## **NETBALL**

Netball was started in Hyden by Marlene Mayfield in the winter of '75, as an alternative to hockey which was the only winter sport for women and girls. It began with players turning up to the school courts, two teams being chosen randomly, and a game played. At the end of '75 it was decided there was enough interested players to move onto a more competitive level and so M. Mayfield approached the Corrigin and Districts At the end of 1975, The Hyden Netball Club was officially formed with Gail Higgins as President, and Merle Marsh taking on the Secretaries' role. In the beginning, the new club fielded two teams in the Association – the Jacarandas, and Pink Panthers. Later a third team, Applejacks, would be formed. After years playing at the school, they got two of their own courts in 1983, which were resurfaced in 1985, then later four courts in the current area. They used a portable tin shed

On celebrations: one view was "the club did not socialise as much as other clubs, tended to play and go home to their families" Versus... "they had great post game celebrations on Saturdays: a pub crawl or cabaret, and windups on a theme: cocktail party dress-ups, disco and progressive dinners." Depends on who you ask? They raised club funds by catering like at the Wandilla Spectacular in '83, and '84. They keep an honour board in the Rec Centre and appoint Life Members.









Pink Panthers, '77 Royals, '77 Jacarandas Premiers, A grade, '78 B grade, Premiers '85









A grade R/up, '88 B grade, '99 A team, 92 ...they DID celebrate sometimes!

## Teams in 2000...





## LIFE MEMBERS













Marielina Walton, '92

Carol Forrest '97

Glenda Ward '97

Peta Want '06

Sharon Hinck '06

Sue Richter '06