Premiers along with East's, it was a drawn game! The celebrations went on all night.

The following year the club had a registration day, which the club registered 2 junior teams and 2 Senior teams. We had 36 members join in total in 1986. Kim Swain nee Forward coached our 9s and in the following year joined as a player in the 15s.

In 2010 Cobras Netball Club has come a long way with now over 300 members, consisting of Netta, Junior and Senior teams and rep players, personnel and umpires. We also have a beautiful bodysuit now in black, purple and white and a netta skirt to match. Much more attractive than the brown and white days! Cobras are all about enjoying your NETBALL.