

# Annual Report

## 2025





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## Message from the President

From elite competition to grassroots participation, 2025 will be remembered as a landmark year for Netball Victoria. Thank you to our affiliates for your dedication and commitment to netball. The continued growth and popularity of our sport across Victoria is a direct result of your tireless efforts.

2025 saw our organisation reach its largest membership base ever: 121,850 members, including 167 affiliated associations and 981 clubs. Notably, 45% of our members come from regional Victoria, reflecting the statewide reach and impact of our programs, with participation across the state exceeding 300,000. These numbers are more than statistics, they represent communities, pathways, and dreams realised through netball.

I would like to recognise and congratulate the outstanding achievement of the Melbourne Vixens who claimed a hard fought victory in the 2025 Suncorp Super Netball Championship. This achievement inspired everyone and reinforced the dominance of the team. It is also underscored by the inclusion of six Vixen players and six Victorian athletes in the national Diamonds team, highlighting the strength of the state's pathway program and the calibre of talent Victoria identifies and nurtures.

The 2025 Netball World Youth Cup similarly spotlighted our program as Victorian pathway athletes Lily Graham, Charlotte Sexton, Olivia Wilkinson and Tara Watson were selected and Lily Graham was named as Player of the Tournament.

In celebrating these achievements, it is important to also acknowledge the immense contribution of Simone McKinnis, for whom victory marked her retirement as Head Coach of the Melbourne Vixens. Simone's tireless dedication has left an indelible mark on Victorian netball. Her leadership, vision, and commitment have inspired countless players, officials, and colleagues. While we will miss her presence, we are grateful for the legacy she leaves and wish her every success in her next chapter.

The 2025 17&U and 19&U State Team athletes ensured that Victoria remains a powerhouse in the national competition with both teams medalling at the National Netball Championships with a bronze and silver respectively. Strong results also for our Victorian all Abilities State team winning Silver medal in the Marie Little Shield and the First Nations State team, achieving fourth place in the First Nations Tournament.

The Victorian Netball League (VNL) also shone brightly, and congratulations to VNL Championship winners, City West Falcons and to Melbourne University Lightning in the 23&U competition. Standout performances included Boroondara Express's Casey Adamson, who claimed the Championship MVP, and Bendigo Striker's Shae Clifford, who was awarded the 23&U MVP. City West Falcons' Goaler, Jane Cook's Hot Shot Award capped-off a season of exceptional talent and commitment.

Off the court, we celebrate the significant achievements of Mel Taylor, Maddie Okely who both have attained Bench Officials High Performance Accreditation and Wendy Jacobson who achieved her High-Performance coaching accreditation. And commend Tim Marshall's prestigious International Umpire Awardee (IUA) status from World Netball. Each of these accomplishments reflects the continued excellence and professionalism of those who support our competitions and athletes at every level.

2025 was also a year of change and renewal for the Netball Victoria Board. We welcomed new Director, Wendy Frost, with Karen Cusack reappointed as Director for a further two years. We also acknowledge and thank departing Directors Candice Maliko and Nicole O'Hare for their outstanding contributions. And we celebrate Kate Wright who was awarded Netball Victoria's Life Membership.

Thank you to my fellow directors. Your commitment to the continuous improvement of our governance, and your care for our organisation is greatly appreciated.

And lastly, thank you to Andrea and the entire Netball Victoria team for continuing to dedicate yourselves to our purpose and plan so that netball in Victoria can continue to thrive. Netball in Victoria continues to prosper thanks to our amazing netball community.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your ongoing support, passion, and dedication. Together, we will continue to lead, inspire, and elevate netball in Victoria for years to come.

**Carol Cathcart**  
President

## Message from the CEO

2025 will be remembered as one of the most defining years in Netball Victoria's history. It was a year that showcased the strength of our pathways, the passion of our community, and the power of our sport to inspire at every level.

In a major highlight of the year, the Melbourne Vixens delivered an achievement that will stay with us for decades, claiming the Suncorp Super Netball (SSN) championship in front of a sold-out crowd of 15,000 at Rod Laver Arena. The atmosphere was electric, and the performance embodied everything we stand for: resilience, excellence, and unity. This victory was not only a triumph for the team but an affirming moment for every player, coach, volunteer, and supporter who contributes to our netball ecosystem in Victoria.

Support also continues to grow for Victoria's newest SSN team, the Melbourne Mavericks, as they consolidate and build competitiveness and resilience with some fearless play in 2025, setting themselves, and the competition, up for a strong 2026 season.

Our vision is to be recognised as the greatest team sport in Victoria, inspiring a generation of netball 'advocates' who are seen as exceptional role models not only for sport, but the wider community. Our strategic pillars: Play, Grow, Inspire and Lead shape our activities and programs.

At the community level, participation reached record highs. We were especially proud to see First Nations participation grow to 2,568 members, representing 2.8% of our community. This growth, supported by the involvement of our First Nations Advisory Group, reflects our ongoing commitment to creating a sport that is welcoming, inclusive, and accessible to all.

Our blueprint guiding this growth is our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). And I am proud to have launched our most recent Innovate RAP, deepening our commitment to meaningful reconciliation through sport. It strengthens our partnerships with VACSAL Carnivals, Koorie Clinics, and First Nations communities across Victoria and its enactment is a responsibility we hold with pride and purpose.

Our community awards highlighted the extraordinary people and organisations who bring netball to life every day. Congratulations to the Frankston District Netball Association, Volunteer of the Year Bridie Brady, and the Warrnambool City Netball Association for their leadership in building inclusive environments.

2025 was also a year for purposeful stakeholder engagement aimed at strengthening our shared goals. We know that to sustain and grow participation across the community, we must provide high-quality, inclusive, and future-ready facilities that meet the needs of players, coaches, officials, and spectators alike. In 2025, we released a new Facilities Strategy reflecting 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; improving access and usability; planning new facilities in key growth areas to meet demand and unlock potential and 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.

In 2025, Netball Victoria grew to over \$19 million revenue and we posted a modest financial surplus. Coupled with record revenue in 2025, boosted by the Melbourne Vixens' commercial success and strong community engagement, these resources have been reinvested directly back into programs and initiatives that continue to grow and strengthen netball across Victoria.

At the same time, we also welcomed Government's commitments of more than \$185 million for community netball facilities across the state. My heartfelt thanks to all our affiliates, competitions and their members who work tirelessly and selflessly to make the game a success, including the volunteers who turn up day after day for the sheer love of it. The team at Netball Victoria remains committed to working closely with you and strengthening engagement.

As we look ahead, our focus remains clear: to strengthen and grow netball at every level, champion equity and inclusion, and ensure our sport continues to thrive for generations to come. The achievements of 2025 reflect the collective effort of our entire netball family, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone, including all our partners, especially WorkSafe, HCF, Deakin University, SIXT, RACV, Woolworths, Aware Super, New Balance, the Victorian Institute of Sport and The BMD Group for a remarkable year.

Together, we will continue to grow, inspire, and lead with integrity.



**Andrea Pearman**  
Netball Victoria CEO



## Year on a Page

Netball Victoria members

**121,850**



Increase in coaching activity

**up 29%**



Increase in umpire activity

**up 44.6%**



Participation in netball across the state

**300,000+**

Affiliates

**167**

Clubs

**981**

Members based in regional Victoria

**45%**

Multicultural participation

**up 38%**

Melbourne Vixens' Players named in the 2025-26 Australian Diamonds squad

**6**

Infrastructure investment achieved with advocacy across Government

**\$185M**

## BIG YEAR FOR THE MELBOURNE VIXENS

The Melbourne Vixens ended 2025 spectacularly when they were crowned Suncorp Super Netball (SSN) champions at the 2025 Grand Final, capping off a year of hard work and creating a fairytale ending for their coach Simone McKinnis who retired at the end of the season.

Support for the club was evident in the sell-out final that attracted 15,013 fans to Rod Laver Arena, and continued membership growth for the Vixens, which climbed to 9,380 members in 2025. Four of the team's seven home games were sold-out and total attendance for the SSN season was 386,455 spectators –the biggest crowds and widest reach the league has ever seen reflecting the popularity of netball at all levels.

Heightened popularity of Melbourne Vixens tickets, membership and merchandise was driven by an expanded pre-season and community engagement program across regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne. These initiatives directly engaged more than 10,000 people, significantly elevating the profile of netball statewide. A refreshed digital strategy further amplified this growth, positioning the Melbourne Vixens as the most followed women's domestic sporting team on social media.

The Melbourne Vixens continued their support and development of grassroots and pathway netball, with all profits re-invested into growing the sport at community level across the state. The strength of the Netball Victoria pathway was on display in SSN this year, with 16 Victorian athletes signed with clubs (either fully contracted or as training partners). Six Melbourne Vixens were selected in the extended 2025-26 Australian Diamonds squad, along with Victorian pathway athletes Liz Watson, Matilda Garrett and Alice Teague-Neeld.

Spearheaded by the success of the Melbourne Vixens and consistent competitive play from the newest team in the SSN, Melbourne Mavericks, netball's popularity continues to grow. Netball Victoria's strong focus on expansion of participation and involvement in the sport is evidenced in its development pathways for players, a focus on attracting greater participation from First Nations athletes, in addition to All Abilities, multicultural and LGBTQ+ communities.





## Our Purpose Driven Value

Whether you are involved in netball for fun, fitness or success, Netball Victoria is here to help you achieve your goals.

We're delivering training and pathways for those who want to learn the basics, also supporting those who would like to excel. We're driving your membership further with great benefits through our partners who invest in the game and the Melbourne Vixens.

We're working extra hard to protect our people via tailored insurance cover and by creating playing environments where everyone feels safe and included.

Whether you are a participant, administrator or volunteer we're investing in the sport of netball so all ages can play or officiate and develop a lifelong love of netball.

## Our Strategic Pillars

Play, Grow, Inspire and Lead shape our activities and programs.



# PLAY



# GROW



# INSPIRE



# LEAD

Increase the opportunities for people to engage in netball across the entire pathway by providing more places for people to play, more opportunities for development and ultimately more Victorian success on the court.

# PLAY

# Participation



## MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Netball Victoria membership - 121,850 breaking a new record with growth of more than 3% on the previous year.

- **67,686** Juniors
- **817** All Abilities
- **9,775** Woolworths NetSetGo
- **553** Off the Court
- **42,390** Seniors
- **572** Walking Netball
- **57** Life Members



## COMMUNITY CLINICS

More than 3,838 participants were engaged in Train Like A Vixen and Community Clinics, Pre-season and Diamonds Clinics across the state.



## SCHOOLS ENGAGEMENT

School clinics and programs were delivered in schools across Victoria to provide a positive introductory netball experience for thousands of primary aged students.

- **25,224** students participated in Sporting School Clinics



## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION SCHOOL CLINICS

- **6** specialist schools engaged
- **8** English as a Second Language (ESL) schools engaged
- **16** multicultural schools engaged



## SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **35%** increase in teams from 2024
- **508** teams competed across 12 qualifying tournaments
- **92** Primary teams
- **341** Secondary teams
- **75** Boys teams



## MALE PARTICIPATION

Netball Victoria recorded an 8.3% increase in male participation from 2024. Parkville Netball continued to expand participation opportunities through dedicated male and mixed competitions, alongside a standalone male Association Championships day.

A dedicated Male School Championships day was introduced with 75 teams represented, reinforcing strong demand and the continued expansion of male pathways in netball.



# Competition Pathway Results



## SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Primary

St Martin of Tours, Rosanna (12)  
def Sacred Heart PS Sandringham (9)

### Junior Girls

Rowville Secondary College (15)  
def Catherine McAuley College (9)

### Junior Boys

Western Heights College (3)  
def Balcombe Grammar School (1)

### Intermediate Girls

Catherine McAuley College (18)  
def Williamstown High School (9)

### Intermediate Boys

Luther College (8) def Aquinas College (3)

### Senior Girls

Rowville Secondary College (13)  
def Our Lady of Mercy College Heidelberg (12)

### Senior Boys

South Oakleigh College (12)  
def Luther College (7)



## ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 13&U Female

St Albans Caroline Springs NA (14)  
def Casey NA (8)

### 15&U Female

Goulburn Valley League (11)  
def St Albans Caroline Springs NA (8)

### 17&U Female

Ovens & Murray FNL (20)  
def Altona NA (12)

### 13&U Male

Hoppers Crossing NA (7)  
def Melbourne East NA (3)

### 15&U Male

Hoppers Crossing NA (21)  
def Melbourne East NA (4)

### 17&U Male

Hoppers Crossing NA (11)  
def Waverley DNA (10)

### Open Female

Goulburn Valley League (15)  
def Murray NL (14)

### All Abilities

Bayside NA (10)  
def Warrnambool City NA (5)



## STATE TITLES

### 15&U Female

Henderson (14) def Barwon (10)

### 17&U Female

Gippsland (12) def Goulburn (9)

### 17&U Male

Elmer (13) def Jika (8)

### Open Female

Elmer (21) def Henderson (20)

### All Abilities

Barwon (14) def Chisholm (5)

### Umpire of the Tournament

Matt Solomon

### Rising Star Umpire

Isla Prentice



## VICTORIAN NETBALL LEAGUE

### Championship

City West Falcons (60)  
defeated Hawks Netball (58)

### 23&U

Melbourne University Lightning (54)  
defeated Geelong Cougars (42)



# Victorian Netball Pathway



## ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **407** teams competed across 5 days of competition
- **438** athletes TID (Talent Identification)
  - **393** Talent Academy selections
  - **45** State team screening selections
- **71** umpires TID (Talent Identification)



## STATE TITLES

- Over **908 athletes** competed across the weekend at the Jubilee Park Stadium, Frankston
- **17 regions** were represented
- **9 umpires** were awarded B Badge accreditations - new initiative in 2025



## TALENT ACADEMY

### Regional Academies

- **104** athletes participating
- **25** umpires participating
- Each region completed:
  - **8** region-based training sessions
  - **1** Specialist Day hosted at the State Netball Centre
  - Inter-Academy Tournament

### Metropolitan Academies

- **74** athletes participating
- **20** umpires participating
- Each region completed:
  - **8** region-based training sessions
  - **1** Specialist Day hosted at the State Netball Centre
  - Inter-Academy Tournament



## State Teams

### NEXT WAVE OF EMERGING TALENT

The announcement of the **Victorian 17&U** and **19&U State Teams** set to compete at the 2026 National Netball Championships highlights the depth and success of Netball Victoria's pathway program.

The teams of 12 were selected following an extensive process that began in August, with initial squads of 50 refined to 25. Throughout this period, athletes took part in Netball Victoria's Elevate program under recently appointed Melbourne Vixens' assistant coach, Kate Upton, gaining exposure to high performance environments including strength and conditioning, nutrition, wellbeing and skill development.

Athletes were identified through Netball Victoria's pathway competitions, the Association Championships and State Titles, as well as through the Talent Academies operating across the state.

Both Victorian teams finished on the podium in 2025 with the 17&U side claiming bronze and the 19&U coming away with silver.



### ACHIEVEMENTS

- **19&Under State team**  
**Silver Medal** - National Netball Championships
- **17&Under State team**  
**Bronze medal** - National Netball Championships
- **All Abilities State team**  
**Silver medal** - Marie Little Shield
- **First Nations State team**  
**Fourth place** - First Nations Tournament





#### 19&U TEAM LIST

**Holly Adams-Alcock**  
**Mia Aitken**  
**Sahara Ball**  
**Charli Hoey**  
 Captain  
**Piuti Laban**  
**Mia Lavis**  
**Annecy Lyon**  
**Eliza Molino**  
**Eliza Moone**  
**Georgie O'Brien**  
 Vice Captain  
**Mackenzie O'Dwyer**  
**Ayva Tanfara**

#### 19&U STAFF

**Adrian Ballantyne**  
 Head Coach  
**Belinda Lees**  
 Assistant Coach

#### 17&U TEAM LIST

**Kiara Boyd**  
**Camille Brownjohn**  
**Allie Davidson**  
 Co-Captain  
**Sienna De La Sota**  
**Amalani Fauonuku**  
**Abbey Hogg**  
**Cleo McLachlan**  
**Gemma Meadley**  
**Molly Moylan**  
 Co-Captain  
**Alice O'Callaghan**  
**Indi O'Connor**  
**Milly O'Kane\***  
**Haleina Tanoi\*\***

#### 17&U STAFF

**Jacinta Todd**  
 Head Coach  
**Sarah Mylrea**  
 Assistant Coach

#### MARIE LITTLE SHIELD TEAM LIST

**Emma Daffy**  
 Captain  
**Darcie Delahunty**  
 Co-Vice Captain  
**Sky-Ann Grace**  
**Jessica McCulloch**  
**Erin Munckton**  
**Jazmyn Ponting**  
**Rachael Potter**  
 Co-Vice Captain  
**Ashlea Rollason**  
**Jess Weinberg**  
**Tilly Zegir**

#### MARIE LITTLE SHIELD DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

**Amey Batchelor**  
**Holly O'Sullivan**  
**Lola Paterson**  
**Laura Sutherland**  
**Mycalie James**

#### MARIE LITTLE SHIELD STAFF

**Naomi Linossier**  
 Head Coach  
**Angela Jeffery**  
 Assistant Coach

#### FIRST NATIONS TEAM LIST

**Elisa Butterworth-Gonebale\*\***  
 (Wagiman / Ngan Giwumirri)  
**Brigitte DeMamiel**  
 (Wiradjuri)  
**Chloe Eyre**  
 (Wamba Wamba)  
**Ashlee Hyde**  
 (Wambaya)  
**Jemiah Niki**  
 (Jawoyn)  
**Anna Solomon**  
 (Dunghutti / Ngarigo Monero)  
 Captain  
**Olivia Spence**  
 (Mara)  
**Holly Stephens**  
 (Kurnai)  
 Vice Captain  
**Emlyn Turriff**  
 (Wurundjeri)  
**Mia Williams**  
 (Noongar Ballardong)

#### FIRST NATIONS TRAINING PARTNERS

**Madi Charli**  
 (Yanuya)  
**Audrey Domaille**  
 (Wamba Wamba)  
**Isabel Gee**  
 (Palawa)  
**Manon Muir\***  
 (Boondwurrung)

#### FIRST NATIONS STAFF

**Noel Halton**  
 (Palawa)  
 Head Coach  
**Lee Bevan-Woodley**  
 (Kija)  
 Assistant Coach

\*Injury replacement player

\*\*Replaced due to injury

## SUPPORTING UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT

In addition to developing players, pathways for umpiring and coaching are important priorities. This year a new pilot - the Beginner Umpire Program, was delivered at Frankston & District Netball Association (FDNA) as part of the organisation's broader commitment to creating a consistent, state-wide framework for umpire mentor programs.

The free program provided new and aspiring umpires with mentors and education. Delivered across the first six weeks of FDNA's season. Each session included group discussions, quizzes and a range of practical activities. After each session participants were allocated to an U&11 or U&13 FDNA game, under the guidance of an umpire mentor from FDNA. Participants and mentors reflected on their overall progress and the success of the program.

"I learned a lot - there are so many things to think about when umpiring," one participant said.

"I really appreciated the trainers that stood behind me at numerous games, this built my confidence and I felt supported," said another.

Based on the pilot and the positive feedback received, Netball Victoria will refine and improve the program for future delivery.





## OFFICIAL ACCREDITATIONS

### Umpiring Accreditation

- 701 C Badge
- 56 B Badge
- 4 A Badge
- 1244 WorkSafe Umpires in the Field workshop attendees

### Bench Official Accreditation

- 29 Foundation
- 2 Elite
- 2 High Performance



## COACHING ACCREDITATIONS

### Coaching Accreditation

- 2103 Foundation
- 336 Development
- 52 Intermediate
- 2 Advanced
- 384 Coaches in the Field workshop attendee



## NATIONAL RECOGNITION

### FIRST NATIONS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Morgan Gittins**  
Umpire

**Ayden McCleish**  
Umpire

### NATIONAL NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Sarah Arrowsmith**  
Umpire

**Adam Hoogwerf**  
Umpire

**Seryse Lewis**  
Umpire

### SUPER NETBALL RESERVES

**Emily Green**  
Umpire

**Jayda Young**  
Umpire

**Jess Day**  
Bench Official

**Fiona Maher**  
Bench Official

**Carmel Wright**  
Bench Official

### NETBALL WORLD YOUTH CUP

**Justin Barnes**  
Umpire

**Nathan Begley**  
Umpire

**Tim Marshall**  
Umpire



# Pre-Elite Pathway



## VICTORIAN NETBALL LEAGUE

The Victorian Netball League is our state's premier pre-elite netball competition. The competition continued to expand welcoming Gippsland Stars Championship Division team.

- 18 rounds completed plus 4 finals rounds
- 92 matches livestreamed across Netball Victoria and KommunityTV

### VICTORIAN NETBALL AWARDS

- Championship MVP: **Casey Adamson** (Boroondara Express)
- 23&U MVP: **Shae Clifford** (Bendigo Strikers)
- Umpire of the Year: **Tim Marshall**
- Joyce Brown Coaches Award: **Marg Lind** (City West Falcons)

### VICTORIAN NETBALL LEAGUE - 'FEEL THE PULSE'

Launch of new marketing campaign 'Feel the Pulse', further cements the VNL's position as the premium Victorian competition.

- 1.46 million social media reach
- 380,000+ reach via matches livestreamed across Netball Victoria and KommunityTV



## VIXENS ACADEMY

In 2025, the Vixens Academy competed in the Super Netball Reserves competition, established to support talent identification and provide additional match play opportunities for athletes on the cusp of SSN.

### VIXENS ACADEMY TEAM

- Zali Anderson** (Boroondara Express)
  - Indya Forde** (Geelong Cougars)
  - Caitlin Hill** (Melbourne University Lightning)
  - Isabelle Hodgson** (Boroondara Express)
  - Mia Lavis** (North East Blaze)\*
  - Claudia Mawson** (Melbourne University Lightning)
  - Charli Nicol** (Geelong Cougars)
  - Ally O'Connor** (Geelong Cougars)
  - Charlotte Sexton** (Bendigo Strikers)\*
  - Ruby Shannon** (Western Warriors)\*
  - Ruby Turner** (North East Blaze)
  - Tara Watson** (North East Blaze)\*
- \*Melbourne Vixens squad member*

### STAFF

- Gerard Murphy**  
Head Coach
- Wendy Jacobson**  
Assistant Coach
- Lyndsay Clarke**  
Strength & Conditioning
- Amanda Ventura**  
Physiotherapist



## NATIONAL RECOGNITION

### 21&U National Team

- Lily Graham** (Melbourne Vixens / Southern Saints)
- Charlotte Sexton** (Bendigo Strikers)
- Olivia Wilkinson** (West Coast Fever)

### 19&U NATIONAL SQUAD

- Mia Aitken** (Geelong Cougars)
- Sahara Ball** (Boroondara Express)
- Charli Hoey** (Geelong Cougars)
- Mia Lavis** (North-East Blaze)
- Mackenzie O'Dwyer** (Bendigo Strikers)

### 17&U NATIONAL SQUAD

- Allie Davidson** (Hawks Netball)
- Sienna De La Sota** (Hawks Netball)
- Amalani Fauonuku** (City West Falcons)
- Abbey Hogg** (MU Lightning)
- Cleo McLachlan** (MU Lightning)
- Gemma Meadley** (Casey Demons)
- Alice O'Callaghan** (MU Lightning)



# Elite Pathway



## SUNCORP SUPER NETBALL

- 10 Victorian athletes\*
- 6 Victorian training partners\*
- 1 Head and 2 Assistant Victorian coaches
- 4 Victorian umpires

*\*Excludes Melbourne Vixens athletes and training partners*

### 9 VICTORIAN BENCH OFFICIALS SELECTED

- Penny Forrest
- Alison Hollands
- Brian Hurley\*
- Craig Moyle
- Nicole O'Hare
- Maddie Okely\*
- Helen Roberts
- Mel Taylor\*
- Billie Murray

*\*Also officiated SSN finals*

### 4 VICTORIAN UMPIRES SELECTED

- Justin Barnes\*
- Taylah Bennett
- Nicole Bullen
- Tim Marshall

*\*Also officiated SSN finals*



## NATIONAL RECOGNITION

### AUSTRALIAN DIAMONDS SQUAD MELBOURNE VIXENS ATHLETES

- Kiera Austin
- Rudi Ellis\*
- Sophie Garbin
- Kate Moloney (V)
- Hannah Mundy (V)
- Joanna Weston (V)

*\* Temporary Replacement Player*

### VICTORIAN PATHWAY ATHLETES

- Matilda Garrett
- Alice Teague-Neeld
- Liz Watson

### AUSTRALIAN KELPIES SQUAD

- Josh Byron
- Liam Killey
- Alastair Punshon
- Brodie Roberts
- Zac Mabilia
- Dylan Nexhip\*

*\*Interstate athlete*



## SIMONE MCKINNIS - OAM LEAVES A LASTING LEGACY ON AUSTRALIAN NETBALL

Few figures have shaped Australian netball as profoundly as Simone McKinnis, whose influence spans nearly four decades as an elite player, pioneering coach and mentor to generations of athletes.

McKinnis was a formidable international player for the Australian Diamonds contributing to World Championship victories in 1991 and 1995 and part of the sport's historic debut at the 1998 Commonwealth Games. She received the Medal of the Order of Australia in 1992 and was inducted into the Australian Netball Hall of Fame.

Her appointment as head coach of the Melbourne Vixens in 2013 marked the beginning of one of the most successful and stable coaching tenures in modern netball. Under McKinnis' guidance, the Melbourne Vixens became a benchmark club in both the ANZ Championship and SSN competitions, winning multiple premierships. Her teams became known for discipline, resilience and a strong team-first culture — hallmarks of McKinnis' coaching philosophy.

As she steps away from full-time elite coaching after the Melbourne Vixens claimed the 2025 SSN Grand Final victory, Simone McKinnis leaves behind more than premierships and accolades. Her legacy is embedded in the standards she set, the players she shaped, and the culture of excellence she championed.





**TEAM LIST**

- Kiera Austin (Vice Captain)**
- Maggie Caris (V)\*\***
- Kate Eddy (V)**
- Rudi Ellis**
- Sophie Garbin**
- Lily Graham (V)**
- Emily Mannix (V)\*\*\***
- Kate Moloney (V) (Captain)**
- Hannah Mundy (V)**
- Zara Walters (V)**
- Tara Watson (V)\***
- Jo Weston (V)**

*\*Rookie*  
*\*\*Replacement player (V) Victorian*  
*\*\*\*Parental Leave*

**SQUAD MEMBERS**

- Maggie Caris (V)**
- Mia Lavis (V)**
- Charlotte Sexton (V)**
- Ruby Shannon (V)**
- Tara Watson (V)**

**STAFF**

- Simone McKinnis OAM**  
Head Coach
- Di Honey**  
Assistant Coach
- Lisa Taylor**  
Team Manager
- Sharni Layton**  
Specialist Coach
- Dr Samantha May**  
Team Doctor
- Steve Hawkins**  
Head Physio
- Emma Iacovou**  
Physiotherapist
- Dr Peter Browne**  
Performance Analysis
- David Veli**  
Strength & Conditioning
- Emily Athanasiou**  
Soft Tissue Therapist
- Kylie Andrew**  
Nutritionist
- Kim Gray**  
Performance Lifestyle
- Ed Barlow**  
Performance Psychologist
- Joyce Brown OAM**  
Melbourne Vixens Patron

**MILESTONES & ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Hannah Mundy**  
SSN 50 Games (Round 1)  
Australian Diamonds Debut
- Rudi Ellis**  
SSN 50 Games (Round 3)
- Sophie Garbin**  
SSN 100 Games (Round 7)
- Kate Eddy**  
SSN 100 Games (Round 11)
- Jo Weston**  
SSN 150 Games (Round 2)
- Simone McKinnis**  
Coached 200 Games (Round 5)
- Maggie Caris**  
SSN Debut Melbourne Vixens (Round 1)
- Tara Watson**  
SSN Debut Melbourne Vixens (Preliminary Final)
- Lily Graham**  
Player of the Tournament (2025 Netball World Youth Cup)

**CLUB AWARDS**

- Sharelle McMahon Medal**  
Jo Weston
- Sharelle McMahon Medal Runner Up**  
Kate Moloney
- Outstanding Service Award**  
Simone McKinnis
- Excellence in Sport & Life**  
Kate Eddy
- Coaches' Award**  
Tara Watson
- Player of the Finals**  
Sophie Garbin
- Volunteer of the Year**  
Liz Upton

Increasing participation and involvement in netball includes supporting our affiliates with the tools they need to create the best opportunities for involvement across all sectors of the community in a safe and inclusive environment.

# GROW

## Affiliate Support

### CHILD SAFEGUARDING

The Netball Victoria Affiliation Policy has been revised to ensure we are mitigating child safety risks in the netball community. All affiliates are now required to appoint a Child Safety Officer and encouraged to conduct regular Child Safety Reviews.

During the season, monthly online education sessions were conducted to support associations, leagues and clubs with information relating to child safety. Over 1,000 people either participated in, or watched a live recording of, these sessions.

In addition, over 1,700 people completed the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy training on Netball Australia's eLearning platform.

The launch of the Green Band initiative further reinforced this commitment, providing visible support for umpires under 18 through green bands and scrunchies that promote respect, empathy and positive sideline behaviour.

Together, these initiatives create safer, more inclusive environments for children and young people across Victorian netball.

### CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

Netball Victoria prioritises a culture and environment within sport that is supportive and protective of children. The Victorian Government's 11 Child Safe Standards are integral.

1. Organisations establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued.
2. Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture.
3. Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.
4. Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.
5. Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice.
6. People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to.
7. Processes for complaints and concerns are child focused.
8. Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.
9. Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.
10. Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved.
11. Policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people.

### GREEN BAND INITIATIVE

To support and nurture young umpires of netball, the Netball Respect: Green Band initiative was piloted to ensure umpires under the age of 18 are easily identifiable while on court. The step aligns with Victoria's Child Safe Standards and is proving to be an effective tool in making this distinction clearer, helping players, coaches, and spectators recognise and respect young officials. After a successful pilot the initiative will be continued and has also been implemented by other states.



## NETBALL CONNECT

Netball Victoria continued to support associations, leagues and clubs with group training sessions focussed on the online registration and scoring platform, Netball Connect. Monthly association/league and club drop-in sessions were also held to ensure on-going support throughout the season.



## NETBALL ASSIST

The Netball Assist fee-for-service program launched in July 2024, providing support for affiliates when they are time constrained, has limited volunteer capacity, or require assistance beyond Netball Victoria's free training and offerings.

A skilled administrative workforce has been established, to provide affiliates with a range of flexible services, relating to Netball Connect, general administrative activities, governance, child safety, and other specialist tasks. In 2025 the top three most requested Netball Assist services were - Tournament Fixturing & Management; Competition Set Up & Support and Child Safety Action Plan & Review.

## ADMINISTRATION PATHWAYS

Netball Victoria secured funding through Sport and Recreation Victoria's Volunteer Workforce Program to support the development of the Netball Education Training (NET) Centre and administrative pathways across regional Victoria. Together this will:

- Empower our affiliates to address the challenges of volunteerism and reduce administrative burden.
- Provide netball administration education opportunities to new and existing administrators.
- Create innovative educational hubs in regional Victoria to support the delivery of education and training to our volunteers.

After delivering the affiliate uplift and netball administration workshops in Shepparton in 2025, 10 affiliates from the area were selected to receive administration support funded through the program. These workshops will continue to be delivered in 2026 in the Latrobe Valley and Central Goldfields where an additional 15 - 20 affiliates will be selected to receive support.



## CEO FORUMS

Throughout the year a series of metro and regional CEO visits were undertaken to facilitate closer engagement across the netball family. Nine Metro Forums and 25 Affiliate Network Meetings were held throughout the year at various metro and regional locations across the state.

Attendees had the opportunity to hear from CEO Andrea Pearman and others about key developments in netball in Victoria. The Forums also provided the opportunity for affiliates to give feedback, seek information and make suggestions about the issues impacting their clubs, associations and leagues. This program will continue in 2026.

Fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment and culture where we embrace our history and heritage and nurture a love for the game while building the foundations for a strong and exciting future.

# INSPIRE

# Diversity and Inclusion

Beyond targeted community programs, Netball Victoria delivered a suite of inclusion initiatives designed to strengthen accessibility, amplify diverse voices, and foster a more inclusive culture across the Victorian netball community. These include working with newly arrived and migrant communities, as well as partnering with other organisations to increase reach and impact. In 2025 we engaged with 16 multicultural schools and 8 English as a Second Language schools. We also worked with six specialist schools.



## PRIDE IN SPORT - GOLD RANKING

Netball Victoria again achieved a (second highest) Gold ranking in the Pride In Sport Index, Australia's leading benchmarking tool for LGBTQ+ inclusion in sport.

## VICTORIAN NETBALL LEAGUE PRIDE ROUND

Inclusion initiatives included the delivery of the VNL Pride Round in May. All 12 clubs showed their support for the LGBTQ+ community by wearing Pride bibs, and Melbourne University Lightning wore their Pride Round rainbow dresses. VNL umpires wore RACV pride socks during the matches.

## MELBOURNE VIXENS INCLUSION ROUND

The Melbourne Vixens also hosted an Inclusion Round. Themed 'everyone belongs in netball' this initiative recognises and celebrates the diversity of our netball community, and our sport's commitment to leading the way as an accessible, inclusive space for all participants. Match day activities included a celebration of the Marie Little Shield State All Abilities team on court. Activities included activations with our inclusion partners - Special Olympics Victoria, Centre for Multicultural Sport, Queer Sporting Alliance, Proud 2 Play, and Australian Sign Language interpreter and a sensory room.



## NETBALL VICTORIA AND CALDPLAY

CALDPlay is an initiative of the Western Bulldogs Community Foundation helping people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD) to settle into their new communities using sport and physical activity.

Netball Victoria is a proud partner of the program along with RACV and WorkSafe and this year the Melbourne Vixens participated in CALDPlay Gala Day welcoming around 300 participants to the Melbourne Sports Centre to provide a fun, inclusive environment for culturally diverse students and young people to learn netball skills and enjoyment of the game.

Involvement in the program is part of Netball Victoria's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and promoting the "everyone belongs" ethos in netball. Many of the students who participated were attending English language schools and some of the participants had arrived in Australia only six months prior.

The Gala effectively introduced new players to the sport, supported newly arrived participants build friendships and promoted healthy living along the way.



## FIRST NATIONS ENGAGEMENT

In 2025, there were 32 First Nations athletes participating in Netball Victoria's pathway programs, and Netball Victoria membership among First Nations athletes grew to 2,568 members demonstrating sustained year on year increases from 1,882 members in 2024 and 1,738 in 2023. This means that 1.98% of Netball Victoria members identify as First Nations peoples and reflects the expanding number of culturally safe, inclusive programs offered at both grassroots and elite levels.

Netball Victoria's First Nations Advisory Group provides leadership, guidance and a connection into local First Nations communities, aiming to help increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander athletes involved in netball pathway programs and to assist these athletes reach their full potential.

## RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN (RAP)

To ensure our First Nations programs continue to grow to meet the needs of growing interest in netball, a new Innovate RAP 2025-2027 was launched. Building on the outcomes of the previous Reflect RAP of 2022 the Plan looks ahead to the ways in which netball can continue to help drive positive reconciliation outcomes. Our new RAP seeks to engage more First Nations players at all levels of the game in ways that are culturally safe and truly inclusive from grassroots to the elite level.



## BUILDING PATHWAYS INTO NETBALL FOR FIRST NATIONS PLAYERS

Netball is a huge part of Belinda Hayden's life. She is not just a player, she's also a member of Netball Victoria's First Nations Advisory Group,

According to Hayden, joining the Netball Victoria's First Nations Advisory Group "is the best thing she's ever done" after having children, allowing her to make a meaningful impact in improving the representation of First Nations people and their experiences in the pathway.

Just a few years since the Advisory Group's establishment, Hayden is already seeing significant change.

In 2024 Victoria competed at Netball Australia's inaugural First Nations Tournament, with Hayden stepping in as assistant coach of the Victorian side, and her granddaughter Alkira Clark-Kickett competing.

"These young girls now have the opportunity to take it that step further with the Black Swans [national First Nations team]," Hayden said. "There's so many pathways for our women in netball now, and for our junior grassroots players to look forward to," she said.



#### FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY GROUP

**Aunty Belinda Hayden** (Njaki-Njaki Noongar)

**Aunty Liz Laguerre** (Bundjalung / Dunghutti)

**Anne-Maree Stever** (Bundjalung)

**Lee Bevan-Woodley** (Kija)

**Jess Bamblett** (Yorta Yorta / Warlpiri / Wiradjuri / Gunditjmara)

**Andrea Pearman** (CEO-Netball Vic)

**Tanya Gamble** (Head Corporate Social Responsibility- Netball Vic)

**Caitlyn DeGaris**  
(Pathways Manager-Netball Vic)

**Judi Buhagiar**  
(Eastern Region Manager-Netball Vic)

**Pam Ferrari**  
(Northern Region Manager-Netball Vic)

#### VICTORIAN NETBALL LEAGUE FIRST NATIONS ROUND

Netball Victoria delivered the annual VNL First Nations Round

- Supported by RACV, the round recognised and celebrated our First Nations communities and the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to Victorian netball.
- A ceremony was conducted prior to games, with local Elder, Aunty Joy Murphy Wandin providing a Welcome to Country.
- Special artwork was designed for Netball Victoria by artist Tara-Rose Gonebale, a proud Wagiman and Ngan'Gimerri woman and was featured on customised playing bibs, pole wraps, court decals and umpires' uniforms.
- Hawks Netball, Bendigo Strikers, Casey Demons, Melbourne University Lightning, Wilson Storage Southern Saints and Western Warriors clubs wore specially designed First Nations dresses and bibs for the round.

#### SUNCORP SUPER NETBALL FIRST NATIONS ROUND

Melbourne Vixens hosted a First Nations Round home game in Melbourne in 2025 playing the Queensland Firebirds.

- The team's 2025 dress was designed by a proud Wiradjuri Woman Miah Pearce.
- The design featured on a merchandise range including warmup tops - all proceeds supported Netball Victoria's First Nations pathway programs.
- Match day presentation included a Welcome to Country from local Elder Aunty Joy Murphy Wandin, a pre-game didgeridoo and First Nations dance.

#### MELBOURNE VIXENS' FIRST NATIONS ARTWORK

- The Vixens' home and away dresses in 2025 featured a specially designed artwork from Wurundjeri/Dja Dja Wurrung woman, Sam Richards.
- Titled 'Steadfast', Sam's diamond-shaped design features a layering of traditional Wurundjeri symbols to tell the story of the club's past, present and future.

## COMMUNITY AWARDS RECOGNISE 2025 GRASSROOTS CHAMPIONS

The 2025 Netball Victoria Community Awards recognise those who have lived and breathed the values of Netball Victoria, helping the sport thrive and continue to grow.

Among the winners is Bridie Brady from the Lara Netball Club who received the **Volunteer of the Year Award**, presented by HCF. From meticulously managing team registrations and organising match day logistics, to coordinating canteen supplies and supporting the teams, Bridie's dedication is unwavering.

A champion of inclusion and community connection, Bridie has secured grants to run awareness sessions on men in sport, LGBTQ+ issues, multiculturalism, and First Nations culture. She also spearheads programs like Woolworths NetSetGo and social netball initiatives, continually innovating to grow the club and foster a welcoming environment.

Having won Lara's Club Person of the Year multiple times, and as Woolworths NetSetGo Coordinator for Lara, Bridie's tireless work and passion make her an invaluable cornerstone of the club and a truly deserving recipient of this award.

The **Teacher of the Year Award** - presented by Deakin University was awarded to Paul West (Bairnsdale West Primary School) who has championed netball as a tool for connection, confidence, and opportunity across East Gippsland. Through an innovative partnership with The Smith Family, Paul created a program that empowered young First Nations girls at Bairnsdale Secondary College to become netball coaches, developing leadership skills and cultural pride while mentoring younger students.

Paul West exemplifies the true spirit of Netball Victoria's Teacher of the Year Award, leading with dedication, inclusivity, and a deep commitment to community. For over a decade, Paul has championed netball as a tool for connection, confidence, and opportunity across East Gippsland.



### COMMUNITY AWARDS

In 2025, Netball Victoria launched the inaugural Netball Awards, held at the RACV City Club. The event celebrated the achievements of Netball Victoria's Community Award winners, recognising their outstanding contributions to the Victorian netball community.

The 2025 Community Award recipients:

- **Association of the Year** - Frankston District Netball Association
- **Inclusive Netball Community of the Year** - Warrnambool City Netball Association
- **Woolworths NetSetGo Centre of the Year** - Sunbury Netball Association
- **Volunteer of the Year** - Bridie Brady (Lara Netball Club)
- **Umpire of the Year** - Jessie Hardess (Heathcote District Football Netball League)
- **Coach of the Year** - Kelly Haynes (Frankston District Netball Association)
- **Teacher of the Year** - Paul West (Bairnsdale West Primary School)
- **WorkSafe Safety Initiative of the Year** - Laverton Magpies Football Netball Club & Lindenow South Football Netball Club



### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Netball Victoria launched a uniform recycling program in partnership with Upparel. Staff and team uniforms were collected and responsibly recycled, diverting 231 kilograms of textile waste from Australian landfill and preventing an estimated 808.5 kilograms of greenhouse gas emissions from entering the atmosphere, the initiative reflecting Netball Victoria's commitment to reducing environmental impact and building a more sustainable future for the sport.



Building strong and enduring relationships that create positive change while building our organisational capability to lead the sport into the exciting and sustainable future.

# LEAD

Photo: Luke Hemer

## Government Relations & Funding

Support for community netball programs and infrastructure continued through 2025.

- Over **\$62 million** in state government funding committed to community netball infrastructure projects across Victoria, with a total project value of over **\$185 million**.
- **13** projects funded across metro and **21** projects across regional areas.
- Facilities delivered by **19** local councils in partnership with the Victorian Government and 5 councils with Federal Government.
- The Country Football Netball Program supported the delivery of **3** netball infrastructure project in regional Victoria with a total project value of **\$1.18 million**.
- Commercial partnerships established with **regional cities** of Greater Bendigo, Ballarat and La Trobe to deliver Melbourne Vixens and other netball content.

## BUILDING THE FUTURE – NEW FACILITIES STRATEGY

Netball Victoria’s new Statewide Facilities Strategy (2026–2028), released in November will support the continued growth of netball across the state, ensuring equitable access to high-quality venues for Victorian participants.

Netball has seen dramatic growth in participation of 28% since 2022. The strategy prioritises equitable access to quality facilities for women and girls, while also supporting inclusive environments for boys, men, multicultural communities, First Nations athletes, people with disabilities and the LGBTQ+ community.

“We want every person who loves netball, from grassroots participants to elite athletes, to have access to safe, welcoming, and inspiring spaces to play and grow. This strategy is our commitment to building those spaces and working in genuine partnership with councils and communities to get it done,” Netball Victoria CEO, Andrea Pearman said.

The strategy is the result of an extensive audit across the state that assessed over 1,700 competition indoor and outdoor netball courts, engaging with more than 150 netball and local government stakeholders.

Phase 1 focuses on competition-standard courts and Netball Victoria-affiliated netball venues, competitions and pathway programs. Phase 2, to be released in 2026, will expand to include training courts and school-based facilities.



### Key Projects Completed

#### Metro

- **Kensington Community Aquatic & Recreation Centre**  
\$68.2 million state of the art facility with a 25m indoor pool and 3 fully compliant multi-purpose courts.
- **Chelsea Sports Women’s Centre**  
Resurfacing 6 outdoor courts to meet compliant standards, together with shelters and lighting.
- **Pearcedale Recreation Reserve**  
New pavilion with female friendly changerooms and reconfiguration of 2 compliant netball courts

#### Regional

- **Gippsland Regional Sports Complex, Sale**  
Resurfacing 12 outdoor courts to provide safe and compliant facilities for the local netball community.
- **Warrnambool Stadium**  
\$730,000 upgrade to the timber flooring at the 5-court multi-sport stadium in Warrnambool.
- **Swifts Creek Recreation Reserve**  
New pavilion to service netball, football and tennis and full upgrade to the 2 netball-tennis courts.
- **Gilbert Gordon Oval, Macedon Ranges**  
Court resurfacing of 2 netball courts and upgrades to infrastructure including player shelters, court lighting, fencing and pedestrian pathways.



Photo: Luke Hemer

# Commercial - Melbourne Vixens

## STRENGTHENING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR OUR SPORT TO THRIVE



No. 1 Team

Most watched SSN on Kayo, Fox Sports and Binge

\$8.3M

Q1 media value generated

1.5M

Fans

9,380 Members

All-time club and league record

86.43 NPS

World class net promoter score for home game experience



Record commercial revenue

24%

Increase in consumer revenue, including four sold-out home games

15K fans

Largest crowd in SSN finals history at Rod Laver Arena

No. 1 Social media

Most followed women's domestic team in Australia on social media

### STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS

In partnership with the Victorian Government and local councils, Netball Victoria expanded the Melbourne Vixens pre-season program across regional Victoria - Traralgon, Bendigo and Ballarat and metropolitan Melbourne. Through pre-season competitions, community events, and media engagement, the initiative reached more than 10,000 people statewide, strengthening community connection and building momentum ahead of the season.

### VICTORIAN NETBALL LEAGUE - 'FEEL THE PULSE'

Launch of new league wide marketing campaign 'Feel the Pulse', further cementing the leagues position as the premium Victorian competition.

- **1.46 million** social media reach
- **380,000+** reach via matches livestreamed across Netball Victoria and KommunityTV



## Partners

In 2025 we proudly announced The Butcher Club, Aware Super and Peugeot as new partners. We also welcomed expansions to a partnership with BMD and had our inaugural year with New Balance Australia. We were also pleased to renew partnerships with Gilbert and RACV.

We extend our thanks to all our valued partners who worked with us in 2025 to support our netball community and grow our game for the benefit of all Victorians.

### Principal Partner



### Premier Partner



### Major Partners



### Key Partners



### Suppliers



### Community Partners



## Board of Directors

### PRESIDENT

**Carol Cathcart**  
Since 2022  
(Elected to Board in 2020)

### ELECTED DIRECTORS

**Margaret Molina OAM**  
Since 2018

**Wendy Frost**  
Since 2025

**Andrea Booth**  
Since 2023

**Gayle Lambert**  
Since 2024

### APPOINTED DIRECTORS

**Karen Cusack**  
Since 2022

**Britt Hawkins**  
Since 2023

**Adrian Kinderis**  
Since 2023

## Executive Team

**Andrea Pearman**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Troy Swainston**  
Chief Operating Officer

**Naomi Barter**  
General Manager - Commercial

**Abbey Misso**  
General Manager - Community Netball

**Sharelle McMahon**  
General Manager - High Performance & Pathways

**Jen Camilleri**  
General Manager - Member Services

**Sarah Rush**  
General Manager - Stakeholder Relations



(L-R) Barbara Cox, Wilma Nelson, Dawn Long, Noela Routley, Margaret Keogh

**LIFE MEMBERS**

- |                              |                  |                        |                   |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Glory Bain*                  | Dorothy Elmer*   | Dawn Long              | Barbara Ritchie   |
| Mattie Baker*                | Robyn English    | Juleen Maxfield OAM    | Coral Sahlberg*   |
| Marjorie Beaumont*           | Elsie Ferres*    | Lorna McConchie*       | Jennifer Sanchez  |
| Becky Bollen*                | Anne George*     | Richelle McKenzie      | Marj Smith*       |
| Joyce Brown OAM              | Eunice Gill MBE* | Simone McKinnis        | Evelyn Taylor*    |
| Beryl Buck*                  | Judith Grant     | Louise Mills*          | Betty Thompson*   |
| Margaret Caldwell OAM<br>BEM | Joy Grubb*       | Margaret Molina OAM    | Ruby Walton*      |
| Pat Canavan                  | Gillian Hardeman | June Moore*            | Maxine Wauchope   |
| John Castles                 | Verna Harrison*  | Fay Morgan*            | Ann West          |
| Dorothy Close                | Anne Henderson*  | Marg Morgan            | Kate Wright       |
| Kaye Cook                    | Julie Hoornweg   | Valerie Morrison OAM   | Kirrily Zimmerman |
| Jean Cowan MBE*              | Ida Hughes       | Wilma Nelson           |                   |
| Barbara Cox                  | Edith Hull*      | Jill Nunno*            | <i>*Deceased</i>  |
| Margaret Cross               | Olive Johns*     | Nonie Oppy*            |                   |
| Phyllis Cross*               | Margaret Keogh   | Margaret Pewtress OAM* |                   |
| Jan Cross                    | Patricia Kuhne   | Norma Plummer AM       |                   |
| Jenny Doll                   | Gayle Lambert    | Pat Pumpa*             |                   |
|                              | Adele Lardner*   | Dot Quarry*            |                   |



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# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## OPERATING PERFORMANCE

Netball Victoria has achieved a surplus for the fourth consecutive year. Record membership numbers and a successful year on and off the court for the Vixens contributed to an operating surplus of \$165,799.

Key events for the year included:

- Netball participation reached an all-time high, with 121,793 members (excluding short season and single game vouchers), generating revenue of \$8,754,527.
- The SSN season was another record-breaking season with attendances, membership, ticketing, and merchandise delivering \$2,917,242 in revenue.
- Local and State Government Support Increased: Two new grants were secured:
  - **Vixens Pre-Season Grant:** Enabled travel for the Vixens (and other SSN teams) to Ballarat, Bendigo, and Latrobe. These regional initiatives were successfully delivered, demonstrating both viability and sustainability, and reinforcing the value of continued regional engagement.
  - **Regional Volunteer Support Grant:** Provides funding to upskill volunteers in regional areas, strengthening local capacity and enhancing community engagement.
- Cash and short-term investments generated interest revenue of \$555,078 at a yield of 4.15%.

Over the past twelve months, our activities and priorities have closely reflected Netball Victoria's strategic plan. We continue to exercise careful financial stewardship, balancing member contributions against the pressures of rising living costs. Major investments included launching the Facilities Strategy, advancing the NV APP planning and preparation, developing the VNL website, improving data quality within Netball Connect, strengthening reporting capability, and funding initiatives to address complex societal issues.

## FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2025, Netball Victoria reported net assets of \$7,631,941, representing an increase of \$165,799 from the prior year. With no borrowings, strong liquidity, and a healthy cash position, Netball Victoria is well placed to support its ongoing operations, invest in capital assets, and deliver on its strategic priorities, as outlined in the accompanying financial statements.

## SUMMARY

Netball Victoria remains in a robust and healthy financial position, enabling continued progress toward our key priorities and long-term sustainability goals.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Members, Affiliates, and Partners for their ongoing support and meaningful contributions to the development and growth of netball across Victoria.





## Directors' Declaration

Victorian Netball Association Inc.  
ABN: 83 704 752 745  
Directors' Declaration  
31 December 2025

**Victorian Netball Association Inc.**  
**ABN: 83 704 752 745**  
**Directors' declaration**  
**31 December 2025**

The directors of the Association declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 2 to 18, are in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and:

- a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosure Standard; and
- b. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2025 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Association.

2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

President Carol Cathcart  
Carol Cathcart

Dated this 19th day of March 2026



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**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Victorian Netball Association Inc.**

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of Victorian Netball Association Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the declaration by those charged with governance.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association as at 31 December 2025, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012*.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

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**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by those charged with governance.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of those charged with governance's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**Nexia Melbourne Audit Pty Ltd**  
 Melbourne

**Chapman Wan**  
 Director

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026

## Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

Victorian Netball Association Inc.  
ABN: 83 704 752 745  
Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income  
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Donations		2,734	500,000
Grants		513,803	270,386
Membership revenue		9,897,722	9,058,334
Competitions and programs fee revenue		2,674,782	2,389,621
Sponsorship revenue		2,808,372	2,650,667
Sale of goods		854,518	612,932
Suncorp Super Netball allowance revenue		807,729	784,200
Event revenue		1,330,670	1,106,642
Interest income - term deposits		555,078	402,103
Dividend and interest income - equity instruments		-	136,038
Profit on sale of fixed assets		-	38,737
Profit on sale of equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income		-	43,114
Other income		121,706	177,675
	3	<u>19,567,114</u>	<u>18,170,449</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Employment expenses		(8,581,387)	(7,880,212)
Cost of goods sold		(786,945)	(570,638)
Marketing & sponsorship expenses		(1,430,889)	(1,205,548)
Event expenses		(412,623)	(420,135)
Competitions and programs delivery expenses		(2,990,060)	(2,741,391)
Administration expenses		(2,340,405)	(2,080,188)
Insurance		(1,194,325)	(1,061,693)
Building and facilities expenses		(21,540)	(23,173)
Netball Australia affiliation expense		(431,984)	(431,984)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(128,283)	(131,766)
Interest expense		(15,109)	(17,393)
Other expenses		(1,067,764)	(983,801)
		<u>(19,401,314)</u>	<u>(17,547,922)</u>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<b>165,800</b>	<b>622,527</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b><u>165,800</u></b>	<b><u>622,527</u></b>

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

## Statement of Financial Position

Victorian Netball Association Inc.  
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Statement of financial position  
As at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,246,834	1,404,049
Trade and other receivables	6	396,737	294,418
Inventories	7	86,023	105,569
Financial assets	8	10,694,377	10,045,976
Other assets	9	348,104	345,273
Total current assets		<u>12,772,075</u>	<u>12,195,285</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	10	47,659	56,827
Right-of-use assets	11	481,105	573,725
Total non-current assets		<u>528,764</u>	<u>630,552</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b><u>13,300,839</u></b>	<b><u>12,825,837</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	12	1,199,840	1,186,520
Short-term provisions	13	-	54,000
Employee benefits	14	590,853	564,991
Income received in advance	15	3,320,264	2,897,514
Lease liabilities	11	92,319	90,549
Total current liabilities		<u>5,203,276</u>	<u>4,793,574</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Employee benefits	14	50,403	58,583
Lease liabilities	11	415,219	507,539
Total non-current liabilities		<u>465,622</u>	<u>566,122</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b><u>5,668,898</u></b>	<b><u>5,359,696</u></b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b><u>7,631,941</u></b>	<b><u>7,466,141</u></b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Accumulated funds		<u>7,631,941</u>	<u>7,466,141</u>
<b>Total equity</b>		<b><u>7,631,941</u></b>	<b><u>7,466,141</u></b>

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

## Statement of Changes in Equity

Victorian Netball Association Inc.  
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Statement of changes in equity  
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Accumulated funds \$	Total equity \$
<b>Balance at 1 January 2025</b>	<b>7,466,141</b>	<b>7,466,141</b>
Surplus for the year	165,800	165,800
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>165,800</u>	<u>165,800</u>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2025</b>	<b><u>7,631,941</u></b>	<b><u>7,631,941</u></b>

  

	Financial assets reserve \$	Accumulated funds \$	Total equity \$
<b>Balance at 1 January 2024</b>	(5,497)	6,843,614	6,838,117
Surplus for the year	-	622,527	622,527
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	<u>622,527</u>	<u>622,527</u>
Sale of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	<u>5,497</u>	-	<u>5,497</u>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2024</b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>7,466,141</u></b>	<b><u>7,466,141</u></b>

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

## Statement of Cash Flows

Victorian Netball Association Inc.  
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Statement of cash flows  
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash receipts in course of operations		19,332,467	18,266,102
Cash payments in the course of operations		(19,264,205)	(17,850,673)
Interest received		555,078	402,103
Finance costs		(15,109)	(17,393)
Net cash from operating activities	18	<u>608,231</u>	<u>800,139</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(26,494)	(10,277)
Proceeds from maturity of fixed interest deposits		1,630,730	3,585,103
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	38,753
Payments for fixed interest deposits		(2,279,131)	(9,031,080)
Proceeds from redemption of equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income		-	4,850,467
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(674,895)</u>	<u>(567,034)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayment of lease liabilities (principal)		(90,551)	(88,265)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(90,551)</u>	<u>(88,265)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		<u>(157,215)</u>	144,840
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		<u>1,404,049</u>	1,259,209
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	5	<u>1,246,834</u>	<u>1,404,049</u>

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

**Note 1. Material accounting policy information**

The accounting policies that are material to the incorporated association are set out below. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, unless otherwise stated.

**New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted**

The incorporated association has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* ('the Act').

**Historical cost convention**

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

**Critical accounting estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the incorporated association's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 2.

**(a) Income tax**

As the incorporated association is a tax exempt institution in terms of subsection 50-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

**(b) Trade receivables**

Trade receivables are recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less the provision for doubtful debts. Trade receivables are due for settlement 7 to 30 days from the date of recognition.

Collectibility of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectable are written off. A provision for doubtful receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Association will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. The amount of provision is recognised in the statement of financial position.

**(c) Revenue recognition****Revenue from contracts with customers**

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Association expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. Revenue is recognised by applying a five-step model as follows:

1. Identify the contract with the customer
2. Identify the performance obligations
3. Determine the transaction price
4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations
5. Recognise revenue as and when control of the performance obligations is transferred

Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

**Note 1. Material accounting policy information (continued)**

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the 'expected value' or 'most likely amount' method. The measurement of variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraint continues until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are recognised as a refund liability.

**Donations**

Donations are recognised at the time the pledge is made.

**Grants**

Under AASB 1058 and AASB 15, where an agreement is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations, the revenue is either recognised over time as the work is performed or recognised at the point in time that the control of the services pass to the customer.

**Memberships, competitions & programs, and operations revenue**

Revenue from services rendered is recognised in proportion to the stage of completion of the transaction at the balance sheet date.

**Sponsorship**

The Association receives sponsorships, with sponsorship monies recognised as earned.

Sponsorship funding has been expended into the event or program area for which it was allocated as a mandatory requirement in the sponsorship agreement.

Revenue from in-kind sponsorship is recognised at fair value at the date of the contribution.

**Sale of goods**

Revenue from sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the buyer.

**Event revenue**

Event revenue is recognised when received or receivable.

**Interest income**

Interest income is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

**Other income**

Other income is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

**(d) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

**(e) Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost of inventory is determined using the individual item basis and is net of any rebates and discounts received.

## Note 1. Material accounting policy information (continued)

### (f) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Where the cost model is used, the asset is carried at its cost less any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. Costs include purchase price, other directly attributable costs and the initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and restoring the asset, where applicable.

#### Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured using the cost model.

#### Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class	Depreciation rate
Plant and Equipment	20%
Motor Vehicles	25%
Computer Equipment	40%

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

### (g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Bank overdrafts also form part of cash equivalents for the purpose of the statement of cash flows and are presented within current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

### (h) Leases

At inception of a contract, the Association assesses whether a lease exists - i.e. does the contract convey the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

This involves an assessment of whether:

- The contract involves the use of an identified asset - this may be explicitly or implicitly identified within the agreement. If the supplier has a substantive substitution right then there is no identified asset.
- The Association has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the asset throughout the period of use.
- The Association has the right to direct the use of the asset i.e. decision making rights in relation to changing how and for what purpose the asset is used.

#### Lessee accounting

The non-lease components included in the lease agreement have been separated and are recognised as an expense as incurred.

At the lease commencement, the Association recognises a right-of-use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where the Association believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model, where cost on initial recognition comprises of the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration less any lease incentives received.

## Note 1. Material accounting policy information (continued)

The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of assets accounting policy.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the Association's incremental borrowing rate is used.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is remeasured whether there is a lease modification, change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI) or a change in the Association's assessment of lease term.

Where the lease liability is remeasured, the right-of-use asset is adjusted to reflect the remeasurement or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

#### Exceptions to lease accounting

The Association has elected to apply the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. The Association recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

### (i) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially using trade date accounting, i.e. on the date that the Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

#### Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

#### Classification

On initial recognition, the Association classifies its financial assets into the following categories, those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through other comprehensive income - equity instrument (FVOCI - equity)

#### Amortised cost

Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

- the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

The Association's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise of trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents and term deposits in the statement of financial position.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains or losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

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## Note 1. Material accounting policy information (continued)

### Fair value through other comprehensive income - Equity instruments

The Association has a number of strategic investments in listed and unlisted entities over which they do not have significant influence nor control. The Association has made an irrevocable election to classify these equity investments as fair value through other comprehensive income as they are not held for trading purposes.

These investments are carried at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income (financial asset reserve). On disposal any balance in the financial asset reserve is transferred to retained earnings and is not reclassified to profit or loss.

Dividends are recognised as income in profit or loss unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. Other net gains and losses are recognised in other comprehensive income.

In the prior year, the Association disposed of its equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income and the proceeds were deposited into interest bearing term deposits for strategic investment purposes.

### Impairment of financial assets

Impairment of financial assets is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis for the following assets:

- financial assets measured at amortised cost

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECL, the Association considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Association's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward looking information.

The Association uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

The Association uses the presumption that a financial asset is in default when:

- the other party is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Association in full, without recourse to the Association to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- the financial assets is more than 90 days past due.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the Association in accordance with the contract and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

### Trade receivables

Impairment of trade receivables have been determined using the simplified approach in AASB 9 which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses. The Association has determined the probability of non-payment of the receivable and multiplied this by the amount of the expected loss arising from default.

The amount of the impairment is recorded in a separate allowance account with the loss being recognised in finance expense. Once the receivable is determined to be uncollectable then the gross carrying amount is written off against the associated allowance.

Where the Association renegotiates the terms of trade receivables due from certain customers, the new expected cash flows are discounted at the original effective interest rate and any resulting difference to the carrying value is recognised in profit or loss.

### Other financial assets measured at amortised cost

Impairment of other financial assets measured at amortised cost are determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

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## Note 1. Material accounting policy information (continued)

### (j) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised as profit or loss.

## Note 2. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The directors make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There were no significant estimates and judgements made in the current year.

## Note 3. Revenue

### Disaggregation of revenue

The disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers is as follows:

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Geographical regions</i>		
Australia	<u>19,567,114</u>	<u>18,170,449</u>

## Note 4. Expenses

Surplus before income tax includes the following specific expenses:

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Superannuation expense</i>		
Defined contribution superannuation expense	<u>788,242</u>	<u>704,355</u>

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## Note 5. Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Bank balances	1,242,784	1,388,955
Other cash and cash equivalents	4,050	15,094
	<u>1,246,834</u>	<u>1,404,049</u>

## Reconciliation of cash

Cash and Cash equivalents reported in the statement of cash flows are reconciled to the equivalent items in the statement of financial position as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	<u>1,246,834</u>	<u>1,404,049</u>
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## Note 6. Trade and other receivables

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Trade receivables	396,737	306,885
Provision for impairment	-	(12,467)
	<u>396,737</u>	<u>294,418</u>

The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable in the financial statements.

## Note 7. Inventories

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Merchandise - at cost	86,023	105,569

## Note 8. Financial assets

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Fixed interest term deposits at amortised cost	5,600,000	5,100,000
Fixed interest term deposits - strategic investments at amortised cost	5,094,377	4,945,976
	<u>10,694,377</u>	<u>10,045,976</u>

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## Note 9. Other assets

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Prepayments	228,156	241,889
Accrued income	119,948	103,384
	<u>348,104</u>	<u>345,273</u>

## Note 10. Property, plant and equipment

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Non-current assets</i>		
Plant and equipment - at cost	123,827	126,665
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(76,168)	(69,838)
	47,659	56,827
Motor vehicles - at cost	100,682	100,682
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(100,682)	(100,682)
	-	-
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<u>47,659</u>	<u>56,827</u>

### (a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Plant and Equipment \$	Total \$
<b>Balance at 1 January 2025</b>	56,827	56,827
Additions	26,494	26,494
Depreciation expense	(35,662)	(35,662)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2025</b>	<u>47,659</u>	<u>47,659</u>

During the financial year, the Association disposed of plant and equipment with a carrying value of \$29,333 that had been fully depreciated.

## Note 11. Leases

### Association as a lessee

The Association has a lease over the head office premises located at the State Netball Centre which commenced on 1 July 2021. The lease term is 5 years increasing by CPI each year and with 4 x 5 year options. The Association is likely to take up the first option so the lease term is for a total of 10 years for the purpose of the AASB 16 Leases calculation. Rental for property is \$98,770 per annum plus GST increasing by CPI each year.

The Association has a lease for printers and photocopiers used at its head office premises and the lease term is 5 years which commenced on 1 December 2021. The rental charge is \$574 per month plus GST.

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### Note 11. Leases (continued)

#### Right-of-use assets

	Head office premises \$	Photocopiers \$	Total \$
<b>Year ended 31 December 2025</b>			
Opening balance	864,441	30,881	895,322
Accumulated amortisation	(388,998)	(25,219)	(414,217)
<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<b>475,443</b>	<b>5,662</b>	<b>481,105</b>

#### Reconciliations

Reconciliations of the written down values at the beginning and end of the current financial year are set out below:

	Head office premises \$	Photocopiers \$	Total \$
<b>Balance at 1 January 2025</b>	<b>561,887</b>	<b>11,838</b>	<b>573,725</b>
Amortisation expense	(86,444)	(6,176)	(92,620)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2025</b>	<b>475,443</b>	<b>5,662</b>	<b>481,105</b>

#### Lease liabilities

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities based on contractual undiscounted cash flows is shown in the table below:

	less than 1 year \$	1 - 5 years \$	> 5 years \$	Total undiscounted lease liabilities \$	Lease liabilities included in this Statement of Financial Position \$
<b>2025</b>					
Lease liabilities	105,084	395,080	49,385	549,549	507,539
<b>2024</b>					
Lease liabilities	105,658	401,394	148,155	655,207	598,088

#### Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

The amounts recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income relating to leases where the Association is a lessee are shown below:

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Interest expense on lease liabilities	15,109	17,393
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	92,620	92,620
	<b>107,729</b>	<b>110,013</b>

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### Note 11. Leases (continued)

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Statement of Cash Flows</b>		
Total cash outflow for leases	<b>90,551</b>	<b>88,265</b>

### Note 12. Trade and other payables

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade payables	330,887	321,453
Accrued expenses	83,769	86,476
Jean Cowan fund	139,984	157,988
Margaret Pewtress scholarship fund	48,042	48,545
Accrued wages, superannuation and PAYG	304,964	293,826
Other payables	253,584	278,232
Netball Victoria community support program	38,610	-
	<b>1,199,840</b>	<b>1,186,520</b>

### Note 13. Short-term provisions

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Athlete retirement fund	-	54,000

(a) Movements in carrying amounts - detailed table

	Athlete retirement fund \$	Total \$
<b>Current</b>		
Opening balance at 1 January 2025	54,000	54,000
Reversed during the year	(54,000)	(54,000)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2025</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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### Note 14. Employee benefits

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Annual leave	274,085	261,739
Long service leave	316,768	303,252
	<u>590,853</u>	<u>564,991</u>
<i>Non-current liabilities</i>		
Long service leave	<u>50,403</u>	<u>58,583</u>

### Note 15. Income received in advance

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Grants received in advance	133,333	200,000
Prepaid membership income and other income received in advance	3,186,931	2,697,514
	<u>3,320,264</u>	<u>2,897,514</u>

### Note 16. Auditors' Remuneration

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by Nexia Melbourne Audit Pty Ltd, the auditor of the incorporated association:

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Audit services - Nexia Melbourne Audit Pty Ltd</i>		
Audit of the financial statements	28,900	26,875
<i>Other services - Nexia Melbourne Audit Pty Ltd</i>		
Other services	3,450	3,225
	<u>32,350</u>	<u>30,100</u>

Other services includes assistance with the preparation of the financial statements.

### Note 17. Financial Risk Management

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Held at amortised cost:		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,246,834	1,404,049
Trade and other receivables	396,737	294,418
Fixed interest term deposits	5,600,000	5,100,000
Fixed interest term deposits - strategic investments	5,094,377	4,945,976
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<u>12,337,948</u>	<u>11,744,443</u>

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### Note 17. Financial Risk Management (continued)

#### Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost:

Trade and other payables	1,199,840	1,186,520
Total financial liabilities	<u>1,199,840</u>	<u>1,186,520</u>

### Note 18. Cash flow information

Reconciliation of net surplus to net cash provided by operating activities:

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Surplus for the year	165,800	622,527
Non-cash flows in surplus:		
Depreciation	35,662	39,146
Amortisation of right-of-use assets	92,620	92,620
Equity instrument income reinvested	-	(136,038)
Equity instrument expense	-	17,741
Net fair value on equity instruments	-	(43,114)
Profit on sale of fixed assets	-	(38,737)
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
- (increase) / decrease in trade and other receivables	(102,319)	244,420
- (increase) / decrease in other assets	(2,831)	34,142
- (increase) / decrease in inventories	19,546	39,300
- increase/(decrease) in income in advance	422,750	471,225
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	13,321	(558,566)
- increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	17,682	15,473
- increase/(decrease) in provisions	(54,000)	-
Cash flows provided by operating activities	<u>608,231</u>	<u>800,139</u>

### Note 19. Key management personnel disclosures

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Association is \$1,377,070 (2024: \$1,332,080).

### Note 20. Related parties

Some directors are occasionally engaged to conduct or participate in courses and/or programs. They are reimbursed at the same rate as any other person(s) engaged in a similar activity.

The directors receive a board allowance and the total amount paid during the year was \$31,995 for 8 directors (2024: \$35,680 for 9 directors).

During the year, \$5,780 [2024 : \$3,400] of membership income and \$2,364 [2024 : \$5,780] of membership income in advance were received from the directors.

### Note 21. Contingencies

#### Contingent Liabilities

Victorian Netball Association Inc. had no contingencies as at 31 December 2025 and 31 December 2024.

## Note 22. Events after the reporting period

The financial report was authorised for issue on 19 March 2026 by the Board of Directors.

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2025 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the incorporated association's operations, the results of those operations, or the incorporated association's state of affairs in future financial years.

## General information

The financial statements cover Victorian Netball Association Inc. as an individual entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Victorian Netball Association Inc.'s functional and presentation currency.

Victorian Netball Association Inc. is a not-for-profit Association incorporated in Victoria under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* ('the Act') and the Rules of Victorian Netball Association Inc. Its registered office and principal place of business are:

### Registered office

Victorian Netball Association Inc.  
State Netball Centre  
10 Brens Drive  
PARKVILLE VIC 3052

### Principal place of business

Victorian Netball Association Inc.  
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The principal activity of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2025 was the administration of netball in Victoria.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 19 March 2026.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.



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