

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE NEW SOUTH WALES NETBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED (ACN 001 685 007) (NETBALL NSW)
HELD ON SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2026 AT 2.48PM
AT NETBALL CENTRAL, 2 OLYMPIC BOULEVARD, SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK NSW 2127 AND VIA TEAMS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

| AFFILIATE MEMBERS | | |
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| | Association | Delegate Name |
| 1. | Bankstown City Netball Association | Nicole Oram |
| 2. | Baulkham Hills Shire Netball Association | Kylie Tzavaras |
| 3. | Baulkham Hills Shire Netball Association | Claudette Noble |
| 4. | Blacktown City Netball Association | Karen Szczerbanik |
| 5. | Blacktown City Netball Association | Alison Sheppard |
| 6. | Blue Mountains Netball Association | Susan Toole |
| 7. | Blue Mountains Netball Association | Carol Jack |
| 8. | Camden & District Netball Association | Lyndall Scuhmeier |
| 9. | Campbelltown Netball Association | Justin Rea |
| 10. | Charlestown Netball Association | Peta Forder |
| 11. | Charlestown Netball Association | Jodie Hadden |
| 12. | City of Sydney Netball Association | Suzanne Simpson |
| 13. | Coffs Harbour Netball Association | Vicki Morris |
| 14. | Eastwood Ryde Netball Association | Greg Collins |
| 15. | Eastwood Ryde Netball Association | Kelly Dalziel |
| 16. | Gosford Netball Association | Belinda Beresford |
| 17. | Gosford Netball Association | Joy Dasan |
| 18. | Great Lakes Netball Association | Mel Payne |
| 19. | Griffith Netball Association | Sandra Woolnough |
| 20. | Griffith Netball Association | Carlene Stevenson |
| 21. | Hastings Valley Netball Association | Linda Dewbery |
| 22. | Hastings Valley Netball Association | Rosemary Andrews |
| 23. | Hawkesbury Netball Association | Mandy Bell |
| 24. | Hawkesbury Netball Association | Vicki Turner |
| 25. | Hills District Netball Association | Simon Townsend |
| 26. | Hills District Netball Association | Lisa Robertson |
| 27. | Illawarra District Netball Association | Judith Goodair |
| 28. | Illawarra District Netball Association | Vanessa Sturman |
| 29. | Inner West Netball Association | Leanne Blackmore |
| 30. | Inner West Netball Association | Anne Tait |
| 31. | Ku-ring-gai Netball Association | Kathy Staggs |
| 32. | Ku-ring-gai Netball Association | Rod Jackson |
| 33. | Lakeside Netball Association | Toni Jackaman |
| 34. | Liverpool City Netball Association | Debbie Stabile |
| 35. | Lower Clarence Netball Association | Shelly White |
| 36. | Manly Warringah Netball Association | Cathy Hurditch |
| 37. | Manly Warringah Netball Association | Nicole Carter |
| 38. | Mens Netball Association | Clare McCabe |
| 39. | Newcastle Netball Association Inc. | Sam Rumbel |
| 40. | Newcastle Netball Association Inc. | Leigh Whitehead |
| 41. | Northern Suburbs Netball Association | Christy Hoole |

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| | Association | Delegate Name |
| 42. | Northern Suburbs Netball Association | Toni Field |
| 43. | Orange District Netball Association | Amanda Frost |
| 44. | Penrith District Netball Association | Joy Gillett OAM |
| 45. | Penrith District Netball Association | Patricia Mann |
| 46. | Port Stephens Netball Association | Jodi Cassar |
| 47. | Port Stephens Netball Association | Sue Xenos |
| 48. | Randwick Netball Association | Maureen Munce |
| 49. | Randwick Netball Association | Jenny Morrissey |
| 50. | Shoalhaven Netball Association | Wilma Klein |
| 51. | Shoalhaven Netball Association | Kathy Rembisz |
| 52. | Southern Highlands Netball Association | Louise Sullivan |
| 53. | Southern Highlands Netball Association | Filipe Gama e Silva |
| 54. | St George District Netball Association | Helen Andrews |
| 55. | St George District Netball Association | Ashley Kasper |
| 56. | Sutherland Shire Netball Association | Nerida Noble |
| 57. | Sutherland Shire Netball Association | Jenny Rees |
| 58. | Tamworth Netball Association | Lisa Fox |
| 59. | Tamworth Netball Association | Rebecca McKenzie |
| 60. | Wagga Wagga Netball Association | Tanya Bertoldi |
| 61. | West Wyalong Netball Association | Melissa Ryan |
| 62. | Westlakes District Netball Association Inc. | Madeline Allen OAM |
| 63. | Woolgoolga District Netball Association | Mick Thorpe |
| 64. | Woolgoolga District Netball Association | Sandra Thorpe |
| 65. | Woy Woy Netball Association | Jennifer Blacker |
| 66. | Wyong Netball Association | Christine Miles OAM |

| DIRECTORS | |
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| 67. | Sallianne Faulkner (President & Chairperson) |
| 68. | Claire Tynan (Deputy Chairperson) |
| 69. | Alison Broadbent |
| 70. | Michelle Champ |
| 71. | Vincent De Luca OAM |
| 72. | Dr Ben Hamer |
| 73. | Chris Lamb |
| 74. | Carol Murphy OAM (& Life Member) |
| 75. | Janet Torney |

| LIFE MEMBERS | |
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| 76. | Anne Doring OAM |
| 77. | Wendy Archer AM |
| 78. | Maureen Boyle OAM |
| 79. | Ruth Havrlant OAM |
| 80. | Marilyn Melhuish OAM |

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| 81. | Rodney Watson OAM |
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OTHER PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE:

| OBSERVERS | | |
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| | Organisation | Name |
| 82. | Eastwood Ryde Netball Association | Karen Waud OAM |
| 83. | Randwick Netball Association | Carol Bunton |
| 84. | Youth Advisory Group | Alex Tam |
| 85. | Youth Advisory Group | Alyssa Pinchbeck |
| 86. | Youth Advisory Group | Archie McCarthy |
| 87. | Youth Advisory Group | Davina Rajkumar |
| 88. | Youth Advisory Group | Dekoda Jackson |
| 89. | Youth Advisory Group | Elliana Henderson |
| 90. | Youth Advisory Group | Katie Booth |
| 91. | Youth Advisory Group | Molly Allan |
| 92. | Youth Advisory Group | Saachi Singh |
| 93. | Youth Advisory Group | Sofia Novak |
| 94. | Youth Advisory Group | Sophie Butchman |
| 95. | Youth Advisory Group | Talina Seisun |
| 96. | Court Craft | Kyle Loughlin |

| NETBALL NSW STAFF & ADVISERS | | |
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| | Position | Name |
| 97. | Chief Executive Officer | Tracey Scott |
| 98. | Chief Operating Officer | Manuel Vlandis |
| 99. | EGM - Communities | Trish Crews |
| 100. | EGM - Strategy & Stakeholders | Tim Fava |
| 101. | EGM – NSW Swifts | Jeremy Butler |
| 102. | EGM – GIANTS Netball | Tim Underwood |
| 103. | GM – Governance, Integrity & Special Projects | Lucy Sayers |
| 104. | GM - Regional Team & Association Support | Gillian Cotter |
| 105. | Community Netball Manager | Jordan Jones |
| 106. | Growth & Innovation Coordinator | Georgie Calderwood |
| 107. | EA to CEO | Charlotte de Freyne |
| 108. | Company Secretary | Stuart Corbishley |
| 109. | Special Counsel, Lander & Rogers | Simon Merritt |

APOLOGIES:

| | Organisation/Membership Category | Name |
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| 1. | Life Member | Vicki Kerr OAM |
| 2. | Life Member | Ronda Kimble OAM |
| 3. | Life Member | Adele Saunders OAM |

| | Organisation/Membership Category | Name |
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| 4. | Macleay Netball Association | Sonya Murphy |
| 5. | Nelson Bay Netball Association | Ashleigh Martin |

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks

The President welcomed attendees and invited Alyssa Pinchbeck (Chair of the Netball NSW Youth Advisory Group) to the lectern to provide an acknowledgement of country.

Alyssa Pinchbeck then acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was being held, the Wangal people of the Darug nation, and the traditional owners of the lands on which other attendees were attending the meeting via Microsoft Teams, paying respects to Elders past and present and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present.

The President then **noted** that, in accordance with the Constitution, the quorum for the Council meeting was the presence of 25% or more of Affiliate Members (being at least 29 Delegates of Affiliate Members) and 50% or more of Directors (being at least 5 Directors). The President **noted** that a quorum was present and that the meeting could proceed.

The President **noted** the apologies received for the meeting.

The President also **noted** that the meeting was being recorded, that the Election Runner online voting platform was being used for voting and that the Chat function could be used for questions and for moving/seconding motions during the meeting.

2. Minutes of November 2025 Council Meeting

The draft minutes of the November 2025 Council Meeting held on 1 November 2025 (included with the Notice of Meeting) were taken as read and **noted**, with no amendments received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the November 2025 Council Meeting held on 1 November 2025 be approved in the form tabled at the meeting as a true and accurate record of that meeting. **Carried.**

Actions:

- Management to upload November 2025 Council meeting minutes to Netball NSW website.

3. Reports

3.1 Board of Directors Report

(a) November 2026 Council Meeting

It was **noted** that the second Council meeting of 2026 would be held on Saturday 7 November 2026 at Netball Central, 2 Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park and online via Microsoft Teams.

(b) Vales

It was **noted** that the following members of the netball community have passed away since November 2025:

- Lynn Quinn OAM – Life Member

(c) Order of Australia & Public Service Recipients

It was **noted** that the following members of the netball community have recently been recognised with a Medal of The Order of Australia (OAM):

- John Hahn OAM – Camden & District Netball Association & Life Member.
- Ruth Havrlant OAM – Ku-Ring-Gai Netball Association & Life Member.

3.2 **CEO's Report**

The presentation and overview provided by the CEO on Netball NSW's key areas of focus and strategic priorities for 2026 and beyond was **noted**, with the following **noted** in particular:

- The four 'Big Rocks' of focus for 2026 are: (1) the 2026-2028 Strategic Plan; (2) leveraging the 2027 Netball World Cup; (3) a data and digital transformation; and (4) the successful operation of the recently launched Netball NSW Foundation.
- The three guiding principles for the new Strategic Plan are: (1) Grow the Game; (2) Power the People; and (3) Inspire the State.
- The new Strategic Plan will be executed across three horizons: (1) 2026 – Remember the Why; (2) 2027 – Unite, Ignite & Amplify; and (3) Lock in Legacy.
- The four Strategic Themes for the new Strategic Plan are: (1) Sharing the Love of Netball; (2) More Than a Game; (3) Netball Excellence; and (4) Ambitious & Courageous.

The CEO then welcomed the twelve members of Netball NSW's Youth Advisory Group to the meeting and invited Sofia Novak, Alyssa Pinchbeck, Archie McCarthy and Saachi Singh to the lectern to share reflections and perspectives on their motivations for joining the Group, on the impact they would like to make as a member of the Group and on the barriers that might exist to the creation of similar Youth Advisory Groups by Clubs and Associations, with Members participating in a Q&A session with members of the Group.

The CEO then thanked Associations and individuals throughout the netball ecosystem for everything that they do to support and grow the game.

It was **noted** that a copy of the PowerPoint presentation slides would be circulated to Members after the meeting.

3.3 **Finance Report**

The Finance Report for the period ending 31 January 2026 (included with the Notice of Meeting) was taken as read and **noted**.

3.4 **Communities Report**

The presentation given by Trish Crews (EGM – Communities) on 2025 registration numbers (including membership categories that will be areas of focus for the 2026 and 2027 seasons), on the Association shared services model and on the launch and operation of the Netball NSW Foundation, together with the Flood Appeal video shown during the presentation, were **noted**, with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation slides to be circulated to Members after the meeting.

At 3.42pm, the Netball NSW Youth Advisory Group members in attendance left the meeting.

3.5 **Strategy & Stakeholders Report**

The presentation given by Tim Fava (EGM – Strategy & Stakeholders) on strategic projects planned for the year ahead (Facilities & Infrastructure; Coach & Umpire Development Pathways; Membership Type Analysis & Review; Data Transformation Project), together with the presentation given by Kyle Loughlin (Court Craft) on the Facility Development Pathway,

were **noted**, with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation slides to be circulated to Members after the meeting.

4. Special Resolutions – Netball NSW Constitution

(a) Background

The annexures to the Notice of Meeting entitled ‘*Proposed Constitution*’ (Annexure C), ‘*Constitution Comparison Table*’ (Annexure D) and ‘*Proposed Constitution Frequently Asked Questions*’ (Annexure E) were taken as read and **noted**.

The President **noted** that, following extensive consultations with Members, at the November 2025 Council meeting, Members had been asked to consider the adoption of an updated Netball NSW Constitution designed to modernise Netball NSW’s governance framework but that, at that meeting, the Special Resolution for the adoption of that updated Constitution had not been approved by Members (with only 70% of Members voting in favour of the Special Resolution).

Notwithstanding this, the President **noted** that both the Governance Committee and the Board remain of the view that the adoption of the updated Netball NSW Constitution is important to ensure that the Constitution remains fit for purpose, adopts best practice governance principles and supports Netball NSW’s strategic direction and priorities, and is in the best interests of Netball NSW (with the Board having also informed itself with further Member consultations), and so the updated Netball NSW Constitution was being presented to Members for approval by Special Resolution in the same form that it had been presented to Members at the November 2025 Council meeting.

It was **noted** that the Special Resolution to: (1) change Netball NSW’s corporate name to “Netball NSW Ltd”; (2) replace Netball NSW’s current Constitution with the proposed updated Constitution set out in the Notice of Meeting; and (3) authorise the Directors to execute necessary documents and take necessary actions, requires a vote in favour by at least 75% of Members present. It was further **noted** that the vote will be taken by way of a secret ballot using the Election Runner platform.

(b) Motion to amend Special Resolution

Prior to the vote on the Special Resolution being held, Maureen Boyle OAM (Life Member) requested that, rather than Members being asked to vote on all proposed constitutional changes as a single Special Resolution, Members be asked to vote separately in relation to clause 15.6(c) of the proposed updated Constitution. This clause provides that a Director who has served the maximum number of years in accordance with clause 15.6(a) of the proposed updated Constitution (being nine consecutive years as a Director or six consecutive years as an Appointed Director) is not eligible for re-election as a Director for a three-year period following the completion of their maximum term. This was on the basis of her view that the existing period of ineligibility of 12 months under clause 14.4(d) of the current Constitution was sufficient.

The President then invited Simon Merritt (Special Counsel, Lander & Rogers) to respond to this request to vote separately in relation to clause 15.6(c) of the proposed updated Constitution (and to Vincent De Luca OAM’s supplementary questions), with Simon Merritt **noting** that it was very clear from relevant caselaw that any proposed motion to ‘split’ proposed changes to the Constitution in the manner described would not be legally valid because it

would change the nature of the Special Resolution being presented and would be outside the scope of what is permissible, and must not, therefore, be accepted by Netball NSW.

(c) **Special Resolution**

An opportunity was then provided for discussion in relation to the Special Resolution set out in the Notice of Meeting, with arguments presented by various Members in favour of and against the Special Resolution, with contributions from Wendy Archer AM, Ann Doring OAM, Rodney Watson OAM and Marilyn Melhuish OAM.

The vote then proceeded in respect of the Special Resolution set out in the Notice of Meeting by way of a secret ballot using the Election Runner platform.

Special Resolution to: (1) change Netball NSW's corporate name to "Netball NSW Ltd"; (2) replace Netball NSW's current Constitution with the proposed updated Constitution set out in the Notice of Meeting; and (3) authorise the Directors to execute necessary documents and take necessary actions was not carried.

For: 68.8% (53 Delegates); Against: 31.2% (24 Delegates); with 1 abstention.

5. General Business

In addition to the members of the netball community recognised earlier in the meeting, it was also **noted** that Margaret Burke OAM (Sutherland Shire Netball Association), Myra Zacher (Coffs Harbour Netball Association) and Monica Sutherland (Shoalhaven Netball Association) had also passed away since November 2025.

Actions:

- Management to respond to question raised by Randwick Netball Association regarding how Netball NSW determines rankings when teams are on equal points and whether percentage form performance or PlayHQ are used.

6. Close

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 5.06pm.

Signed as a correct record of the meeting.

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President

Date: