

## **2024 Youth Report**

### **Youth Days at CBC**

During 2024, I ran 4 morning Youth sessions for anyone under 30ish. These attracted between 2 – 4 tables of players, including some existing duplicate players, as well as learners currently attending Beginner or Supervised sessions. We also had a handful of people who had never played before, often these were friends or relatives or players.

*These are very casual, and we include snacks.*

### **Youth Attending Workshops**

I have run 5 half-day workshops this year, often on the Youth Days. I have made these free for Under 30s, with BFACT subsidising anyone under 26.

I have run 6 all day workshops, where I offer Youth players \$20 off the entry fee.

I ran one online lesson aimed specifically at Canberra players and made them free for under 30s. I had 5 players under 26 attend (BFACT covered their software costs of \$3 per person)

*In the first half of the year, BFACT subsidised 11 workshop entries and 5 online lessons entries for a total cost of \$152.50.*

### **National Representative Team**

Zara Chowdhury and Diya Shah attended the World Youth Transnational in Poland. They held a fundraiser at the Club as well, which hopefully will happen every year with the proceeds going towards other Youth Travel subsidies or projects.

The Under-26 Women's Team featuring Zara and Diya qualified in the top 4 for the Finals, defeating all but one team in the qualifying. Sadly, they finished 4<sup>th</sup>, so no medals this time, but it was the first time that all 6 players had represented Australia, so it was a great effort!

Diya still has a few more years ahead of her to represent Australia in the Under 26 categories. It was Zara's last year being under 26.

### **ANC Youth Team**

This year's ANC sadly clashed with the World Transnationals, so Zara and Diya were unavailable.

ACT sent a team of 4 players (Dev Shah, Max Ashurst, Alexis Wilsmore, Jade Wilkinson). This meant that everyone had to play every match, which is gruelling in a week long event.

Hopefully next year we can find a fifth or sixth player to join the team. This years team, with Diya, are all eligible to play next year's ANC in Brisbane if it fits in with their schedules.

BFACT provided Scarves to the Youth team for no charge to the players. The other representative teams purchased scarves.

### **Youth Entry Fee Subsidies**

BFACT subsidised several entry fees to congress and national events for players under 26.

Hopefully everything that happened this year can be repeated in the next 12 months, with a few more young players involved. I know already that the Batemans Bay congress has been scheduled for March 2025 after a break. In the past, a large group of young players from Sydney and Canberra have attended and played with good players.

Cheers,  
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