



STATEWIDE FACILITIES STRATEGY

COMPETITION COURTS | 2026-2028





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Netball Victoria acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of all the lands and waters where netball is played throughout Victoria and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We also wish to recognise the tremendous contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make to sport, and in particular netball in Victoria.

We are committed to a journey of Reconciliation, working to break down barriers and ensuring equal opportunities for both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across our state. Netball Victoria is a proudly diverse and inclusive organisation, that actively celebrates participants of all backgrounds and abilities.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

I am delighted to introduce Phase 1 of our Statewide Facilities Strategy 2026–2028, which sets out our vision for the future of netball infrastructure across our communities.

Netball is the most popular team sport for women in Australia, inspiring people of all ages and abilities to get active, connect, and thrive. However, we know that to sustain and grow participation, we must provide high-quality, inclusive, and future-ready facilities that meet the needs of players, coaches, officials, and spectators alike.

This strategy reflects our commitment to working with our stakeholders to ensure that netball continues to flourish. It focuses on:

- Upgrading existing courts and venues to raise standards, improve access and usability.
- Planning new facilities in key growth areas to meet demand and unlock potential.
- Ensuring our spaces are practical, flexible, and ready for the future.

Our goal is to ensure every person who loves netball – from grassroots participants to elite athletes – to have access to safe, welcoming, and inspiring spaces to play and grow.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to shaping this strategy. Together, we can build the foundations for netball's continued success.

Andrea Pearman

Chief Executive Officer
Netball Victoria





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

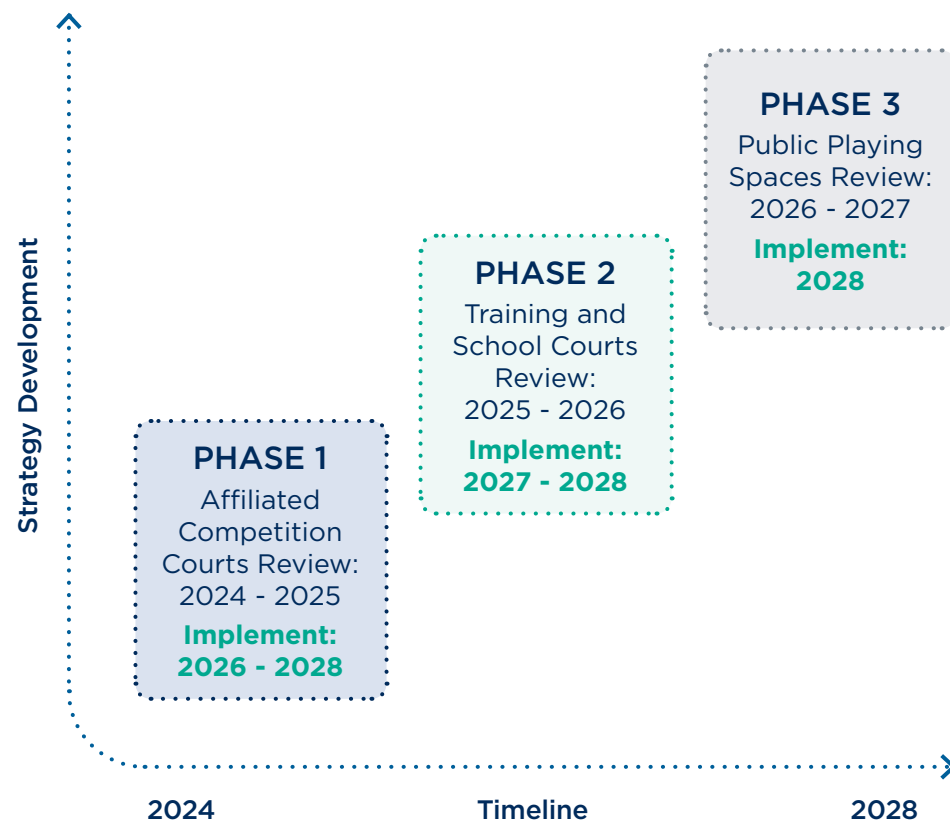
Netball Victoria's Statewide Facilities Strategy 2026-2028 (Phase 1) is a plan that supports the sustainable provision, development and capacity building of competition netball courts across Victoria.

With the number of participants in netball continuing to grow – particularly over the past three years – planning for the future facility needs of the sport is more important than ever.

In 2024, the Australian Sports Commission's AusPlay data identified netball as the highest participated team sport for females across child and adult age groups in Victoria.

During the 2024 netball season, 234,332 participants engaged in formal netball activity, involving programs and competitions across Victoria. This was a 28% increase on 2022 netball activity levels. This strong growth has made the provision of competition-standard courts and their supporting amenities an urgent infrastructure priority.

Phase 1 of Netball Victoria's Statewide Facilities Strategy focuses on understanding the current provision, gaps, and future needs of competition netball courts across Victoria, with a particular emphasis on Netball Victoria-affiliated competitions and pathway programs.





During the 2024 netball season, 1,703 courts - representing approximately 85% of all netball courts in Victoria - were used by clubs and competition providers.

To ensure the Statewide Facilities Strategy is evidenced-based, both indoor and outdoor courts used for structured competition were audited by Netball Victoria staff and affiliates. The results of the court audit process have been used to drive key infrastructure needs and priorities.

In addition to understanding the physical quality, condition and capacity of the competition netball court network, more than 150 netball affiliates and local government stakeholders were engaged through the development of the Statewide Facilities Strategy.

Ensuring alignment in sport and industry needs and priorities is essential in order for Netball Victoria to deliver on strategy objectives and recommendations.

A strategic framework for Phase 1 of the Statewide Facilities Strategy has been developed to align with Netball Victoria's Strategic Plan 2023-2026. It supports the strategic pillars of Play, Grow, Inspire and Lead and provides a direct "facility-led

response" to Netball Victoria's overarching organisational goals and objectives.

The Statewide Facilities Strategy 2026-2028 (Phase 1) has been deliberately timed to align with Netball Victoria's strategic planning cycle. Strategic directions, objectives and actions defined within this Strategy will be reviewed in-line with Netball Victoria's organisational planning framework in 2027.

It is recognised within the Statewide Facility Strategy that new courts in areas of high and growing demand will be required and will be an ongoing need for the sport as it evolves. The strategy equally identifies the need to improve the existing facility network, which will grow available netball court capacity to support short to medium term demand.

Phase 2 of the Statewide Facilities Strategy will broaden its scope to include all other netball activity formats, such as training, NetSetGo, Walking Netball and other targeted programs. This phase will focus on facilities that do not require competition standard facilities, including training only courts and venues, and schools and will be delivered by the end of the 2025 calendar year.



NETBALL FACILITY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

Based on court and facility auditing and consultation with our stakeholders, nine key facility development priorities emerged as vital to the future of netball across Victoria.



Outdoor Court Surface Type

Hard court and asphalt surfaces are preferred for netball competition and training. Both surfaces are commonly used throughout Victoria and promote user safety and improved experience.



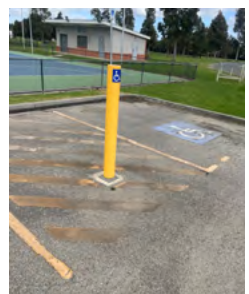
Facility Condition

Improving regular facility maintenance and interventions and investing in facility renewal projects will support increased user safety and improve user experience, ultimately leading to higher participation and retention.



Network Planning

Planning for future netball facilities to service growing population catchments will ensure that all communities have equal access to participation opportunities, talent pathways, coaching and events.



Supporting Infrastructure

Ensuring the adequate provision of supporting infrastructure such as change rooms, car parking, shade and seating for spectators, players and officials is vital to create safe and functional netball facilities.



Facility Flexibility

Increasing the flexibility of facilities to cater for changing user demands will create more opportunities to participate. Better outdoor court lighting and improved access to indoor netball facilities increase the flexibility and diversity of ways to play netball.



Catering for Growth

Planning for netball facility needs in areas of identified population and participation growth (typically 5 to 64 year old females) is vital. As new communities emerge, populations increase in density, and the netball community continues to grow.



Outdoor Court Lighting

Outdoor competition netball venues have a high percentage of floodlit courts, most of which only cater for training level standards. Improving competition standard lighting and the provision of LED systems will help increase court capacity and promote greater flexibility in use.



Talent Pathways

Creating equitable access to netball facilities that support talent pathways and competitions and elite performance will ensure current and future netball talent has the opportunity to thrive – everywhere in Victoria.



Access via Partnerships

Working in partnership with landowners and facility managers, such as schools and stadium operators, will create increased access to facilities and promote joint investment. Commercial partnerships will also help to fund these priorities.

NETBALL IN VICTORIA





ABOUT NETBALL VICTORIA

Netball Victoria is the governing body for netball in Victoria and is affiliated with Netball Australia.

Founded in 1922 as the Melbourne Girls' Basketball Association, Netball Victoria has led the growth and administration of the sport across the state for over a century.

The first official competition, held in 1923 with six participating teams, marked the beginning of netball's rich legacy in Victoria.

Today, more than 100 years later, Netball Victoria remains committed to its mission: **to create and inspire a lifelong love of netball and to be recognised as the premier team sport in Victoria.**

Mission

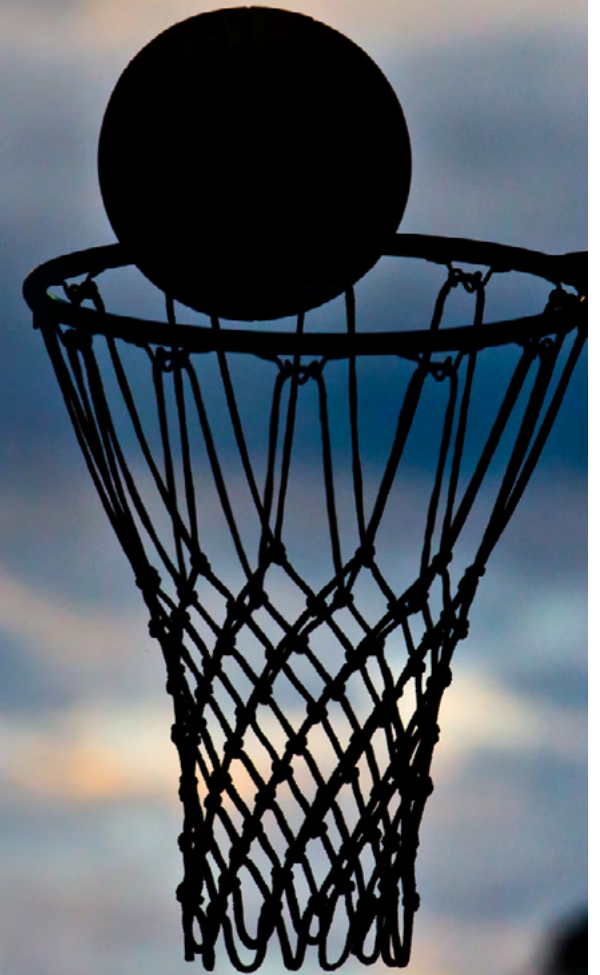
We exist to create and inspire a lifelong love of netball.

Vision

Netball is recognised as the greatest team sport in Victoria.

Values

We empower each other, we strive to go beyond existing barriers, we are leaders.



NETBALL VICTORIA STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2026

Netball Victoria will release a new organisational Strategic Plan to commence in 2027. The intent at this time will be to review the Statewide Facilities Strategy and ensure there is ongoing strategic alignment of resources and objectives.



Our Strategic Pillars

Play	Grow	Inspire	Lead
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Netball Victoria's pathway provides a well-considered structure and support mechanisms to ensure the netball community excels. 2. There are greater opportunities in regional Victoria for everyone to be involved in netball. 3. Our grassroots competitions and programs provide a happy and safe place for everyone to be involved in our game. 4. Our Melbourne Vixens and Victorian State teams are successful in their competitions. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase participation and involvement in netball. 2. Create more opportunities for males to participate in netball. 3. Increase our financial capacity to invest more in netball. 4. Increase capability and capacity of our affiliates. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Netball is a welcoming sport for everyone. 2. Celebrate and honour the rich history and heritage of netball in Victoria. 3. The people in our netball community are role models who inspire current and future generations. 4. Galvanise our grassroots community to connect with our elite competitions and programs. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Netball Victoria is a leader in equality, ensuring fairer access, investment and opportunities for all. 2. Collaborate with our Australian netball network to ensure netball remains Australia's number one team sport for girls and women. 3. Netball Victoria and Melbourne Vixens staff, athletes and directors are capable of leading our sport into the future.
NETBALL VICTORIA'S FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE TEAM			



NETBALL ACTIVITY IN VICTORIA

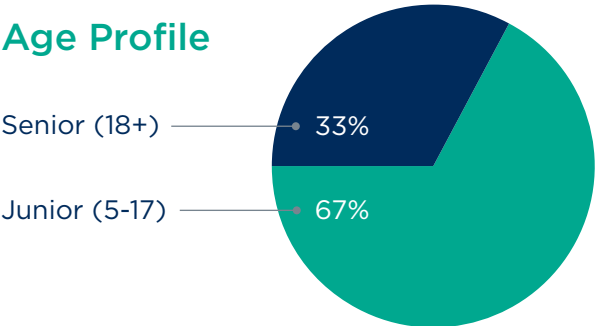
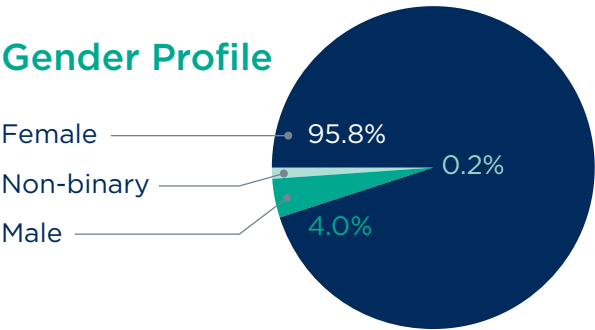
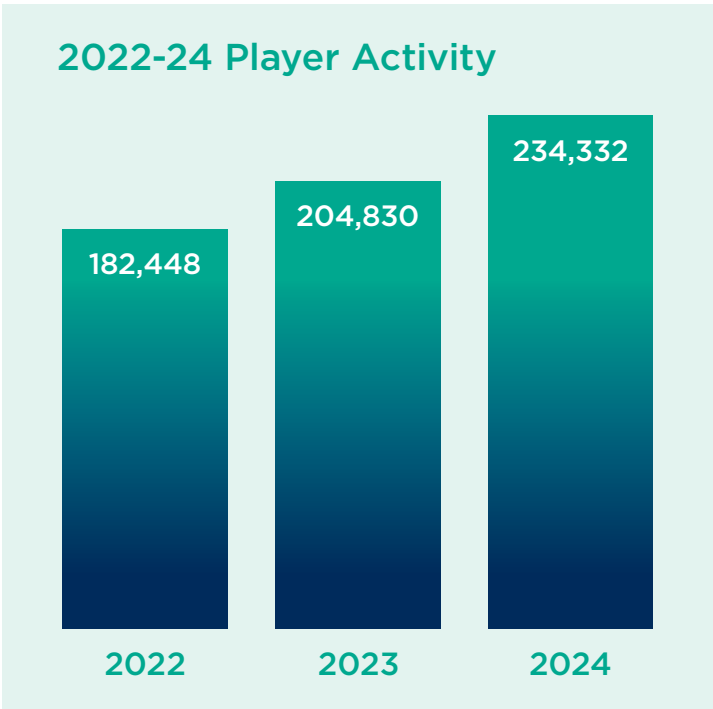
Netball activity in Victoria consists of a range of structured competitions and programs.

Season 2024 saw the highest levels of competition netball played in Netball Victoria’s 100-year history. As the popularity and professionalism of the sport grows, so too does community and grassroots level participation.

2024 Player Activity¹
234,332

2024 Coaches, Umpires
and Officials
25,341

2024 Total Netball Activity²
259,673



1. "Player Activity" - All valid registrations relating to the role type of "player". This includes full membership or partial membership (such as single game vouchers and short season). Each person is counted per registration. Meaning that if you play in more than one netball competition you are counted more than once.

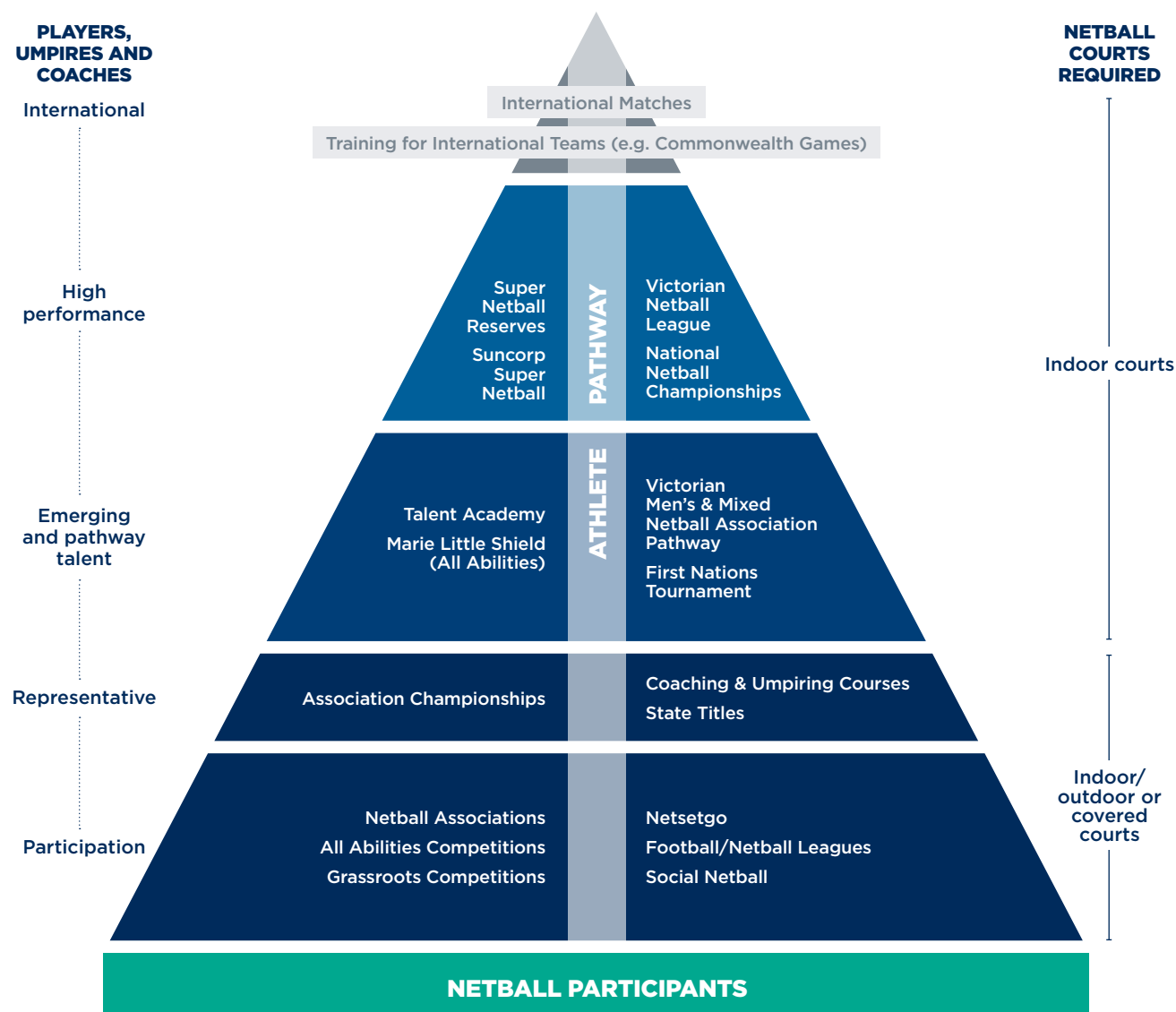
2. "Netball Activity" - All valid registrations relating to netball activity both on court (player, coaches, umpires) and off court (such as officials, administrators). This includes full or partial membership (such as single game vouchers and short season). Each person is counted per registration. Meaning that if you are involved in more than one netball competition you are counted more than once and/or if you have more than one role you are counted more than once.

COMPETITION FRAMEWORK

Netball Victoria supports two primary competition models – netball association-based and football netball league competitions. Both competition formats are experiencing strong growth, but differ in their structure, management and governance.

Both are affiliated with Netball Victoria, support their communities and offer similar development opportunities, programs, competition and pathway programs for their members.

The adjacent diagram provides a netball competition structure from introductory opportunities through to international representation. It is also aligned with support personnel pathways and the court access needs.





VICTORIA'S GROWING POPULATION - METRO

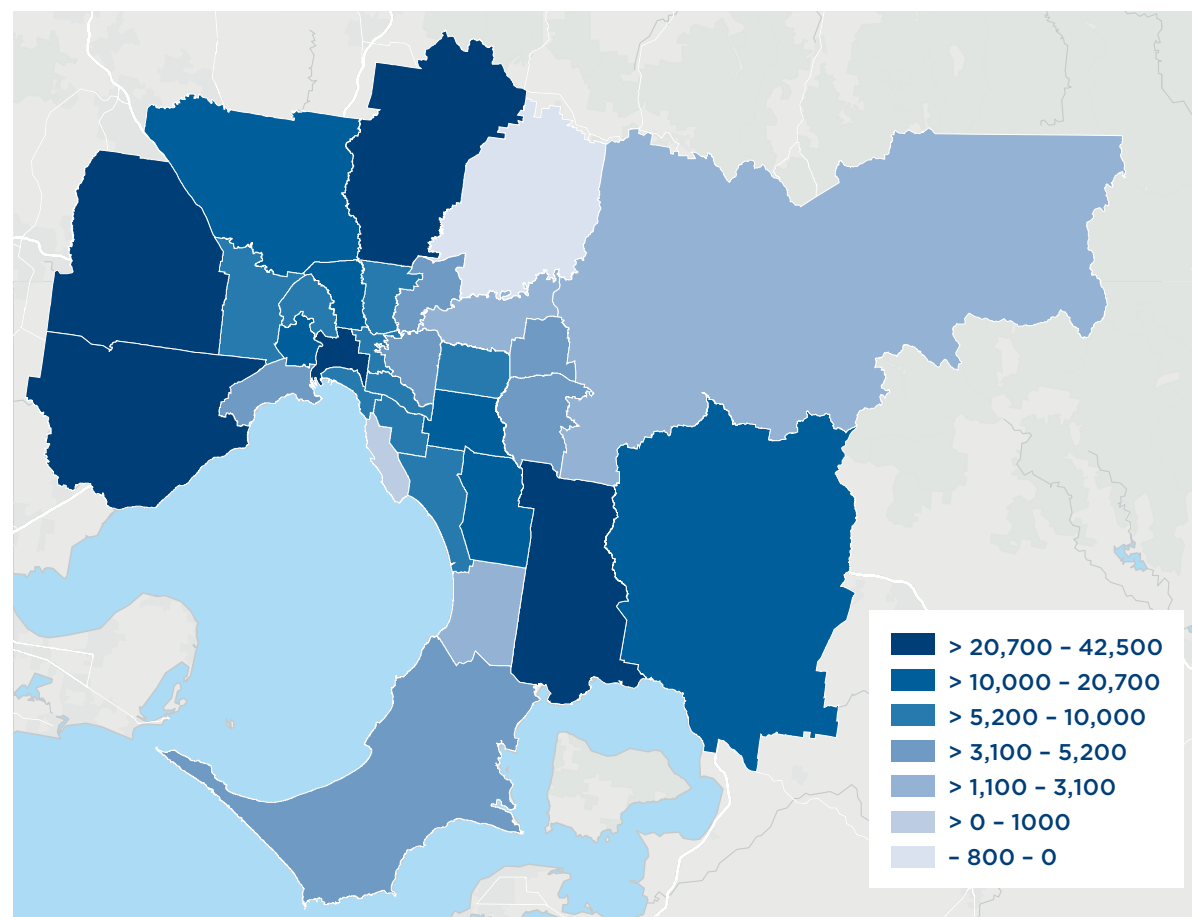
Victoria's population is growing, with some areas growing more rapidly than others. This growth in population and associated change in demographics creates both opportunities and challenges for communities as their needs continue to evolve.

Victoria's population is forecast to grow by more than 2 million people and 28% over the next 20 years. The majority of current growth is primarily being experienced across the Metropolitan Growth Areas of Wyndham, Melton, Casey, Cardinia, Whittlesea and Hume due to the availability and affordability of land and large-scale residential development.

Inner urban areas including Melbourne, Maribyrnong and Darebin are also growing through higher density development.

The projected growth in the female population aged between 5 and 64 creates another range of areas where netball is likely to grow as a result. These areas include Merri-bek, Monash, Greater Dandenong, Yarra, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Moonee Valley and Whitehorse. Many of these areas have limited developable land and will require careful planning and targeted investment to ensure local communities have ongoing access to netball.

2024 to 2034 POPULATION CHANGE (METRO LGAs) - 5 TO 64 YEAR OLD FEMALES





NON-METRO

Victoria's regional population growth is more broadly distributed, however the likely impacts on facility needs will be similar to that of metropolitan areas.

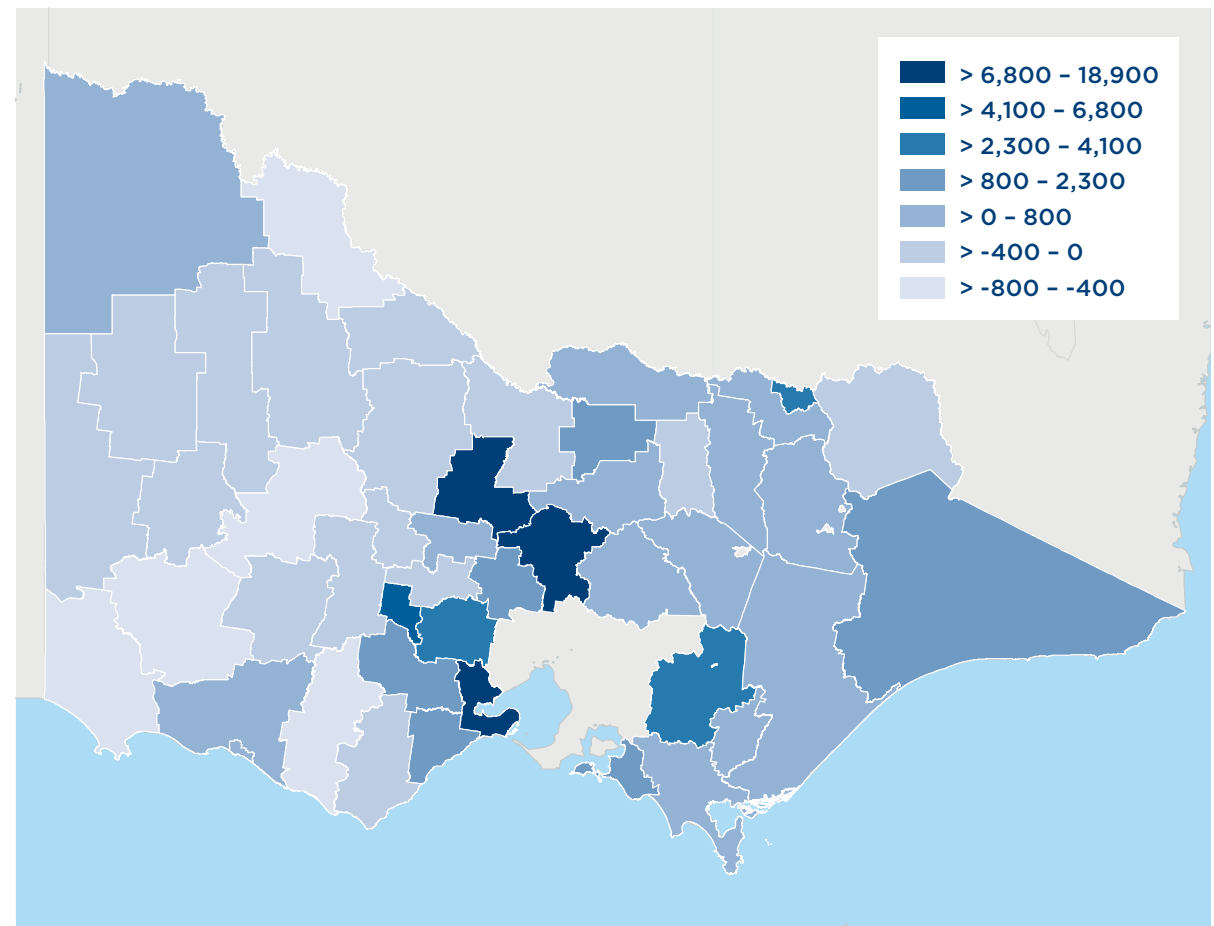
Peri-urban areas including Baw Baw, Mitchell, Moorabool, Surf Coast, Macedon Ranges and Golden Plains are all projected to experience sustained growth over the next decade to 2034, with an additional 50,000+ 5 to 64 year old residents collectively.

Growth in these areas is being driven by lifestyle change or choice (e.g. sea change or tree change), opportunity for greater land sizes and proximity to Melbourne and other regional cities for commuters.

Regional cities also play a key role in supporting population growth, particularly in Greater Geelong, Greater Bendigo and Ballarat (average 15%+ growth in 5 to 64 year old female residents). Other regional city locations of Mildura, Wodonga and Warrnambool are also projected to experience growth over time.

In contrary to peri-urban areas and regional cities, much of rural Victoria is in decline or has little to no change in population projections. This decline reflects ageing populations, limited local employment and youth migration to urban centres. With netball predominantly played by 5 to 64 year old females, consideration of long-term demographic change will be important for planning.

2024 to 2034 POPULATION CHANGE (NON-METRO LGAs) - 5 TO 64 YEAR OLD FEMALES



FACILITY PROVISION





SPORTS FACILITY AUDITOR

Sports Facility Auditor (SFA) uses mobile technology to capture data on netball facilities across Victoria. SFA provides reporting on each competition netball venue, with analysis and insights provided through a suite of data analysis dashboards.

As at July 2025, SFA-Netball has collected detailed data on 1,393 outdoor and 310 indoor competition netball courts. The majority of this data was captured by Netball Victoria staff and affiliate representatives over the January 2024 and June 2025 period. Onsite audits were conducted at 619 sites, collecting information and photos on:

- Court provision, compliance and condition
- Court line marking and lighting
- Court structural, maintenance and related issues
- Rings, nets and posts
- Player, coaching, officials and spectator shelters
- Change rooms, toilets and social amenities
- Car parking, shade, site fencing, security and access.

SFA-Netball will be used by Netball Victoria on an ongoing basis to refine and enhance facility and infrastructure data. A subsequent focus will be provided on auditing of non-competition, training and school courts over time.

Process (inputs)

Competition facilities audited against netball facility guidelines and/or compliance standards

A mix of onsite and desktop audits conducted in 2024 and 2025

Issues and Opportunities Analysis (understanding)

Individual site and facility components are recorded and reviewed

Infrastructure provision, condition, compliance, capacity insights identified

Reporting (outputs)

Analysis that integrates infrastructure, netball activity and population data

Facility gap analysis (supply) | Netball activity assessment (demand)

Priorities and recommendations identified by netball region and statewide

NETBALL FACILITY HIERARCHY

Netball facilities play a range of roles throughout the facility hierarchy, from entry-level programs to local competitions and through to elite and talent pathways. The Netball Facility Hierarchy identifies the role of each venue and the level of court provision required to ensure each facility is fit-for-purpose.

*Netball Victoria recommends that a minimum of 2 courts are provided within any venue that offers structured netball competition. This is preferable as multiple courts offer increased potential to deliver multiple program and training opportunities, support the growth of competitions and improve the capacity and sustainability of venues.

Applying the facility hierarchy when planning facility development will help to ensure that the facility network is balanced and meets the needs of all stakeholders. The hierarchy below is also aligned with Netball Australia's facility hierarchy.

Facility Type	Facility Role	Provision	Example Venues
Elite	International, Super Netball, National, State Leagues	2+ indoor courts	State Netball Hockey Centre (Royal Park); John Cain Area
Regional	Regional level events and carnivals, local association competition and training	8+ courts (mix of indoor/outdoor)	Jubilee Park (Frankston); Mildura Sporting Precinct; Waverley Netball Centre
District	Association and/or Football-Netball club competition and training	4 – 7 courts	Elsie Dorrington Reserve (Mornington); Stonnington Sports Centre; Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve
Local	Association and/or Football-Netball club competition and training; modified games and programs	1 – 3 courts*	Emil Madsen Reserve (Mt Eliza), Gilbert Gordon (Woodend), Dalyston Recreation Reserve
Training & Schools	Club training; school or community use; modified games and programs	1+ courts	To be addressed in Phase 2 of the Statewide Facilities Strategy



COMPETITION NETBALL FACILITIES

Netball facilities across Victoria are the home of association and league competitions, netball programs, talent development pathways, events and carnivals.

The collection and analysis of facility data using SFA-Netball has provided the evidence base for the development of the Statewide Facilities Strategy and will allow for the ongoing assessment of future facility needs.

The following summary relates to actively used competition courts in Victoria only.

Victorian Competition Court Inventory

Venues with indoor courts	87
Total indoor courts	310
Venues with outdoor courts	532
Total outdoor courts	1,393
Total courts	1,703



OUTDOOR COURTS

An audit of netball facilities was undertaken between January 2024 and June 2025 on 532 venues with 1,393 outdoor courts actively used for competition netball. The audit was conducted via on-site inspections to establish trends in facility provision, condition and quality.

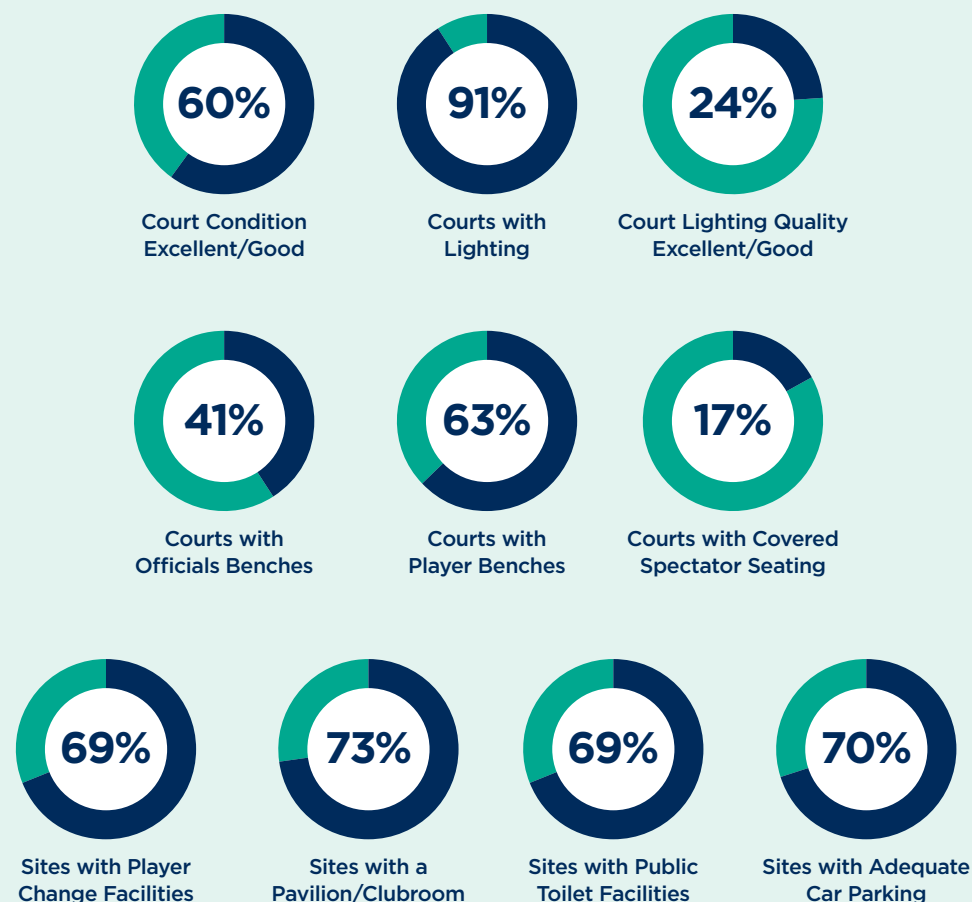
Across the network of outdoor netball courts, just over half (60%) were considered to be in good-excellent condition. Surprisingly 91% of outdoor courts were floodlit, however only 24% of those lit courts were considered to have good-excellent lighting.

As an outdoor, predominant winter season sport, access to covered player, official and spectator areas is critical to drive positive user experiences. Currently, only 17% of outdoor courts provide access to covered viewing areas for spectators. Only 41% of courts provide a covered officials bench, and 63% of outdoor courts provide player benches.

Adequacy of car parking provision for venues with outdoor courts was considered average, with 70% of sites considered to be providing adequate car parking. This does leave 150+ sites used for competition netball with inadequate car parking.

Around two-thirds of all venues providing outdoor courts were identified to provide player change rooms (69%), public (or spectator) toilets (69%) and/or a pavilion/clubroom environment for netball's use (73%). Indicating that around 150 (or close to one-third) of locations do not provide these amenities to support netball.

Victorian Netball Facility Audit - Outdoor Court Provision





INDOOR COURTS

An audit of netball facilities was undertaken across 87 netball venues that provide access to 310 indoor courts to establish trends in facility provision, condition and quality.

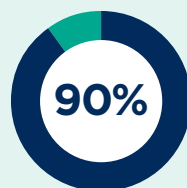
Across the network of competition netball courts, indoor courts were assessed to be providing well across a number of key criteria. A significant 90% of indoor courts were considered to be in good-excellent condition, and with the vast majority of venues providing player change facilities (93%), spectator seating (90%) and public toilets (80%).

The greatest gap in indoor netball court provision was the very few courts that provide netball only courts (21 courts – e.g. Waverley Netball Centre). While the premise and viability of providing multi-use and multi-lined courts is well understood by Netball Victoria, the impact of reduced access and availability and conflict between sports for peak usage times is also a key factor in growing the sport.

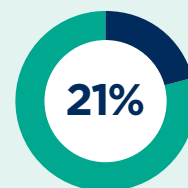
In addition, while all indoor netball courts are lit, the measured quality of court lighting to meet local / regional competition standards (500 lux) was only met across 21% of indoor courts.

Indoor courts only make up 18% of Victoria's competition netball courts. The quality and continued access and availability of both indoor and outdoor courts is vital to support the range of netball competitions, pathway programs and events offered across Victoria.

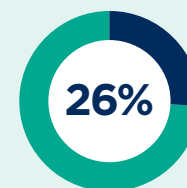
Victorian Netball Facility Audit – Indoor Courts



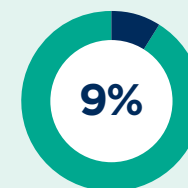
Court Condition
Excellent/Good



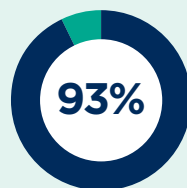
Courts with
Lighting (500+ lux)



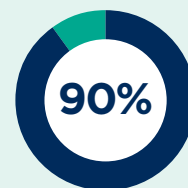
Courts with
Compliant Run-off



Netball Only Courts



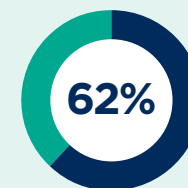
Sites with Player
Change Facilities



Courts with
Spectator Seating



Sites with Public
Toilet Facilities



Sites with
Adequate Car Parking

COURT LIGHTING

Across the 619 venues audited for competition netball (providing indoor or outdoor courts), the vast majority (more than 90%) were identified to be providing some form of court lighting.

Limited opportunities were provided to adequately test the standard and lux levels of lighting during the audit process. However, some lux level and quality information was gathered through venue management, affiliate and site owner consultation.

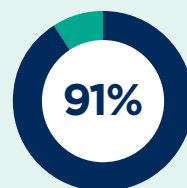
Australian Standard (AS 2560.2.2021) outlines lighting criteria based on the level of play, focusing on factors such as horizontal illuminance (lux), uniformity and glare rating. For outdoor netball courts, the recommended maintained horizontal illuminance levels are:

- Recreation and Training: 100 lux
- Club Competition: 200 lux
- National and International Competition: 500 lux.

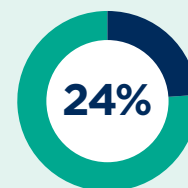
Particularly for outdoor courts, the lack of quality lighting has the greatest impact on the overall capacity and usability of a court. Analysis undertaken through the court audit process has identified an estimated 55% of lost capacity hours across the Victorian outdoor netball court network are due to the absence of effective outdoor court lighting.

In addition, only 40% of outdoor courts were assessed to have lighting lux levels greater than the minimum 100 lux training standard. These courts are more than likely also contributing to reduced weeknight capacity at relevant venues. 237 courts were identified as achieving 200+ club competition standard lighting.

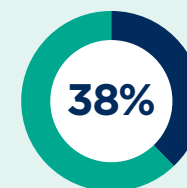
Victorian Netball Facility Audit – Court Lighting



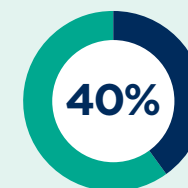
Outdoor Courts with Lighting



Outdoor Court Lighting Quality Excellent/Good



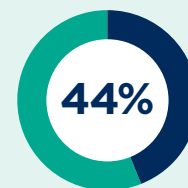
Outdoor Court Lighting is LED



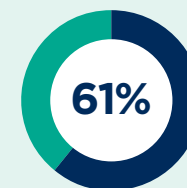
Confirmed Outdoor Lighting Level 100+ Lux



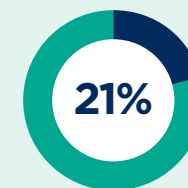
Indoor Courts with Lighting



Indoor Court Lighting Quality Excellent/Good



Indoor Court Lighting is LED



Confirmed Indoor Lighting Level 500+ Lux*



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



WHAT OUR AFFILIATES TOLD US

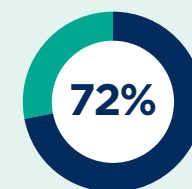
Our affiliated netball associations, competition providers and local government partners play a vital role in the provision, management and development of netball courts and facilities across Victoria.

During 2024, Netball Victoria engaged via online survey, all affiliated netball associations, leagues and football netball clubs to understand their views, perceptions and needs concerning competition netball facilities.

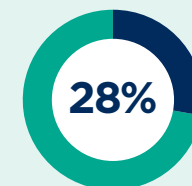
108 responses were received and analysed, with the adjacent high-level summary of results identified.

Key Issues for Netball Affiliates:

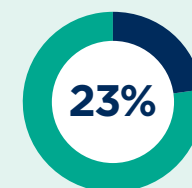
1. Almost three-quarters of affiliates reported issues with access to courts or the ability to use/program courts to optimal levels.
2. Affiliates were asked to identify the biggest issues impacting their ability to optimally use/program netball courts. Primary results were:
 - Condition of courts (28%)
 - Insufficient number of courts (22%)
 - Amenities (either condition or lack of) (18%)
 - Lighting (either condition or lack of) (13%)
 - Restricted access due to shared use (10%)
 - Insufficient car parking (6%).
3. Affiliates were asked to identify the second biggest issue impacting their ability to optimally use/program netball courts. These results were:
 - Amenities (either condition or lack of) (23%)
 - Restricted access due to shared use (21%)
 - Insufficient number of courts (16%)
 - Condition of courts (14%)
 - Lighting (either condition or lack of) (14%)
 - Insufficient car parking (7%).



Affiliates Identified Issues Related to Court Access



Affiliates Identified Court Condition Issues



Affiliates Identified Amenity Provision or Condition Issues



WHAT OUR LGA STAKEHOLDERS TOLD US

During 2024 and early 2025, Netball Victoria engaged via online survey, all 79 Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Victoria to understand their views, perceptions and challenges concerning the provision, management and development of competition netball facilities within their locality.

41 responses from the 79 Victorian LGAs were received and analysed, with the adjacent high-level summary of results identified.

Key Issues for State and Local Government:

1. Lack of courts (and compliant courts) to meet the demand for netball, which is exacerbated by multi-use access and conflicting scheduling requirements.
2. Ageing nature of infrastructure and related cost of facility renewals and ongoing maintenance.
3. The increasing cost of asset management within a constrained budget environment.
4. Lack of fit-for-purpose changerooms for netballers and officials.
5. Competition for players with other sports (e.g. AFL), varying levels of demand and competing Council priorities.
6. Competing community interests for open space for facility development, and broadening areas of sport and active recreation demand to meet changing populations.
7. The need for greater sharing of data, information and resources to help justify investment, improved levels of stakeholder education and access to technical advice to support project planning and delivery.



FACILITIES FRAMEWORK





NETBALL VICTORIA FACILITIES FRAMEWORK

Strategic Pillars	1. PLAY A network of high-quality, inclusive and safe facilities across Victoria that supports participation at all levels of the game.	2. GROW Expand and strengthen Victoria's netball facility footprint by increasing supply, access and capacity, particularly in high-growth and under-served areas.	3. INSPIRE Deliver welcoming, innovative and future-ready netball environments that inspire participation, support program activation, and reflect best-practice design and inclusion principles.	4. LEAD Champion collaborative, evidence-based planning and funding approaches that drive strategic investment in netball infrastructure.
Strategic Facility Objectives	1.1 Provide a well-considered facilities hierarchy and structure to support all levels of the pathway. 1.2 Provide a safe environment in our facilities, competitions and programs for everyone involved in our game. 1.3 Showcase our pathways by providing facilities which cater for pre-elite and elite level competition. 1.4 Expand facility development and upgrade opportunities in regional Victoria to support netball participation.	2.1 Increase the number of netball facilities to accommodate growth of the game. 2.2 Develop new netball facilities in areas of identified growth and demand. 2.3 Increase equitable access to indoor multi-purpose court facilities. 2.4 Improve the network and relationships with schools to explore potential facility usage options.	3.1 Create welcoming, inclusive and diverse environments through facility design. 3.2 Increase the capability and capacity of our affiliates to activate programs and competitions at new facilities. 3.3 Implement sustainable design principles in facility planning. 3.4 Research and implement latest technology and innovation in facility design planning.	4.1 Develop a Netball Victoria facilities fund to support priority infrastructure projects. 4.2 Continue to partner with AFL Victoria and Sport and Recreation Victoria on the CFNP funding program. 4.3 Collaborate with Victorian LGAs and share available datasets to guide local planning and help to shape asset renewal planning for netball infrastructure. 4.4 Explore and promote opportunities for shared use and multi-purpose facility models.

1. PLAY

Goal: A network of high-quality, inclusive and safe facilities across Victoria that supports participation at all levels of the game

Strategic Facility Objectives	Key Actions	Outcomes/Targets
1.1 Provide a well-considered facilities hierarchy and structure to support all levels of the pathway.	<p>1.1.1 Collaborate with Netball Australia and other states on clear definitions and criteria for each hierarchy level.</p> <p>1.1.2 Align each hierarchy level with the participation tiers of community, development and high performance.</p> <p>1.1.3 Identify areas where the player pathway is limited due to facility constraints.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased participation from grassroots to elite by 2027.
1.2 Provide a safe environment in our facilities, competitions and programs for everyone involved in our game.	<p>1.2.1 Review facilities resources annually to ensure they are up-to-date and current to industry standards.</p> <p>1.2.2 Maintain and update a facilities database which captures facility conditions of all courts.</p> <p>1.2.3 Establish an efficient platform for the reporting of safety concerns with facilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved user experience measured through satisfaction survey. Facilities resources are current and available on Netball Victoria website.
1.3 Showcase our pathways by providing facilities which cater for pre-elite and elite level competition.	<p>1.3.1 Identify a network of facilities which meet the facility standards to host VNL, ANC, National Championships and Super Netball competition.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a current list of pre-elite and elite level facilities by 2026.
1.4 Expand facility development and upgrade opportunities in regional Victoria to support netball participation.	<p>1.4.1 Develop a regional facility prioritisation plan, using evidence from regional audits and data to target high-need regions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved facility condition ratings in regional areas by 2027.



2. GROW

Goal: Expand and strengthen Victoria's netball facility footprint by increasing supply, access and capacity, particularly in high-growth and under-serviced areas

Strategic Facility Objectives	Key Actions	Outcomes/Targets
2.1 Increase the number of netball facilities to accommodate growth of the game.	2.1.1 Prioritise shovel-ready projects for early delivery. 2.1.2 Establish and maintain a priority projects list based upon the most recent data. 2.1.3 Advocate for netball to be prioritised in local and state government infrastructure strategies and funding programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased delivery of priority projects highlighted during election cycles.• Netball projects are prioritised in government strategies.
2.2 Develop new netball facilities in areas of identified growth and demand.	2.2.1 Prioritise planning in growth corridors and developing regional areas 2.2.2 Prioritise multi-court venues in growth areas to support competition, training and community use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New netball facilities are identified and developed in growth areas.
2.3 Increase equitable access to indoor multi-purpose court facilities.	2.3.1 Map and analyse current access to indoor facilities. 2.3.2 Identify gaps in availability, access and other barriers for use by netball. 2.3.3 Advocate and negotiate with management/providers on equitable access for affiliates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access for netball is increased in indoor multi-sport venues.
2.4 Improve the network and relationships with schools to explore potential facility usage options.	2.4.1 Consult and liaise with Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) on current usage. 2.4.2 Prioritise usage negotiations with schools that have existing courts suitable for netball.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish a working group with VSBA for future planning by 2026.• Competition standard courts are identified and utilised in schools.

3. INSPIRE

Goal: Deliver welcoming, innovative and future-ready netball environments that inspire participation, support program activation, and reflect best-practice design and inclusion principles

Strategic Facility Objectives	Key Actions	Outcomes/Targets
3.1 Create welcoming, inclusive and diverse environments through facility design.	3.1.1 Apply universal design principles to all facility projects. 3.1.2 Ensure design principles support all genders and ages. 3.1.3 Ensure Fair Access policies are embedded in the planning of all new or upgraded netball venues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor Fair Access Policy implementation through LGA consultation. • Increase in female-friendly and inclusive elements in facilities.
3.2 Increase the capability and capacity of our affiliates to activate programs and competitions at new facilities.	3.2.1 Establish an “Activation Support” program as part of NV’s Shared Service model 3.2.2 Create opportunities for affiliates with activation experience in new facilities to mentor and advise others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide operational guidance to affiliates from mentors during the first 6-12 months of a new facility opening.
3.3 Implement sustainable design principles in facility planning.	3.3.1 Create a Fact Sheet as a best-practice guide for environmentally sustainable netball facility planning. 3.3.2 Collaborate with Netball Victoria’s Environment Working Group to prioritise and celebrate positive environmental outcomes in facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in awareness of environmentally sustainable netball projects. • Environmental case studies for netball are celebrated.
3.4 Research and implement latest technology and innovation in facility design planning.	3.4.1 Identify current trends with industry experts, architects and technology providers for insights. 3.4.2 Influence innovation outcomes through Project Control Group planning meetings of each project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation design principles are included during project design phases.



4. LEAD

Goal: Champion collaborative, evidence-based planning and funding approaches that drive strategic investment in netball infrastructure

Strategic Facility Objectives	Key Actions	Outcomes/Targets
4.1 Develop a Netball Victoria facilities fund to support priority infrastructure projects.	4.1.1 Create a business case seeking investment into the Netball Victoria Infrastructure Grants Program. 4.1.2 Create an eligibility and selection criteria for the fund, prioritising impact, need and readiness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Netball Victoria facilities fund is established by 2027.
4.2 Continue to partner with AFL Victoria and Sport and Recreation Victoria on the Country Football Netball Program (CFNP) funding program.	4.2.1 Engage with and provide input on AFL Regional Strategies with AFL Victoria. 4.2.2 Ensure the CFNP funding is reviewed and budgeted for annually in the Netball Victoria budget.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Netball Victoria has a seat at the table with AFL Vic on regional strategies.• CFNP funding is included annually in Netball Victoria budget.
4.3 Collaborate with Victorian LGAs and share available datasets to guide local planning and help to shape asset renewal planning for netball infrastructure.	4.3.1 Use shared datasets and insights to co-develop a list of high-priority projects for each LGA. 4.3.2 Advocate for netball-specific investment in local government annual budgets, based upon priority projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish an efficient internal data-sharing process for reporting to external stakeholders by end of 2025.
4.4 Explore and promote opportunities for shared use and multipurpose facility models.	4.4.1 Map current demand for other compatible sports to co-exist such as basketball, tennis, volleyball. 4.4.2 Explore new opportunities to co-exist with growing sports such as pickleball.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved partnerships with compatible sporting bodies to increase participation by 2027.

NETBALL ANALYSIS MODELS





NETBALL COURT CAPACITY MODEL

The Netball Court Capacity Model for Victoria considers the importance of the existing netball court network and footprint across Victoria.

Netball Victoria recognises the need to continue to build and grow its facility network in order to maximise opportunities for competition netball. Some of this growth will be organic, while other priority locations, such as Melbourne's growth corridors, will need more strategic and targeted investment.

The Netball Court Capacity Model more specifically considers the existing netball court provision that is already in existence across Victoria. It is equally as important as new facilities and provides potentially greater outcomes for supporting netball competitions and programs, with lower levels of investment and intervention required.

The Netball Court Capacity Model has been created for both outdoor and indoor courts, as their access and influences around capacity and playability vary slightly.

Outdoor court capacity

For outdoor competition courts, a maximum number of 48 playable hours is applied to each court. From there, three key factors (in priority order) influence the capacity of an outdoor court for competition play:

- Court lighting levels
- Multi line marking
- Court condition levels.

Indoor court capacity

For indoor competition courts, a maximum number of 48 playable hours is applied to each court. From there, three key factors (in priority order) influence the capacity of an indoor court for competition play:

- Multi line marking
- Court condition levels
- Court run-off requirements.

Appendix 2 provides a detailed explanation of all relevant court attributes and their assigned capacity hours.



EQUIVALENT COURTS EXPLAINED

Equivalent courts

The term “equivalent courts” is used within this report when referring to the usage capacity of courts. Equivalent courts consider the potential lost hours of use for netball based on the infrastructure and likely levels of access provided.

Court capacity criteria is provided for outdoor and indoor courts on the previous page. Appendix 2 provides the detailed scoring system that automatically assigns a capacity rating to each indoor and outdoor court, based on its associated condition, line marking, run-off area and lighting attributes.

Both indoor and outdoor courts have an estimated maximum number of 48 playable hours per week. For example, a venue might technically have 1 outdoor court, however if this court has no lights, this court only attracts a total of 25 playable hours. Therefore, the equivalent court number for this court is $25/48$ which is .52 equivalent courts.

If a single court’s capacity is assessed to only be 50% use or access, then its equivalent court rating is 0.5. If there are 10 courts within an LGA that are assessed to provide 80% collective capacity (or 0.8), then that LGAs total equivalent courts would total 8 (not 10).

To assist planning at LGA level, court capacities and equivalent court numbers have been aggregated to provide average capacity ratings for each LGA. Refer to the Our Regions section of this document for regional breakdowns and LGA level analysis.

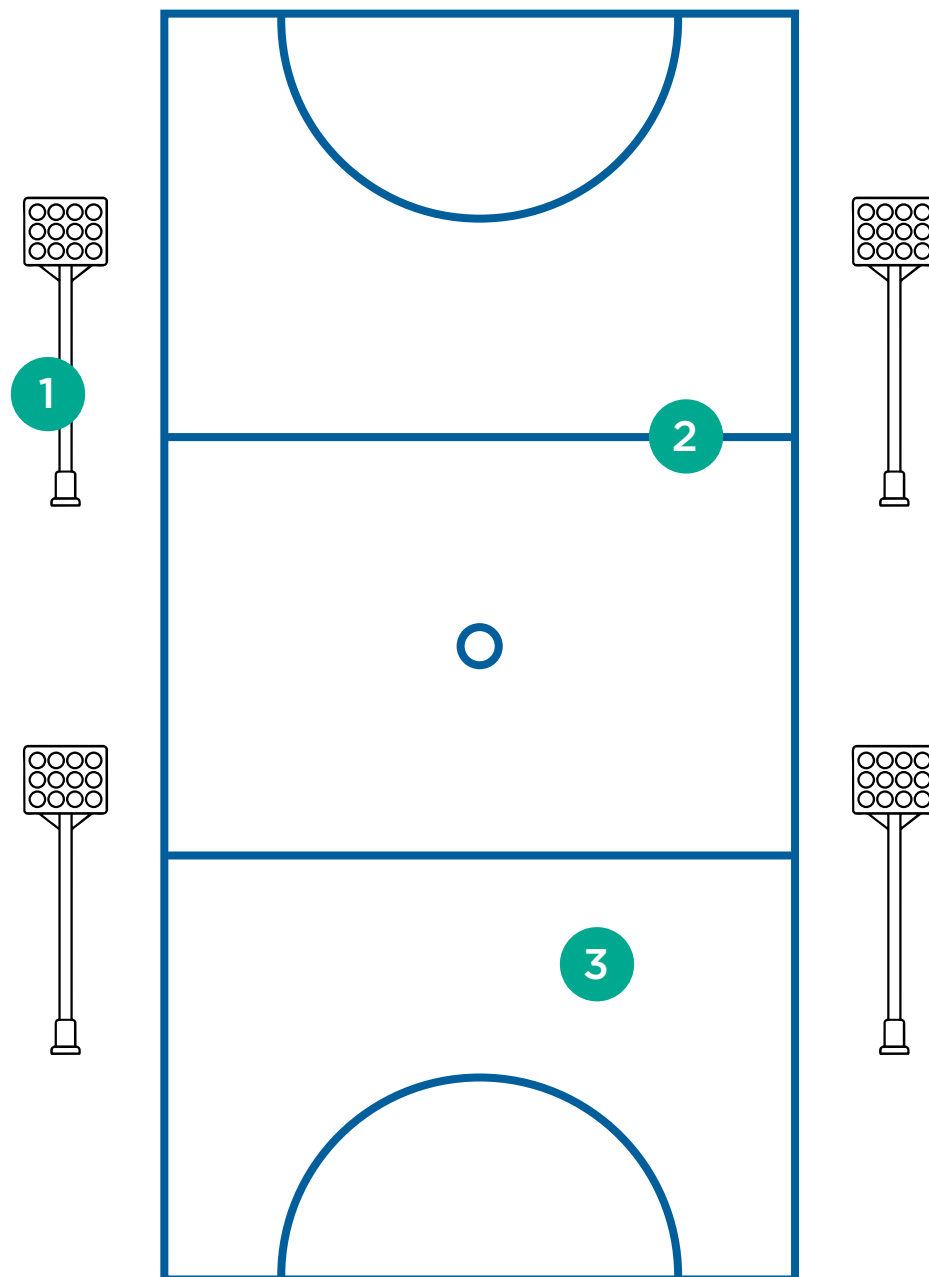
The following diagrams has been developed to visually explain equivalent courts.





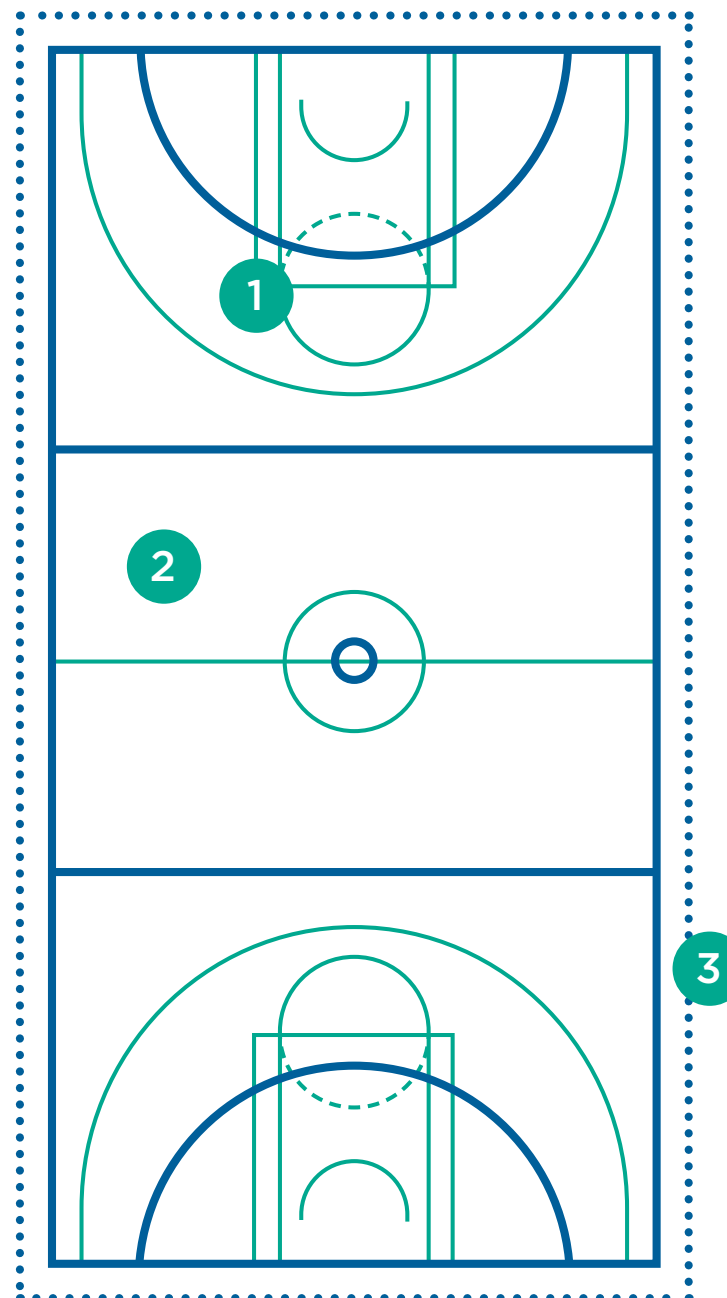
Outdoor courts – 48 hour weekly use capacity

1. **Court lighting** is critical to outdoor netball court use. If a court has 100+ lux lighting, it is allocated 23 usage hours of the maximum 48 court usage hours. If a court has <100 lux lighting or no lighting, it receives 0 of the 23 usage hours allocated for court lighting.
2. **Line marking** of outdoor courts is allocated 15 usage hours of the total 48 usage hours. If a court is line marked for netball only, it receives all 15 usage hours. If the court is also line marked for another sport, 7.5 hours of usage is deemed to be lost.
3. **Court condition** has a total of 10 usage hours of the maximum 48 usage hours allocated. If a court is in “excellent” condition, a maximum 10 hours is retained. If it is in “very poor” condition, up to 5 usage hours are lost.



Indoor courts – 48 hour weekly use capacity

1. **Line marking** of indoor courts is critical to netball court access and use and is allocated 23 usage hours of the total 48 usage hours. If a court is line marked for netball only, it receives all 23 usage hours. If the court is also line marked for another sport, 11.5 hours of usage is deemed to be lost.
2. **Court condition** accounts for a total of 15 usage hours of the maximum 48 usage hours allocated. If a court is in “excellent” condition, a maximum 15 hours is retained. If it is in “very poor” condition, up to 7.5 usage hours are lost.
3. **Court run-off** for indoor courts is a significant safety consideration and impacts competition use for netball. If a court meets minimum run-off requirements, it is allocated 10 usage hours of the maximum 48 court usage hours. If a court does not meet run-off requirements, it only retains 2.5 hours use.





NETBALL FACILITY DEMAND MODEL

The potential demand for netball courts and related facilities is driven by a range of key factors and influenced by specific conditions within individual geographic locations¹.

To assist Netball Victoria in identifying the priority locations for the provision of and planning for netball courts, a Netball Facility Demand Model has been developed. The model is based on four key metrics:

- The total estimated 2034 population (by LGA) of females aged between 5 and 64 (i.e. the primary active market for netballers).
- The growth rate of the total female population (by LGA) from 2024 to 2034.
- The 2024 engagement rate of Netball Victoria registered female members (within an LGA), expressed as a percentage (%) of the total 2024 female population (of that LGA).
- The 2024 Netball Victoria registered participants (by LGA) expressed as a ratio against the total number of equivalent netball courts (by LGA).

A rating of 1 to 6 is applied to each demand metric, with a maximum possible total demand score per LGA of 24. The higher the total demand score, the greater the likely demand for netball facility provision is.

1. This model is not a perfect science and is influenced by many different factors. However, it can be used as a consistent guide to apply across the LGA network of Victoria to highlight key priorities and drive stakeholder conversations. Demand ratings should also be viewed with LGA stakeholders, in conjunction with LGA court capacity ratings in order to identify future infrastructure needs.

Demand Criteria	Demand Ratings					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Lowest demand rating → Highest demand rating					
2034 Female Population aged between 5 and 64	0 to 10,000	10,001 to 25,000	25,001 to 50,000	50,001 to 75,000	75,001 to 110,000	110,001 to 200,000
2024-2034 Growth Rate (%) of Total Female Population	-25% to -10%	-9.9% to 0%	0.1% to 10%	10.1% to 20%	20.1% to 35%	35.1% to 60%
2024 Female Netball Victoria Membership Rate	0% to 1.5%	1.6% to 3%	3.1% to 4.5%	4.6% to 6%	6.1% to 7.5%	7.6%+
2024 Average Netball Victoria Participants per Equivalent Courts	0 to 100	101 to 200	201 to 300	301 to 400	401 to 500	500+

Example LGA Demand Rating: An LGA that records the following metrics would return a Demand Score of 18.

- A 2034 female population (aged 5 to 64) of 73,100 (demand score = 4)
- A total female population growth rate between 2024 and 2034 of 6.2% (demand score = 3)
- A 2024 Netball Victoria female member to 2024 female population engagement rate of 7.4% (demand score = 5)
- A ratio of 2024 registered Netball Victoria participants per equivalent netball court of 550 (demand score = 6)

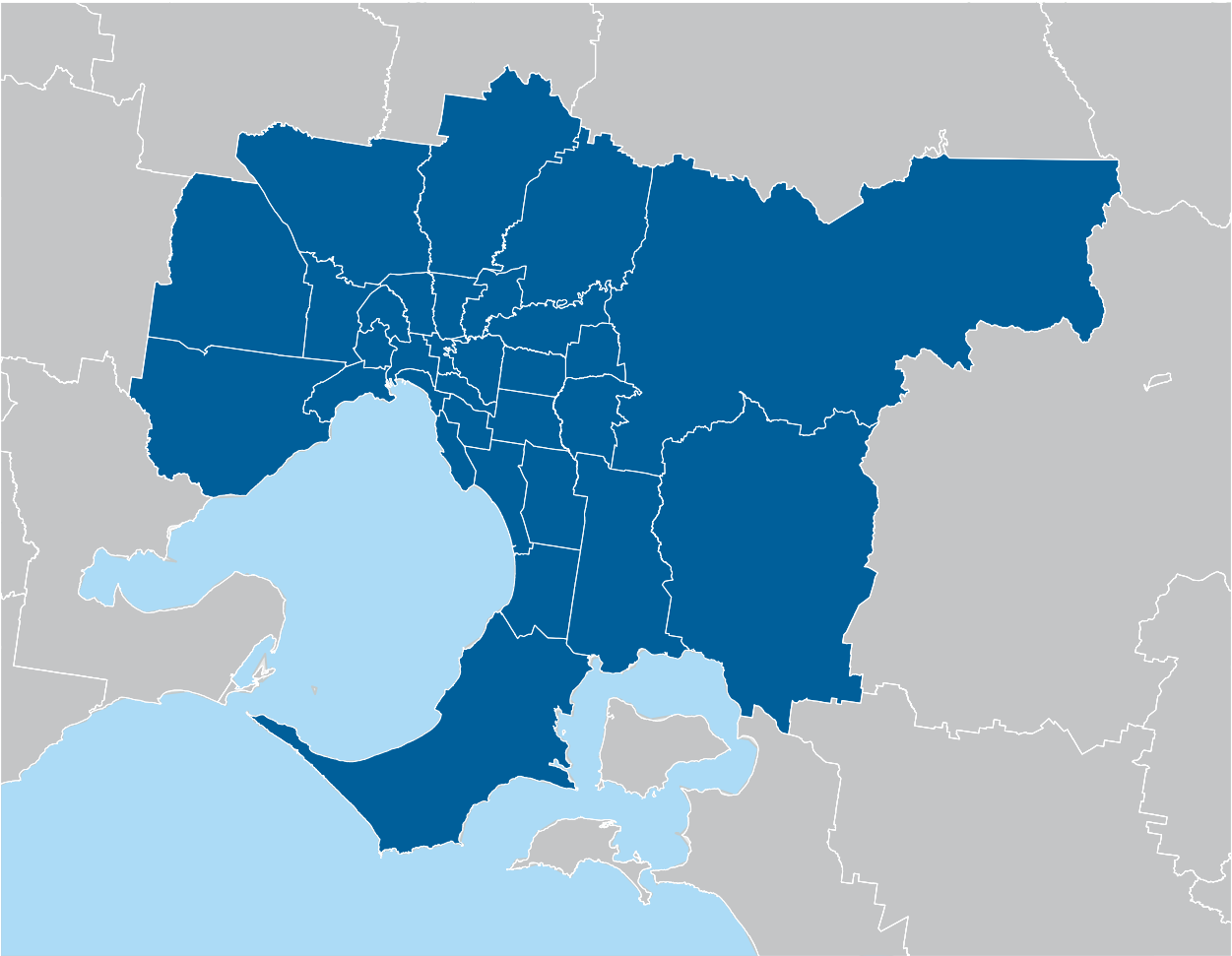
OUR REGIONS





NETBALL VICTORIA REGIONS - METRO

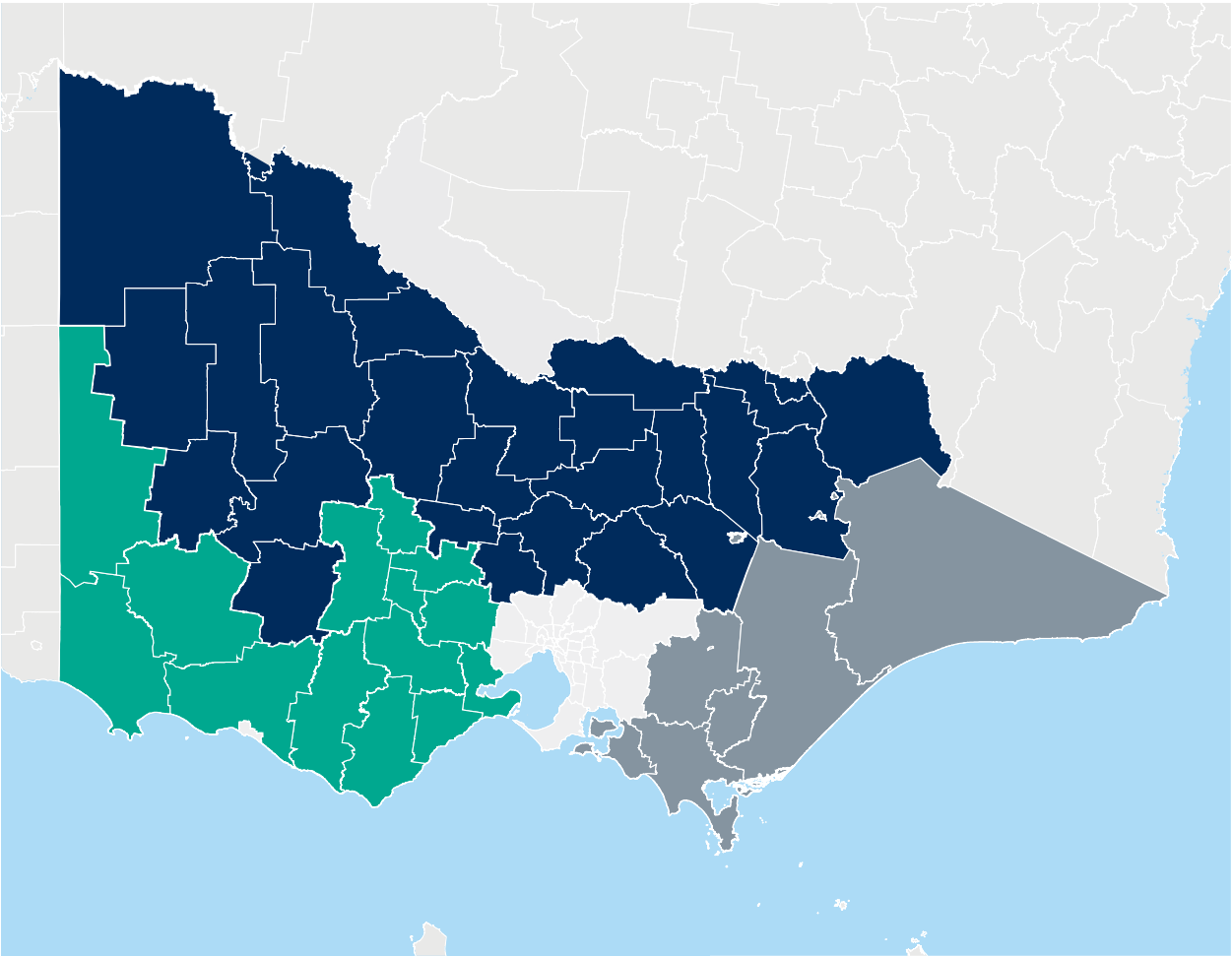
The Netball Victoria Metro Region structure establishes one geographic region based on local government boundaries.



METRO	
Banyule	Maroondah
Bayside	Melbourne
Boroondara	Melton
Brimbank	Merri-bek
Cardinia	Monash
Casey	Moonee Valley
Darebin	Mornington Peninsula
Frankston	Nillumbik
Glen Eira	Port Phillip
Greater Dandenong	Stonnington
Hobsons Bay	Whitehorse
Hume	Whittlesea
Kingston	Wyndham
Knox	Yarra
Manningham	Yarra Ranges
Maribyrnong	

NETBALL VICTORIA REGIONS – NON-METRO

The Netball Victoria non-metro region structure establishes three geographic regions based on local government boundaries.



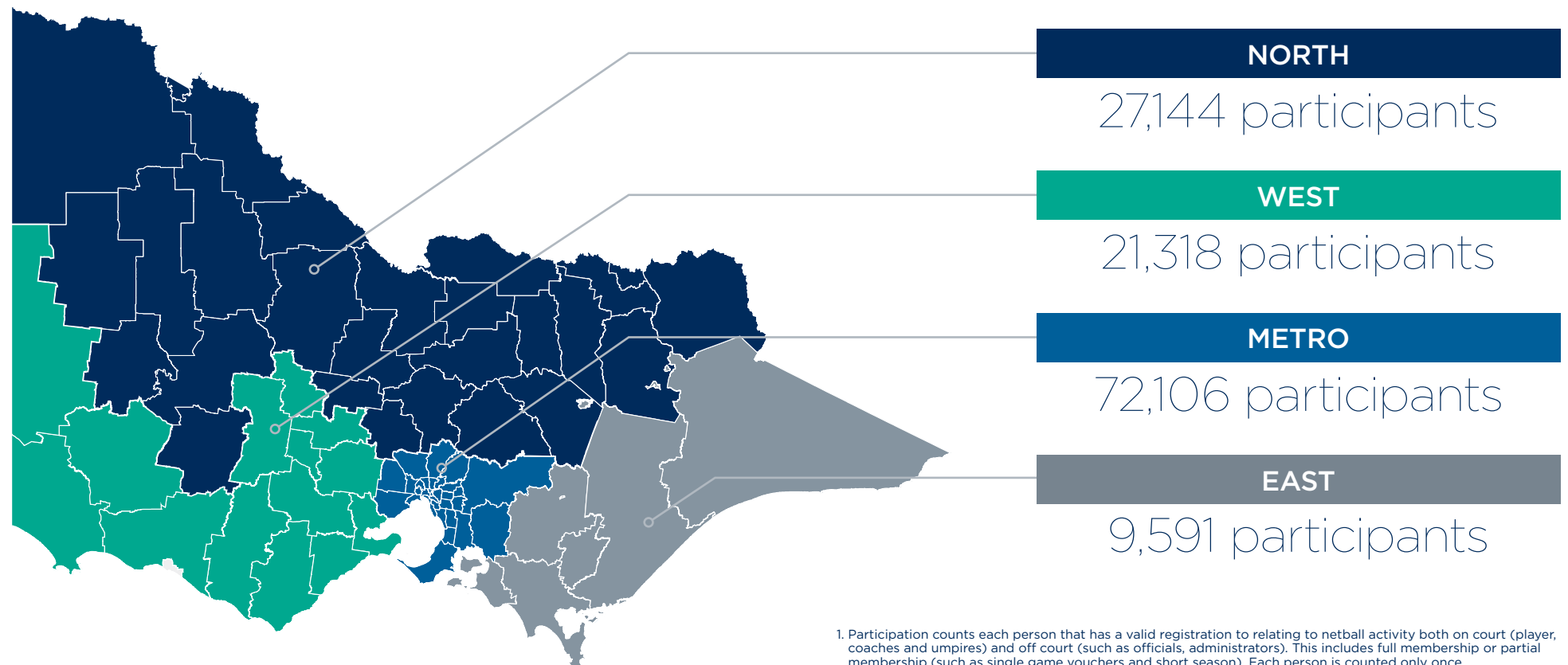
NORTH		
Alpine	Horsham	Murrindindi
Ararat	Indigo	Northern Grampians
Benalla	Loddon	Strathbogie
Buloke	Macedon Ranges	Swan Hill
Campaspe	Mansfield	Towong
Gannawarra	Mildura	Wangaratta
Greater Bendigo	Mitchell	Wodonga
Greater Shepparton	Moir	Yarriambiak
Hindmarsh	Mount Alexander	
WEST		
Ballarat	Greater Geelong	Southern Grampians
Central Goldfields	Hepburn	Surf Coast
Colac Otway	Moorabool	Warrnambool
Corangamite	Moyne	West Wimmera
Glenelg	Pyrenees	
Golden Plains	Queenscliffe	
EAST		
Bass Coast	East Gippsland	South Gippsland
Baw Baw	Latrobe	Wellington



NETBALL PARTICIPATION IN VICTORIA

Participation in netball is diverse and spread across Victoria.

The total participation¹ in netball across Victoria in 2024 was 130,159, including netball association-based and football netball league competitions. The player and netball “activity” numbers on Page 11 are higher, as they capture registrations more than once if a person holds more than one role and plays in more than one netball competition. Whereas “participation” numbers on this page count each person once, including single game vouchers and short season memberships.



1. Participation counts each person that has a valid registration to relating to netball activity both on court (player, coaches and umpires) and off court (such as officials, administrators). This includes full membership or partial membership (such as single game vouchers and short season). Each person is counted only once.

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METRO REGION

Region summary

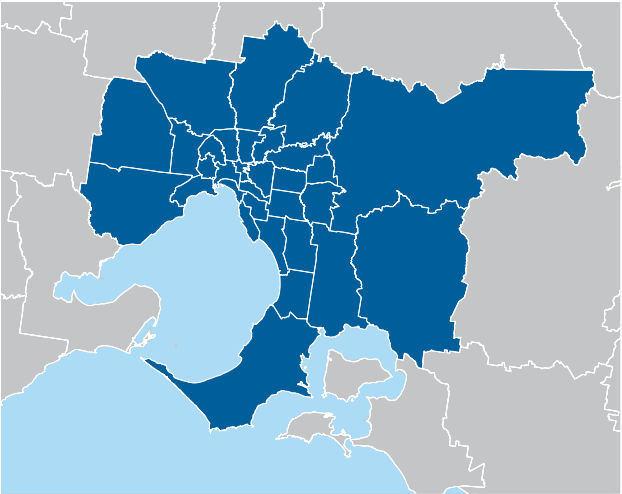
The Victorian Metro Netball Region provides 57% of all netball participants in Victoria and provides 38% of competition netball courts.

Annual netball participants in the Metro Region have grown by almost 10,000 (15.5%) over the past three seasons. In addition to a strong junior player base of 71%, future demand for netball in the region is supported by the region’s anticipated future population growth.

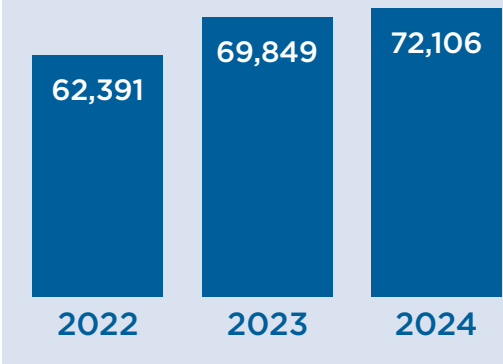
Between 2024 and 2034, the female population aged between 5 and 64 (netball’s most active player market) will grow by more than 352,000 at an average of 14.1% across the region. This provides a significant future market for netball to cater to.

Growing netball activity in association-based and metropolitan football netball leagues, increasing population density, growth in outer metropolitan suburbs and constrained facility provision in inner Melbourne localities are all drivers and influences on the future provision and capacity of netball infrastructure in the region.

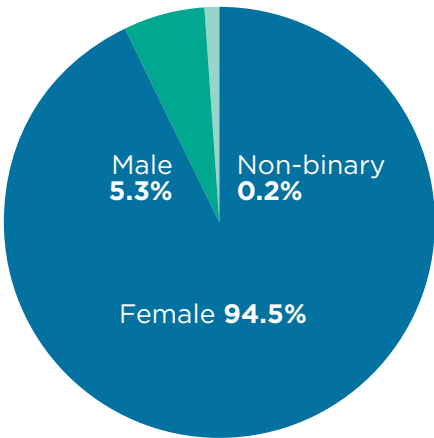
While indoor courts make up a positive 28% of all competition netball courts in the Metro Region, more than a third of access hours are lost to netball due to capacity factors.



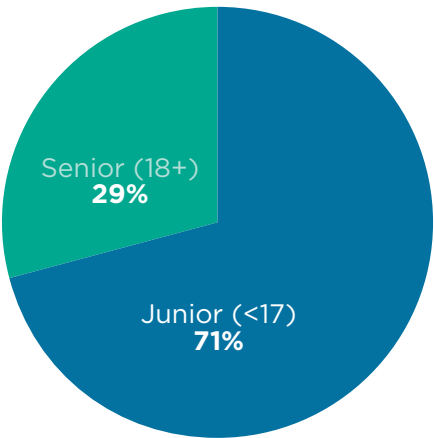
2022-2024 Annual participants



2024 Gender profile



2024 Player age profile

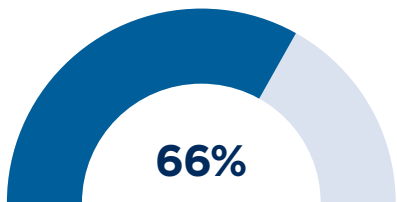


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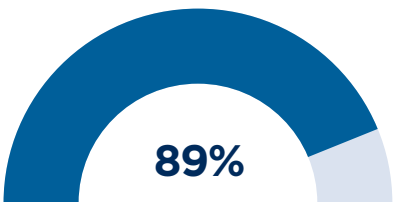
The following provides a regional summary of outdoor and indoor netball court provision and key factors that influence court capacity.

Outdoor court provision summary

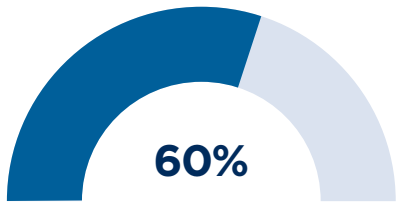
	Venues	Courts	Lit courts	Court hours	Lost court hours
Total	136	472	418	22,656	7,704



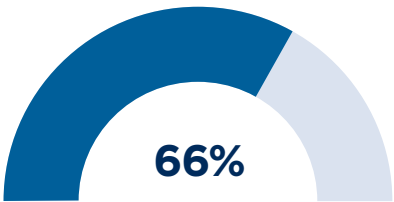
Court Condition Good/Excellent



Outdoor Courts with Lighting



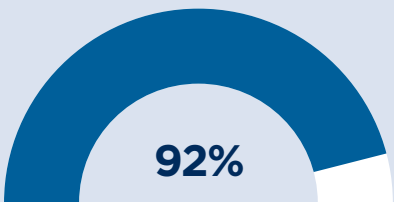
Sites with Player Change Facilities



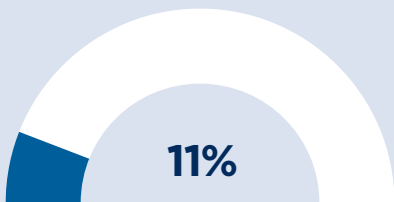
Run-off Compliant Outdoor Courts

Indoor court provision summary

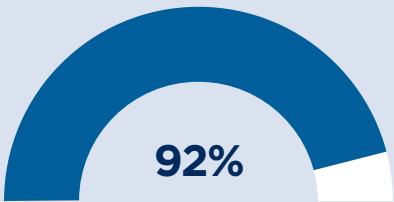
	Venues	Courts	Netball only courts	Court hours	Lost court hours
Total	42	181	19	8,688	3,183



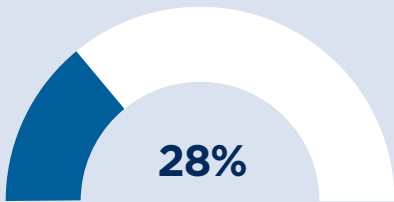
Court Condition Good/Excellent



Netball Only Marked Indoor Courts



Sites with Player Change Facilities



Run-off Compliant Indoor Courts



Priority development opportunities

Identified priority development opportunities for the region represent significant projects that will be transformative for the sport in the long-term and are aimed at supporting participation growth, building regional capacity, improving accessibility for talent pathways and ensuring regional event and competition hosting. All projects are at varying stages of planning and development, and a separate list of priority projects will be developed outside of the strategy, which will provide more detail on project scope, costs and stakeholder involvement.

City of Boroondara – Macleay Park Upgrade

Macleay Park serves as the home of the Boroondara Netball Association (BNA), which supports a membership of over 3,000. BNA provides a comprehensive player development pathway, from NetSetGo through to the Victorian Netball League. The Park's 8 outdoor courts currently lack lighting, significantly limiting opportunities to increase participation and expand program offerings.

Consequently, representative teams are compelled to use the indoor courts at the Boroondara Sports Complex, highlighting the urgent need for infrastructure improvements to support the growing demand for netball in the community (LGA demand rating score – 17).

City of Casey – Casey Fields Regional Netball Centre

As outlined in the Casey Fields Masterplan, the development of a regional netball centre at Casey Fields, incorporating 4-8 indoor and 8-12 outdoor courts, would future-proof the sport in the southern Casey region by providing a facility capable of meeting current and anticipated demand. Currently, the Casey Netball Association operates out of Casey Stadium, where it shares the facility with other sports. This arrangement limits opportunities for growth, particularly in expanding outdoor programs and participation. Establishing a dedicated netball centre would enable the sport to thrive and accommodate the increasing growth in both population and demand (LGA demand rating score – 16).

Melton City Council – Future Provision

Melton is projected to experience the highest growth in female population across the Metro region, with a forecast increase of 48.4%. This growth trajectory will generate substantial additional demand for netball participation and places increased importance on aligning facility provision with future community needs.

At present, Melton City has 25 competition-level netball courts (14 outdoor and 11 indoor). However, the effective availability of these courts for netball is constrained by shared use with other sports and activities within multi-purpose facilities. Strategic forward planning should therefore prioritise the future provision of dedicated and accessible netball facilities, ensuring supply keeps pace with population growth, participation trends, and the long-term sustainability of netball in the region (LGA demand rating score – 17).

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Mornington Peninsula Shire – Regional Netball Centre

The Mornington Peninsula Netball Association and the Mornington Bulldogs Football Netball Club currently share 7 courts at Elsie Dorrington Reserve, which no longer has the capacity to meet the increasing needs of both organisations. Consistent with the recommendations of the Mornington Peninsula Shire Sports Capacity Plan, the development of a regional facility with a minimum of 8 courts is identified as a priority to accommodate future netball demand and support the long-term sustainability of regional sports infrastructure (LGA demand rating score – 14).

City of Whittlesea – Future Court Provision

As one of Melbourne’s major growth areas, we see the need for future infrastructure planning in Whittlesea as a critical priority. Council is proactively future-proofing infrastructure for netball through key projects at the Mernda Regional Netball Centre (4 new indoor and 8 new outdoor courts) and Edgars Creek Recreation Reserve (4 outdoor courts). Ongoing

monitoring of population growth and participation trends will ensure netball facilities and programs remain responsive, accessible and aligned with future demand (LGA demand rating score – 19).

City of Wyndham – Future Court Provision

With anticipated population growth, particularly among females over the next 10 years, the future provision of netball facilities in Wyndham is a priority for the sport. Council has already taken steps to future-proof facilities, with projects underway at Jamieson Way Community Centre (6 outdoor courts and 1 indoor court) and Tarneit Indoor Sports Facility (3 indoor courts). Additionally, we will collaborate with the Victorian Government on the school-community use pilot, which enables facilities to be shared with sports outside school hours. Continuous monitoring will be critical to ensure netball facilities and programs keep pace with population growth and increasing participation needs (LGA demand rating score – 19).





FACILITY PROVISION ANALYSIS: METRO REGION

LGA	Venues	Outdoor Courts	Equivalent Outdoor Courts	Outdoor Court Capacity %	Indoor Courts	Equivalent Indoor Courts	Indoor Court Capacity %	Total Courts	Equivalent Total Courts	2024 Active Population to Equivalent Total Courts	2024 All Population to Equivalent Total Courts	2024 Active Participants to Equivalent Total Courts
Banyule	2	4	1.7	42%	4	3.1	76%	8	5	10,911	14,661	799
Bayside	1	9	9.0	100%	3	2.5	84%	12	12	3,700	5,010	455
Boroondara	1	8	5.6	70%	5	3.8	76%	13	9	8,137	10,489	751
Brimbank	1	0	0.0	0%	3	2.3	76%	3	2	36,510	47,644	709
Cardinia	16	41	28.6	70%	8	4.8	60%	49	33	1,631	2,046	166
Casey	16	39	29.6	76%	13	8.6	66%	52	38	4,284	5,366	247
Darebin	3	11	2.5	23%	8	2.6	32%	19	5	14,118	17,770	586
Frankston	6	22	19.6	89%	6	4.6	76%	28	24	2,355	3,136	201
Glen Eira	1	10	5.2	52%	0	0.0	0%	10	5	12,579	16,103	1,023
Greater Dandenong	4	15	8.1	54%	9	5.0	55%	24	13	5,279	6,842	71
Hobsons Bay	4	9	4.7	52%	10	7.0	70%	19	12	3,433	4,496	329
Hume	4	5	3.5	70%	17	10.3	60%	22	14	7,875	9,886	290
Kingston	10	44	36.8	84%	1	0.6	60%	45	37	1,781	2,374	194
Knox	6	28	12.7	45%	5	3.7	74%	33	16	3,931	5,283	323
Manningham	3	12	6.4	53%	2	1.4	68%	14	8	6,371	8,806	333

Coloured highlighted figures represent current court capacity that is less than 60% of total or optimum court capacity potentially available within an LGA. It also reflects an LGA that has more than 500 active participants per equivalent netball court.



LGA	Venues	Outdoor Courts	Equivalent Outdoor Courts	Outdoor Court Capacity %	Indoor Courts	Equivalent Indoor Courts	Indoor Court Capacity %	Total Courts	Equivalent Total Courts	2024 Active Population to Equivalent Total Courts	2024 All Population to Equivalent Total Courts	2024 Active Participants to Equivalent Total Courts
Maribyrnong	0	0	0.0	0%	0	0.0	0%	0	0	45,277	54,446	1,768
Maroondah	2	5	1.9	38%	4	3.0	76%	9	5	9,816	13,067	1,171
Melbourne	1	0	0.0	0%	11	7.8	71%	11	8	13,305	14,780	113
Melton	8	14	7.5	53%	11	6.8	62%	25	14	5,958	7,269	266
Merri-Bek	4	16	11.4	71%	0	0.0	0%	16	11	7,182	8,973	265
Monash	2	20	20.0	100%	9	6.4	71%	29	26	3,185	4,112	185
Moonee Valley	2	15	11.6	77%	0	0.0	0%	15	12	4,813	6,229	387
Mornington Peninsula	16	39	24.4	63%	7	4.2	60%	46	29	2,106	3,159	263
Nillumbik	1	8	4.2	52%	11	6.6	60%	19	11	2,352	3,085	223
Port Phillip	2	4	1.6	40%	4	0.0	0%	8	2	32,785	40,048	856
Stonnington	1	0	0.0	0%	6	4.3	71%	6	4	12,277	15,328	928
Whitehorse	1	4	1.8	44%	6	3.6	60%	10	5	13,845	18,026	1,253
Whittlesea	3	10	3.6	36%	4	2.4	60%	14	6	17,632	22,355	857
Wyndham	3	14	8.7	62%	12	8.2	68%	26	17	8,017	9,751	533
Yarra	2	12	11.5	96%	0	0.0	0%	12	12	4,080	4,903	116
Yarra Ranges	21	54	29.3	54%	2	1.2	60%	56	31	2,035	2,732	189

FACILITY DEMAND ANALYSIS: METRO REGION

LGA	2034 Female Active Market Population (5 to 64 years)		2024-2034 Female Population Percentage Change		2024 Female Active Membership Rate (5 to 64 years)		2024 All Netball Victoria Participants per Existing Equivalent Court		Total Netball Court Demand Rating Score (Max score 24)
	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	
Banyule	54,840	4	6.0%	3	2.8%	2	821	6	15
Bayside	43,711	3	2.5%	3	6.0%	4	462	5	15
Boroondara	81,185	5	6.1%	3	4.2%	3	762	6	17
Brimbank	88,525	5	6.3%	3	0.7%	1	764	6	15
Cardinia	68,239	4	25.1%	5	4.2%	3	179	2	14
Casey	197,257	6	20.5%	5	2.4%	2	265	3	16
Darebin	81,270	5	13.5%	4	1.7%	2	616	6	17
Frankston	59,481	4	4.5%	3	3.9%	3	210	3	13
Glen Eira	71,762	4	9.5%	3	3.6%	3	1,061	6	16
Greater Dandenong	80,562	5	16.8%	4	0.6%	1	74	1	11
Hobsons Bay	43,995	3	9.8%	3	3.5%	3	351	4	13
Hume	128,958	6	19.1%	4	1.4%	1	304	4	15
Kingston	72,883	4	9.4%	3	4.3%	3	198	2	12
Knox	67,937	4	5.3%	3	3.6%	3	333	4	14
Manningham	52,154	4	5.2%	3	2.3%	2	339	4	13

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LGA	2034 Female Active Market Population (5 to 64 years)		2024-2034 Female Population Percentage Change		2024 Female Active Membership Rate (5 to 64 years)		2024 All Netball Victoria Participants per Existing Equivalent Court		Total Netball Court Demand Rating Score (Max score 24)
	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	
Maribyrnong	57,721	4	27.5%	5	1.4%	1	1,825	6	16
Maroondah	52,345	4	8.5%	3	4.9%	4	1,212	6	17
Melbourne	129,303	6	25.2%	5	0.4%	1	117	2	14
Melton	126,107	6	48.4%	6	1.6%	2	285	3	17
Merri-Bek	94,242	5	15.3%	4	1.5%	1	278	3	13
Monash	94,095	5	11.9%	4	2.5%	2	192	2	13
Moonee Valley	63,101	4	13.3%	4	2.9%	2	394	4	14
Morn. Peninsula	63,801	4	5.7%	3	5.6%	4	272	3	14
Nillumbik	24,944	2	-1.9%	2	4.0%	3	227	3	10
Port Phillip	61,461	4	16.1%	4	1.2%	1	884	6	15
Stonnington	58,858	4	12.8%	4	3.3%	3	949	6	17
Whitehorse	83,054	5	11.2%	4	3.7%	3	1,301	6	18
Whittlesea	138,024	6	29.1%	5	1.8%	2	889	6	19
Wyndham	178,101	6	31.3%	5	2.1%	2	587	6	19
Yarra	55,114	4	17.1%	4	1.3%	1	122	2	11
Yarra Ranges	64,982	4	4.7%	3	4.1%	3	195	2	12

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Photo: King of Courts



EAST REGION

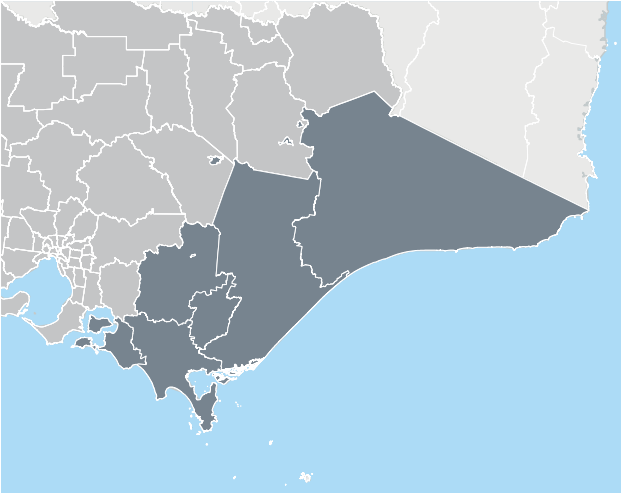
Region summary

Victoria's East Netball Region is the smallest of the Victorian Regions. It provides 7.6% of all netball participants in Victoria and 11% of competition netball courts.

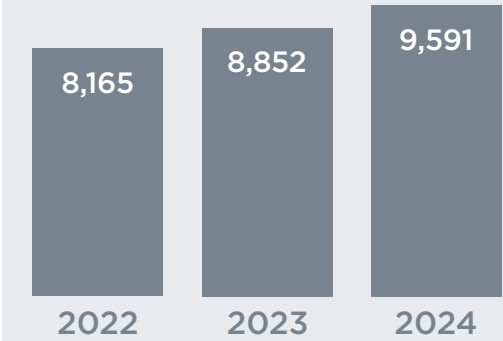
Annual netball participants in the East Region have grown by 1,426 (17.4%) over the past three seasons. A significant 94.2% of players in the region identify as female. Compared to the Metro Region, there are more senior (18+) players participating as a percentage of total players. This is consistent with the North and West Regions.

Between 2024 and 2034, the female population aged between 5 and 64 (netball's most active player market) will grow by around 6,850 at an average of 38% across the region. Baw Baw and Bass Coast Shires are projected to contribute the bulk of the region's growth. All LGAs in the region will experience growth in netball's most active market.

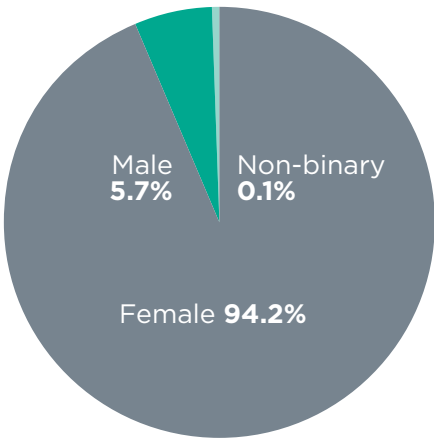
Catering for a 38% expansion in the market for netball, in a region that has significant geographical and travel challenges will be important. With existing outdoor courts losing 38% of court capacity hours and indoor courts losing 40%, a focus on infrastructure renewal and improvement will be critical to support netball activity growth across the region.



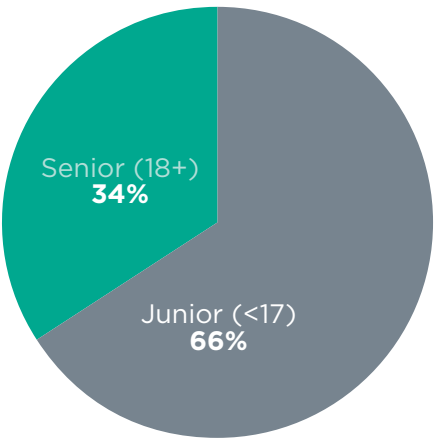
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2024 Gender profile



2024 Player age profile

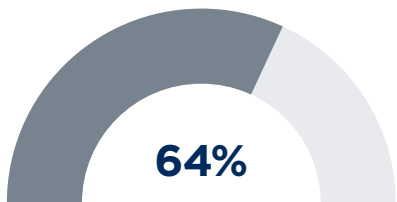


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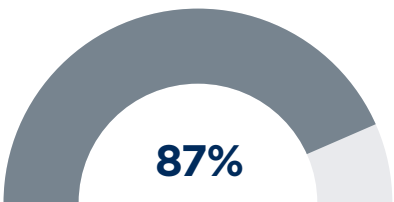
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Outdoor court provision summary

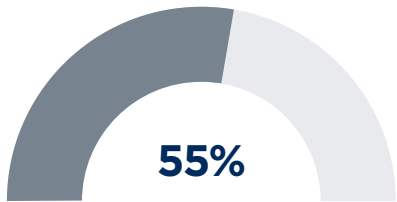
	Venues	Courts	Lit courts	Court hours	Lost court hours
Total	66	159	138	7,632	2,899



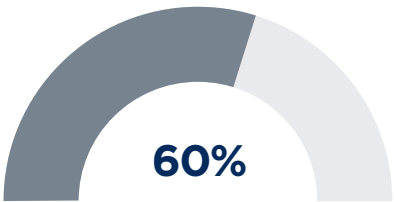
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Outdoor Courts with Lighting



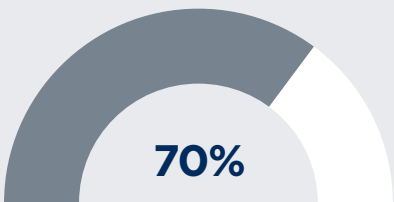
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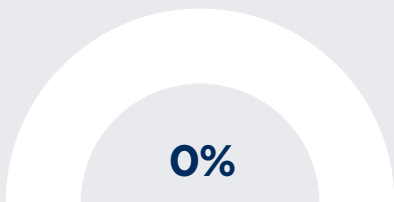
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Indoor court provision summary

	Venues	Courts	Netball only courts	Court hours	Lost court hours
Total	7	27	0	1,296	506



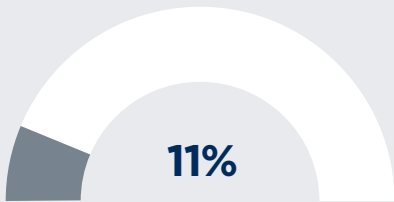
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Netball Only Marked Indoor Courts



Sites with Player Change Facilities



Run-off Compliant Indoor Courts



Priority development opportunities

Identified priority development opportunities for the region represent significant projects that will be transformative for the sport in the long-term and are aimed at supporting participation growth, building regional capacity, improving accessibility for talent pathways and ensuring regional event and competition hosting. All projects are at varying stages of planning and development, and a separate list of priority projects will be developed outside of the strategy, which will provide more detail on project scope, costs and stakeholder involvement.

Baw Baw Shire - Warragul Netball Park upgrade

Warragul Netball Park is the home of the Warragul & District Netball Association and requires an upgrade to all 10 courts and supporting infrastructure, due to non-compliance and poor surface condition. An upgraded Warragul Netball Park will deliver a safe, modern, and compliant facility that reflects the demand and importance of netball in Baw Baw and secures the long-term future of the sport for the community (LGA demand rating score - 14).



FACILITY PROVISION ANALYSIS: EAST REGION

LGA	Venues	Outdoor Courts	Equivalent Outdoor Courts	Outdoor Court Capacity %	Indoor Courts	Equivalent Indoor Courts	Indoor Court Capacity %	Total Courts	Equivalent Total Courts	2024 Active Population to Equivalent Total Courts	2024 All Population to Equivalent Total Courts	2024 Active Participants to Equivalent Total Courts
Bass Coast	5	15	13.4	89%	0	0.0	0%	15	13	983	1,516	95
Baw Baw	13	36	23.4	65%	2	1.2	60%	38	25	888	1,234	129
East Gippsland	13	28	13.7	49%	3	1.8	60%	31	15	1,050	1,626	121
Latrobe	15	39	19.2	49%	16	10.1	63%	55	29	967	1,346	120
South Gippsland	12	24	15.7	65%	2	1.2	60%	26	17	629	927	105
Wellington	11	17	13.2	78%	4	2.1	53%	21	15	1,042	1,471	202

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FACILITY DEMAND ANALYSIS: EAST REGION

LGA	2034 Female Active Market Population (5 to 64 years)		2024-2034 Female Population Percentage Change		2024 Female Active Membership Rate (5 to 64 years)		2024All Netball Victoria Participants per Existing Equivalent Court		Total Netball Court Demand Rating Score (Max score 24)
	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	
Bass Coast	14,565	2	10.5%	4	5.1%	4	100	1	11
Baw Baw	25,966	3	18.5%	4	6.7%	5	138	2	14
East Gippsland	17,063	2	4.9%	3	6.0%	4	124	2	11
Latrobe	28,408	3	0.2%	3	6.0%	4	127	2	12
South Gippsland	10,817	2	1.8%	3	9.4%	6	114	2	13
Wellington	16,320	2	2.2%	3	9.2%	6	207	3	14

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NORTH



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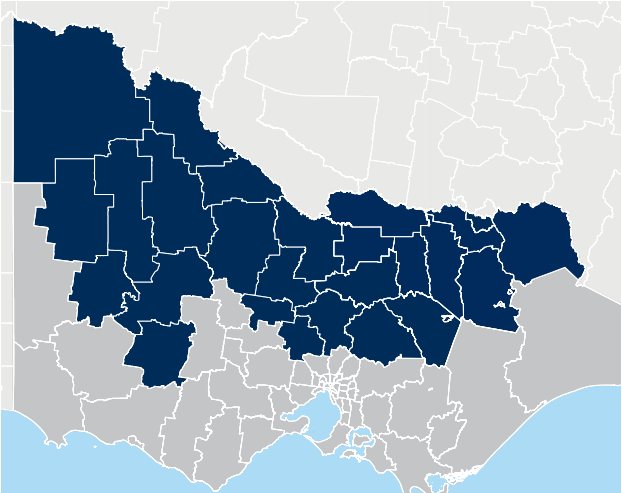
Region summary

Victoria's North Netball Region provides 21% of all netball participants in Victoria and 31% of competition netball courts.

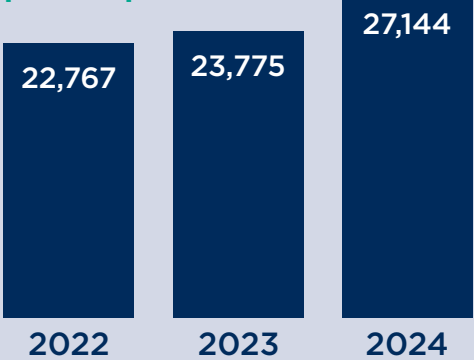
Annual netball participants in the North Region have grown by 4,377 (19.2%) over the past three seasons. A significant 97.1% of players in the region identify as female. Compared to the Metro Region, there are more senior (18+) players participating as a percentage of total players. This indicates a strong pathway from junior netball activity into senior competitions.

Between 2024 and 2034, the female population aged between 5 and 64 (netball's most active player market) will grow by around 24,500 at an average of 20% across the region. These numbers are more significantly supported by Greater Bendigo, Macedon Ranges, Mitchell and Wodonga, with many smaller LGAs projected to decline in this demographic.

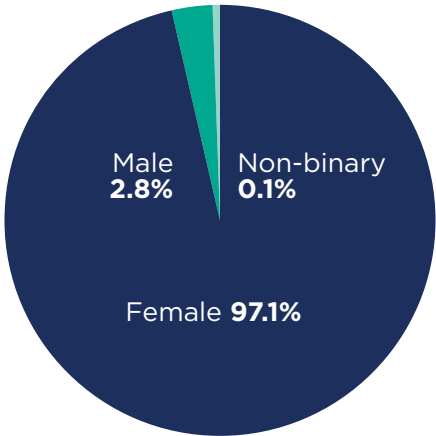
Contracting populations in some localities and high growth in peri-urban municipalities, families seeking environmental change and reliance on regional cities to provide the bulk of association-based netball (and associated travel requirements) are all drivers and influences on the future provision and capacity of netball infrastructure in the region.



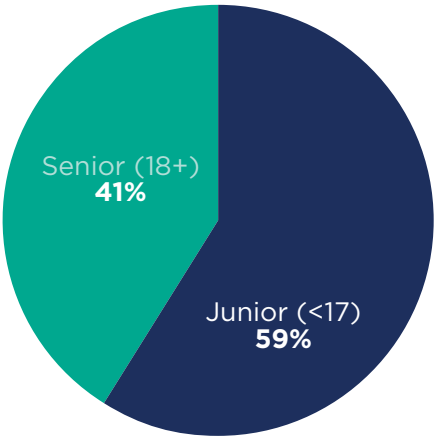
2022-2024 Annual participants



2024 Gender profile



2024 Player age profile

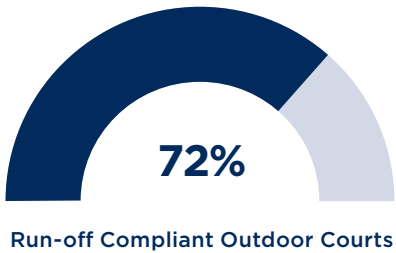
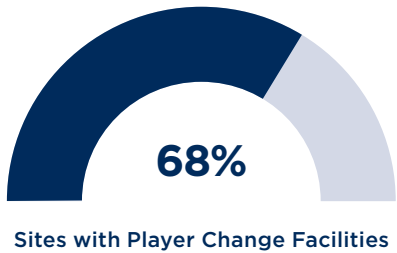
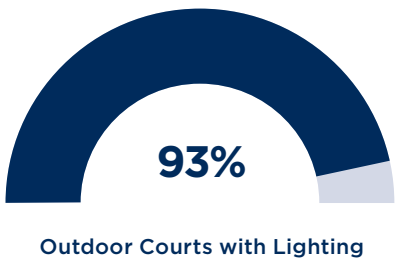
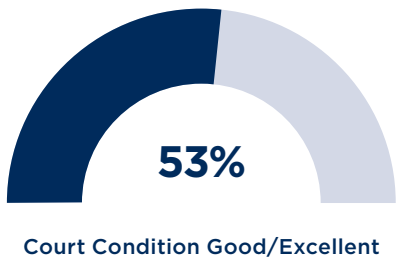


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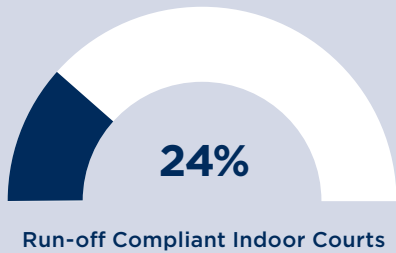
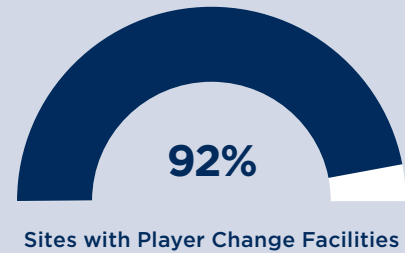
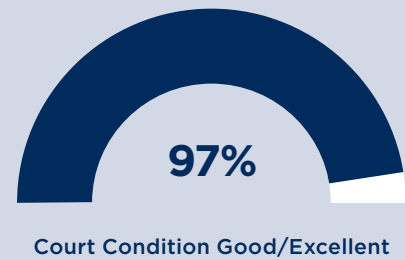
Outdoor court provision summary

	Venues	Courts	Lit courts	Court hours	Lost court hours
Total	196	478	450	23,232	7,292



Indoor court provision summary

	Venues	Courts	Netball only courts	Court hours	Lost court hours
Total	17	45	0	2,160	971





Priority development opportunities

Identified priority development opportunities for the region represent significant projects that will be transformative for the sport in the long-term and are aimed at supporting participation growth, building regional capacity, improving accessibility for talent pathways and ensuring regional event and competition hosting. All projects are at varying stages of planning and development, and a separate list of priority projects will be developed outside of the strategy, which will provide more detail on project scope, costs and stakeholder involvement.

Shire of Macedon Ranges - Future provision

As one of Victoria's fastest-growing regions, the Macedon Ranges is experiencing rising demand for sport and recreation opportunities, particularly for women and girls. Council has acknowledged some of this need by supporting Stage 2 of the Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct, which will include the addition of 3 indoor multi-use courts, new change rooms and expanded car parking. Similarly, the Eastern Sports

Field will feature 2 outdoor netball courts and additional parking. It is crucial to evaluate future demand carefully, ensuring that these developments not only meet current needs but also provide sustainable, long-term facilities to support the growth of netball and other community sports in the region (LGA demand rating score - 14).

Mitchell Shire Council - Future provision

With Mitchell's female population projected to grow by more than 59.3% between 2024 and 2034, it is essential that the provision of netball facilities is carefully planned to meet future demand. A portion of this future need will be addressed through the Greenhill Recreation Precinct, with Council prioritising advocacy for the project, including delivery of an indoor stadium and outdoor netball courts in Stage 3.

To ensure that growth in participation is supported, ongoing monitoring and assessment of all netball facilities across the municipality will be required, allowing timely responses to emerging demand and maintaining equitable access for the community (LGA demand rating score - 14).



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FACILITY PROVISION ANALYSIS: NORTH REGION

LGA	Venues	Outdoor Courts	Equivalent Outdoor Courts	Outdoor Court Capacity %	Indoor Courts	Equivalent Indoor Courts	Indoor Court Capacity %	Total Courts	Equivalent Total Courts	2024 Active Population to Equivalent Total Courts	2024 All Population to Equivalent Total Courts	2024 Active Participants to Equivalent Total Courts
Alpine	4	8	7.2	90%	1	0.3	29%	9	8	613	876	56
Ararat	6	12	8.5	70%	0	0.0	0%	12	8	451	654	61
Benalla	5	12	10.9	90%	0	0.0	0%	12	11	432	666	64
Buloke	6	10	7.9	79%	0	0.0	0%	10	8	230	361	46
Campaspe	15	49	30.5	62%	0	0.0	0%	49	31	432	626	56
Gannawarra	8	15	14.5	97%	0	0.0	0%	15	15	230	354	41
Greater Bendigo	17	47	31.4	67%	12	7.4	62%	59	39	1257	1694	83
Greater Shepparton	15	50	30.5	61%	4	0.0	0%	54	31	837	1142	96
Hindmarsh	4	6	5.2	87%	0	0.0	0%	6	5	335	504	41
Horsham	7	17	12.1	71%	0	0.0	0%	17	12	590	835	81
Indigo	8	15	6.8	45%	0	0.0	0%	15	7	927	1280	83
Loddon	9	20	16.1	81%	0	0.0	0%	20	16	156	227	25
Macedon Ranges	11	20	9.3	47%	8	5.3	66%	28	15	1395	1880	217
Mansfield	2	3	1.4	47%	0	0.0	0%	3	1	2356	3433	427

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LGA	Venues	Outdoor Courts	Equivalent Outdoor Courts	Outdoor Court Capacity %	Indoor Courts	Equivalent Indoor Courts	Indoor Court Capacity %	Total Courts	Equivalent Total Courts	2024 Active Population to Equivalent Total Courts	2024 All Population to Equivalent Total Courts	2024 Active Participants to Equivalent Total Courts
Mildura	12	25	19.1	77%	6	4.6	76%	31	24	884	1223	75
Mitchell	7	18	10.0	56%	4	2.4	60%	22	12	1790	2293	143
Moirra	11	33	20.0	61%	0	0.0	0%	33	20	512	766	80
Mount Alexander	5	10	6.3	63%	0	0.0	0%	10	6	1079	1609	113
Murrindindi	3	5	2.4	49%	1	0.6	60%	6	3	1690	2493	178
Northern Grampians	5	8	6.4	80%	0	0.0	0%	8	6	570	865	73
Strathbogie	5	10	7.9	79%	0	0.0	0%	10	8	463	709	50
Swan Hill	7	21	20.4	97%	4	1.2	29%	25	22	335	467	41
Towong	4	8	5.1	64%	0	0.0	0%	8	5	381	581	52
Wangaratta	10	29	19.3	66%	0	0.0	0%	29	19	555	798	87
Wodonga	4	15	14.0	94%	5	3.0	60%	20	17	1047	1390	62
Yarriambiack	7	12	5.6	47%	0	0.0	0%	12	6	356	552	54

FACILITY DEMAND ANALYSIS: NORTH REGION

LGA	2034 Female Active Market Population (5 to 64 years)		2024-2034 Female Population Percentage Change		2024 Female Active Membership Rate (5 to 64 years)		2024 All Netball Victoria Participants per Existing Equivalent Court		Total Netball Court Demand Rating Score (Max score 24)
	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	
Alpine	4,641	1	0.8%	3	5.6%	4	56	1	9
Ararat	3,707	1	-2.9%	2	9.3%	6	62	1	10
Benalla	4,450	1	-5.1%	2	6.8%	5	69	1	9
Buloke	1,423	1	-21.2%	1	16.0%	6	46	1	9
Campaspe	12,876	2	-2.4%	2	9.3%	6	58	1	11
Gannawarra	3,046	1	-8.7%	2	12.3%	6	42	1	10
Greater Bendigo	55,612	4	14.0%	4	5.4%	4	85	1	13
Greater Shepparton	27,089	3	6.0%	3	7.2%	5	98	1	12
Hindmarsh	1,425	1	-18.3%	1	9.4%	6	41	1	9
Horsham	6,975	1	-2.6%	2	9.2%	6	81	1	10
Indigo	6,434	1	2.2%	3	6.7%	5	84	1	10
Loddon	2,363	1	-6.0%	2	11.9%	6	25	1	10
Macedon Ranges	22,672	2	11.2%	4	6.7%	5	228	3	14
Mansfield	3,571	1	7.8%	3	9.4%	6	443	5	15

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	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	
Mildura	20,937	2	2.1%	3	5.3%	4	75	1	10
Mitchell	35,522	3	59.3%	6	4.1%	3	152	2	14
Moira	10,277	2	0.5%	3	10.1%	6	80	1	12
Mount Alexander	6,860	1	0.9%	3	5.2%	4	124	2	10
Murrindindi	5,242	1	1.6%	3	5.6%	4	187	2	10
Northern Grampians	3,202	1	-12.2%	1	9.0%	6	73	1	9
Strathbogie	3,715	1	1.3%	3	7.6%	6	52	1	11
Swan Hill	6,786	1	-6.2%	2	9.7%	6	41	1	10
Towong	1,870	1	-4.2%	2	11.2%	6	53	1	10
Wangaratta	10,750	2	0.4%	3	8.6%	6	92	1	12
Wodonga	20,653	2	15.7%	4	4.1%	3	63	1	10
Yarriambiack	1,712	1	-13.9%	1	11.7%	6	55	1	9

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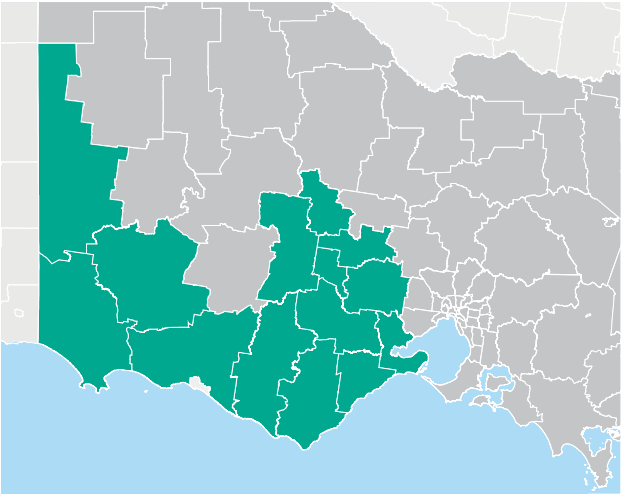
Region summary

Victoria's West Netball Region provides 17% of all netball participants in Victoria and 20% of competition netball courts.

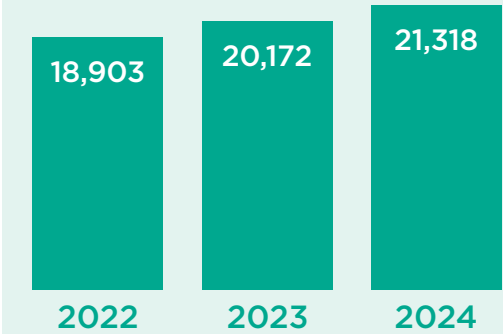
Annual netball participants in the West Region have grown by 2,415 (12.7%) over the past three seasons. A significant 97.4% of players in the region identify as female. Compared to the Metro Region, there are more senior (18+) players participating as a percentage of total players. This indicates a strong pathway from junior netball activity into senior competitions.

Between 2024 and 2034, the female population aged between 5 and 64 (netball's most active player market) will grow by around 30,000 at an average of 22% across the region. Greater Geelong is projected to contribute 63% of the region's growth and Ballarat 21%, with many smaller LGAs projected to decline in this demographic.

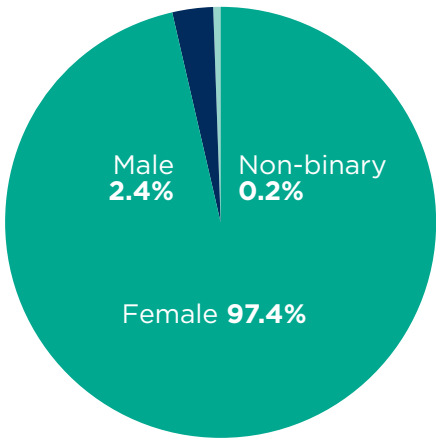
The significant growth projected in Greater Geelong, Surf Coast and Ballarat and their mix of association and football-netball league competitions are expected to drive much of the regional growth in netball.



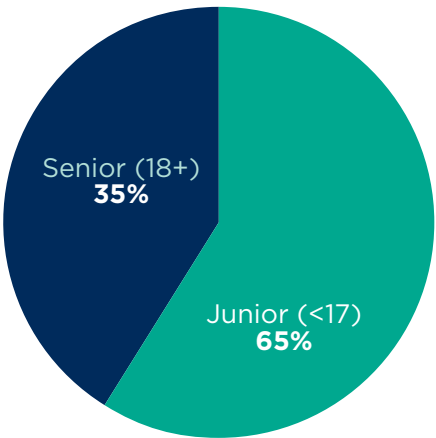
2022-2024 Annual participants



2024 Gender profile



2024 Player age profile

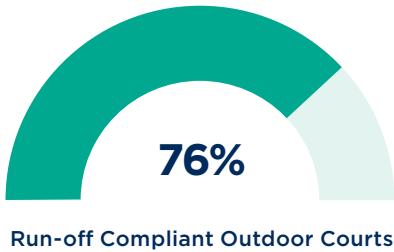
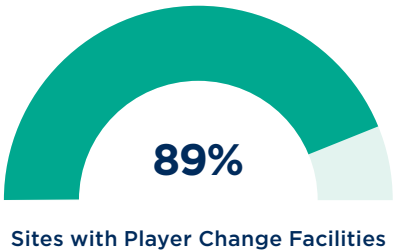
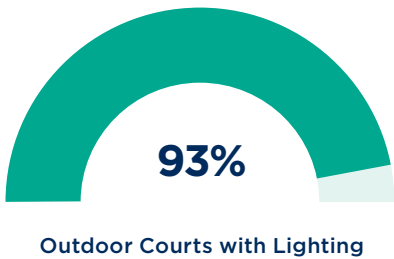
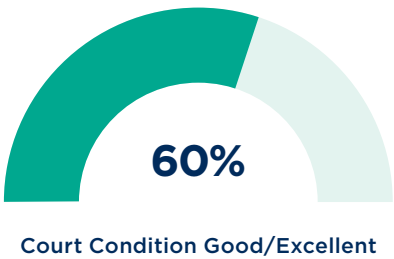


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The following provides a regional summary of outdoor and indoor netball court provision and key factors that influence court capacity.

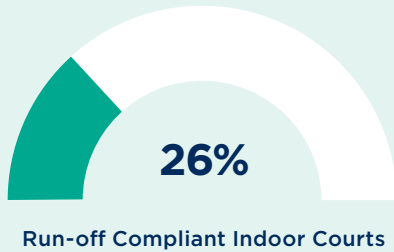
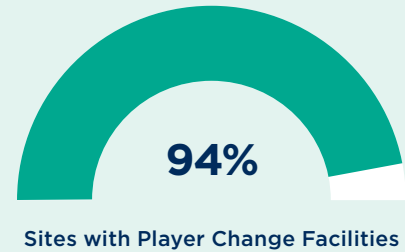
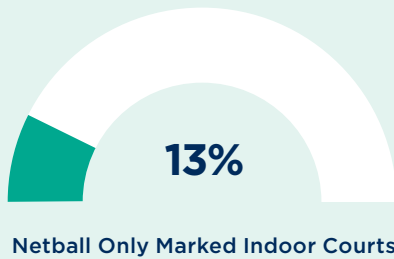
Outdoor court provision summary

	Venues	Courts	Lit courts	Court hours	Lost court hours
Total	134	278	258	13,344	3,953



Indoor court provision summary

	Venues	Courts	Netball only courts	Court hours	Lost court hours
Total	21	57	5	2,736	1,098





Priority development opportunities

Identified priority development opportunities for the region represent significant projects that will be transformative for the sport in the long-term and are aimed at supporting participation growth, building regional capacity, improving accessibility for talent pathways and ensuring regional event and competition hosting. All projects are at varying stages of planning and development, and a separate list of priority projects will be developed outside of the strategy, which will provide more detail on project scope, costs and stakeholder involvement.

City of Ballarat – Planned indoor sports facility

Ballarat has one of the highest female netball participation rates in western Victoria, with 9% of the local female population actively involved. Ballarat's female population is projected to increase by more than 14% over the next decade, placing even greater pressure on existing infrastructure. To keep pace with this growth, investment in additional courts and upgraded facilities will be essential—not only to support

community-level activity, but also to enable player development and pathways through to representative and elite opportunities.

Council's Draft Recreation Infrastructure Plan 2024–2039 provides a strong foundation for addressing these needs, guiding the long-term planning and delivery of new sporting infrastructure. Netball Victoria strongly supports Council's commitment to developing an 8-court indoor stadium in the Ballarat West Growth Zone, which will serve as a critical anchor facility for the region (LGA demand rating score - 14).

City of Greater Geelong – Critical courts shortage

The City of Greater Geelong is the fastest growing LGA for netball in Victoria, with substantial existing unmet demand, coupled with significant forecast population growth. This creates a clear strategic priority to address regional infrastructure gaps across the city. Establishment of at least one new Regional Netball Facility with a minimum of 12 outdoor courts at Waurin Ponds will respond effectively to partially address demand. This is in addition to an existing regional netball facility at Kardinia Park,

which also requires investment due to sub-standard functional condition.

Currently 10 indoor courts across two sites are under construction in Armstrong Creek and Waurin Ponds, which will add vital resources to the network capacity when opened in 2027.

There is a notable lack of an elite indoor stadium in Geelong and the greater Western region of Victoria. Delivery of elite compliant netball court to accommodate state, national and international level netball competitions remain a high priority for our sport (LGA demand rating score - 16).



FACILITY PROVISION ANALYSIS: WEST REGION

LGA	Venues	Outdoor Courts	Equivalent Outdoor Courts	Outdoor Court Capacity %	Indoor Courts	Equivalent Indoor Courts	Indoor Court Capacity %	Total Courts	Equivalent Total Courts	2024 Active Population to Equivalent Total Courts	2024 All Population to Equivalent Total Courts	2024 Active Participants to Equivalent Total Courts
Ballarat	13	18	15.3	85%	12	8.2	68%	30	24	1,941	2,630	176
Central Goldfields	6	12	7.2	60%	1	0.0	0%	13	7	601	949	74
Colac Otway	11	21	14.7	70%	3	2.3	76%	24	17	439	639	82
Corangamite	10	16	11.5	72%	5	1.5	30%	21	13	401	593	83
Glenelg	8	29	13.9	48%	0	0.0	0%	29	14	474	703	66
Golden Plains	6	8	6.2	77%	3	1.8	60%	11	8	1,296	1,635	165
Greater Geelong	28	60	51.8	86%	14	7.5	53%	74	59	1,832	2,490	176
Hepburn	6	9	4.6	51%	1	0.2	24%	10	5	1,154	1,734	128
Moorabool	8	11	8.0	72%	4	3.0	76%	15	11	1,382	1,813	125
Moyne	9	20	14.2	71%	1	0.8	76%	21	15	432	586	61
Pyrenees	6	8	4.1	51%	0	0.0	0%	8	4	596	876	83
Queenscliffe	1	2	1.0	52%	0	0.0	0%	2	1	830	1,556	135
Southern Grampians	8	19	14.6	77%	4	2.4	60%	23	17	318	476	51
Surf Coast	7	14	7.6	54%	4	2.9	72%	18	11	1,314	1,792	222
Warrnambool	11	23	16.0	70%	5	3.5	70%	28	20	693	964	71
West Wimmera	4	8	4.8	60%	0	0.0	0%	8	5	242	361	42

Coloured highlighted figures represent current court capacity that is less than 60% of total or optimum court capacity potentially available within an LGA. It also reflects an LGA that has more than 500 active participants per equivalent netball court.



FACILITY DEMAND ANALYSIS: WEST REGION

LGA	2034 Female Active Market Population (5 to 64 years)		2024-2034 Female Population Percentage Change		2024 Female Active Membership Rate (5 to 64 years)		2024 All Netball Victoria Participants per Existing Equivalent Court		Total Netball Court Demand Rating Score (Max score 24)
	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	Demand Data	Demand Rating	
Ballarat	52,123	4	14.1%	4	4.9%	4	179	2	14
Central Goldfields	4,267	1	-1.3%	2	7.9%	6	74	1	10
Colac Otway	7,253	1	-2.9%	2	12.2%	6	83	1	10
Corangamite	4,557	1	-12.5%	1	11.9%	6	85	1	9
Glenelg	5,871	1	-11.1%	1	9.6%	6	69	1	9
Golden Plains	12,284	2	18.8%	4	6.7%	5	168	2	13
Greater Geelong	127,483	6	17.4%	4	5.2%	4	181	2	16
Hepburn	5,468	1	-2.6%	2	6.3%	5	130	2	10
Moorabool	18,081	2	18.9%	4	4.4%	3	127	2	11
Moyne	6,656	1	2.7%	3	8.7%	6	61	1	11
Pyrenees	2,362	1	-2.7%	2	9.4%	6	84	1	10
Queenscliffe	821	1	-5.0%	2	9.5%	6	136	2	11
Southern Grampians	4,826	1	-10.8%	1	10.1%	6	52	1	9
Surf Coast	15,688	2	13.8%	4	9.0%	6	229	3	15
Warrnambool	14,018	2	3.5%	3	6.0%	4	72	1	10
West Wimmera	964	1	-17.7%	1	13.1%	6	42	1	9

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APPENDICES





APPENDIX 1: GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

The following terms and definitions have been used throughout this document. They help to explain the data that has been used to develop the Netball Victoria Statewide Facility Strategy 2026-2028.

Membership

Counts each person that has paid for a full Netball Victoria membership. Each person is counted once only and is counted by their highest priced membership.

Participant

A participant is any registered member participating in any netball activity defined by role type (such as player, coach, umpire, official).

Participation

Counts each person that has a valid registration relating to netball activity both on court (player, coaches and umpires) and off court (such as officials, administrators). This includes full membership or partial membership (such as single game vouchers and short season). Each person is counted only once.

Activity

All valid registrations relating to netball activity both on court (player, coaches and umpires) and off court (such as officials, administrators). This includes full membership or partial membership (such as single game vouchers and short season). Each person is counted per registration. Meaning that if you are involved in more than one netball competition you are counted more than once and/or if you have more than one role you are counted more than once.

Player Activity

All valid registrations relating to the role type of “player”. This includes full membership or partial membership (such as single game vouchers and short season). Each person is counted per registration. Meaning that if you play in more than one netball competition you are counted more than once.

Player Activity by LGA

Data for the LGA's will be broken down by the selection “play in”. This means the data reflects the activity of players participating in Netball Victoria affiliated competitions and programs operating within the LGA.

Active Population

This is the female population between the ages of 5 and 64 years old. The vast majority of structured netball competition is played by females aged in this age cohort.

All Population

Where all population is used for calculations, this refers to Victorian population data that has no filters and includes all genders and all ages from 0 to 85+.

Active Participation

This is similar to Active Population, however it includes Netball Victoria participants that are female and aged between 5 and 64 years old. It considers all forms of registered netball participation.

APPENDIX 2: NETBALL FACILITY CAPACITY MODEL – OUTDOOR COURTS

The Netball Facility Capacity Model for Victoria considers the importance of the existing netball court network and footprint across Victoria.

Outdoor court capacity

For outdoor competition courts, a total maximum number of 48 playable hours is applied to each court. From there, three key factors (in priority order) influence the capacity of an outdoor court for competition play:

- Court lighting levels
- Multi line marking
- Court condition levels.

Netball outdoor court capacity calculations

Activation hours	Maximum	Capacity	
Netball court estimated weekly activation hours - outdoor court	48	100%	
Outdoor court model	Hours	Impact	Altered
Court lighting - 200 lux (regional/ club / local competition level)	23.00	1.00	23.00
Court lighting - 100 lux (low level / training)	23.00	1.00	23.00
Court lighting - 50-99 lux (below low level / training requirement)	23.00	0.00	0.00
Court lighting - No lighting	23.00	0.00	0.00
Court lighting - Unsure	23.00	0.00	0.00
Multi-lined - No	15.00	1.00	15.00
Multi-lined - Yes	15.00	0.50	7.50
Multi-lined - Unsure	15.00	0.50	7.50
Court condition - Excellent	10.00	1.00	10.00
Court condition - Good	10.00	1.00	10.00
Court condition - Moderate	10.00	1.00	10.00
Court condition - Poor	10.00	0.60	6.00
Court condition - Very poor	10.00	0.50	5.00
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Total	48.00		48.00



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Court condition - Very poor	15.00	0.50	7.50
Court condition - Unsure	15.00	0.50	7.50
Court run off - Meets minimum run off requirements	10.00	1.00	10.00
Court run off - Does not meet minimum run off requirements	10.00	0.25	2.50
Court run off - Unsure	10.00	0.25	2.50
Total	48.00		48.00

