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Firebird encourages kids to sign on

ACROSS the state, netball associations are gearing up for 2012 Sign On and Mission Queensland Firebirds' youngest player Ameliaranne Wells is encouraging all Queenslanders to Join the Team in 2012.

Just a few short years ago, Wells spent her weekends playing netball with her local association in Bundaberg and now she spends her weekends playing with and against the top netballers in the country.

In 2011, at just 20-years-old, Wells was recruited to play her debut year with the Firebirds and was part of the team for their history making undefeated season and she is back in 2012 to help the Firebirds defend their title.

"I started playing netball in 2004, when I was 13 with a netball team called Across the Waves and when I signed up, I never knew that one I would be playing with the Mission Queensland Firebirds," she said.

"I love playing netball, it is a fun way to get fit and healthy and meet life-long friends."

Growing up in regional Queensland, Wells never dared to dream she would one day play netball with Queensland's premier team.

But through her involvement with her local netball association, she was able to develop her skills as a player through Netball Queensland's Player Development Pathways, which ultimately led to her recruitment with the Firebirds.

"It's never too late to join the team and start playing netball," Wells said.

"You never know by signing up today, you could be signing on for a future career in the sport and be the next Mission Queensland Firebird."

2012 Netball Sign On is on now at Associations around Queensland, to find your local association visit www.netballq.org.au and use the association finder or ring 3848 6330.



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