



# NEWSLETTER

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## 2026 NSFNC EVENTS

March-June

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## UPCOMING DATES:

Date	Event
Friday, March 6th	Pre-season (football) game vs. Lorne @ Stribling Reserve
Saturday, March 21st	Pre-season (football) game vs. Ocean Grove @ Windsor Park
Saturday, March 28th	Pre-season (football) game vs. North Geelong @ Windsor Park
Saturday, March 28th	'Seagull Sips' party

*The North Shore Football and Netball Club would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we train and play on, the Wadawarrung lands. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and recognise that sovereignty has never been ceded.*

*North Shore Football and Netball Club provides equity in access to our club regardless of people's age, ability, gender, gender identity, race, religion or sexual orientation.*





# CLUB UPDATES

## A Message from the President, Maryian Szponar

February at Windsor Park has been a very busy month; new recruits being welcomed, rooms being refurbished, fixture changes occurring and a productive 2026 planning day at the Shell Club.

I would like to welcome all new recruits coming from far and wide; **Cairns, Brisbane, Tasmania and Western Victoria**. We look forward to providing a successful sporting opportunity over the coming years to you all.

We now have **state of the art change rooms** for male and female participants. A new main entrance with ramp. Netball facilities that will be second to none in the competition, to be completed for preseason practice matches. Front of social rooms new windows and entrance to also be completed mid March.

Early February saw us conduct our **annual planning day** at one of our long term sponsors, Shell Club. I must thank the club and staff for a great venue and service. It was a very productive and eye opening experience. We gathered plenty of important information from club volunteers, past players and current players.

Our social calendar and playing fixture has been completed and save the dates will be sent in the coming weeks. We have begun discussions and work around the centenary of our club for 2027.

We are now entering the final part of our season 2026 preparation, which will give a gauge of what the season ahead will look like. I wish Lara all the best for this season, rebuilding and in the future. In saying that, **our club runs by memberships**. I am asking all supporters to reach into their pockets and become a financial supporter and get a membership - the life blood of our club.



Remember:

**One club**

**One aim**

**One community**

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# FIXTURE UPDATE



# 2026 SEASON DRAW

<b>ROUND 1</b> Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>ROUND 5</b> Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>ROUND 9</b> Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>ROUND 13</b> Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>ROUND 17</b> Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> August
St Albans (A) St Albans Reserve	Geelong West (A) West Oval	Lara (A) Lara Recreation	Bell Park (H) Windsor Park 	St Mary's (H) Windsor Park 
<b>ROUND 2</b> Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>ROUND 6</b> Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>ROUND 10</b> Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>ROUND 14</b> Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>ROUND 18</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> August
Leopold (H) Windsor Park 	St Mary's (A) Kardinia Park	Leopold (A) Leopold Memorial	St Albans (H) Windsor Park 	Geelong West (H) Windsor Park 
<b>ROUND 3</b> Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>ROUND 7</b> Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>ROUND 11</b> Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>ROUND 15</b> Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>ROUND 19</b> Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> August
Newtown (H) Windsor Park 	Colac (A) Centra Reserve 	Colac (H) Windor Park 	Newtown (A) Elderslie Reserve	Grovedale (A) Burdoo Reserve
<b>ROUND 4</b> Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>ROUND 8</b> Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>ROUND 12</b> Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>ROUND 16</b> Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> August	<b>ROUND 20</b> Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> August
St Joseph's (H) Windsor Park 	Grovedale (H) Windsor Park 	Sth Barwon (A) McDonald Res	St Joseph's (A) Herne Hill Reserve	Lara (H) Windsor Park 

 = HOME GAME



# FOOTBALL



## FOOTBALL PRACTICE MATCHES



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FRI 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH @ STRIBLING RESERVE, LORNE  
6.15PM COMBINED 6-QUARTER MATCH



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SAT 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH @ WINDSOR PARK, NORLANE  
11AM RESERVES & 1PM SENIORS



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SAT 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH @ WINDSOR PARK, NORLANE  
9AM U18s, 11AM RESERVES & 1PM SENIORS

The Seagulls continue to build strong momentum as we roll through preseason, with fantastic numbers and energy across all programs.

### Seniors Program

We're excited to confirm that 45 senior players have now committed to play in 2026 and are regularly attending training. Senior training continues to be held at Windsor Park on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6pm.

The standard, competitiveness, and buy-in across the group has been outstanding, and the culture being built is already clear. The 2026 Senior Leadership Group will be announced in the coming weeks – stay tuned!

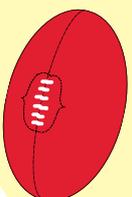
### Under 18s

Our Under 18s are building something special in 2026, with 25 players committed to play, and a fantastic group behind the scenes still actively looking to add to the group. The U18s and coaches also maintain a strong connection to the senior program through joint sessions on a Thursday. The U18s also train on Monday evenings at Windsor Park.

A huge shout-out to Dean Rochow, who is doing a fantastic job leading the coaching staff and setting standards for the next generation of Seagulls.

### Practice Matches

We're locked in for three practice matches to prepare for the season, with details in the image above! The club is in a strong place heading into 2026, with great numbers, clear direction, and an exciting mix of experience and youth. Up the Seagulls! 



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# NETBALL

## Netball News

Our **dedication** is growing

Our **numbers** are growing.

Our **commitment** is growing.

Our **competitiveness** is growing.

We've slowly been rebuilding netball for the last five years at North Shore, and this is the first year that we've had to spread out across both netball courts at Windsor Park for every single one of our pre-season sessions.

Something that I have **never seen** in my five years at North Shore.

With our practice matches locked in, our coaches locked in, our numbers at an all-time high, we are ready to tackle the 20 game-2026 season, with our eyes wide open, and our feet firmly on the ground.

What's even more exciting is that we have been able to welcome back players to netball who grew up playing at Windsor Park. Our juniors are returning as seniors as we re-welcome Junior Netball back into our competition offering as a club.

We've got a lot of exciting things coming up over at the netball courts.

Strength, conditioning, development and hard work all held together by a culture that is second to none and a determination to stop at nothing whilst ensuring that you're having fun.

It's never too late to become a Seagal; the door is always open to those who are new and those who are ready to return to the blue and gold.

All you have to do is get in touch!

**Vice President - Netball**

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## Save the dates!

We are pleased to announce our events calendar for the 2026 season. See all dates below, with more information to come. If you are interested in helping out with the organisation for any/all, please speak to Edwina!

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June-September

20 JUNE	Past Players Day
11 JULY	Player Function
25 JULY	Winter Ball
1 AUGUST	Queen of the West visit
29 AUGUST	Season Vote Count
24 SEPTEMBER	Presentation Night



## Q&A WITH BRITT BONE

**How long have you been at NSFNC?** This is my 6<sup>th</sup> year at NSFNC!

**What do you love most about the club?** The people and the loyalty

**What's your favourite club function?** Reverse Raffle (no one does a reverse raffle like NSFNC)

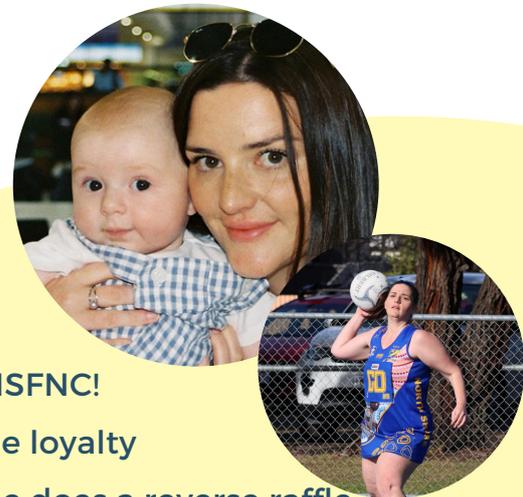
**What's your go-to canteen order?** 3x steamed dimmies and a can of coke

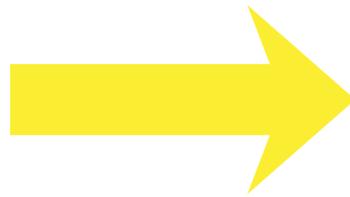
**Favourite person at the club:** I have 4 - my husband Mitch, Edwina, Stormy and Col O'Brien

**Highlight of your time at NSFNC:** My very first win! it was against Lara, it took a very long time but was worth the wait. and obviously meeting Mitch at the club

**What emoji could you not live without?** 😊

**What sport would you compete in if you had to be in the Olympics?** Swimming





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### Grab your membership today!

Options are available for everyone, starting as cheap as \$50 for a Starter Seagull Membership. Really keen to show your commitment? Join the Silver Gull Supporters Club for \$315 which includes match day entry for every game, a club sticker, a cap or beanie, an embroidered polo and a stubby holder!

### Get your merch!

With the beginning of the 2026 season right around the corner, make sure you are 'geared up' accordingly. Scan the QR code or click the link underneath to visit both our apparel websites. Any questions, see Greg Dennis or Ken Ivermee.



## PUMA APPAREL

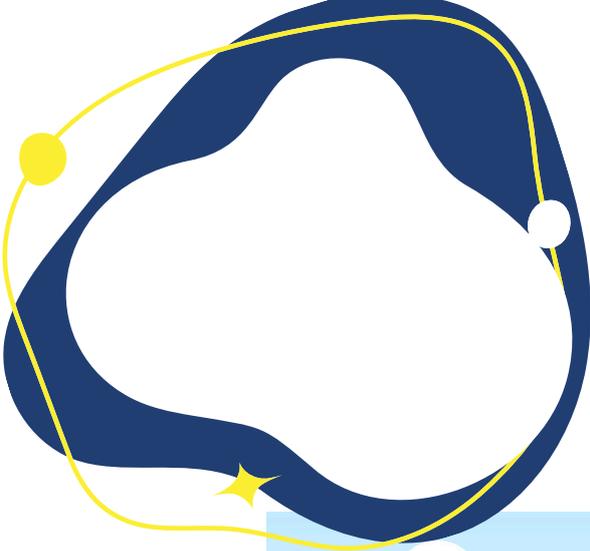


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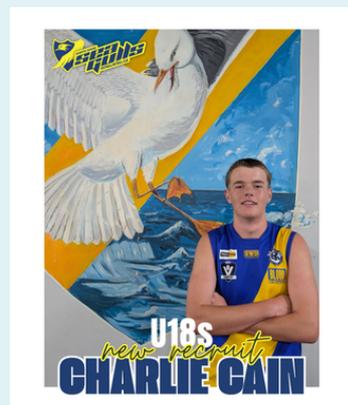
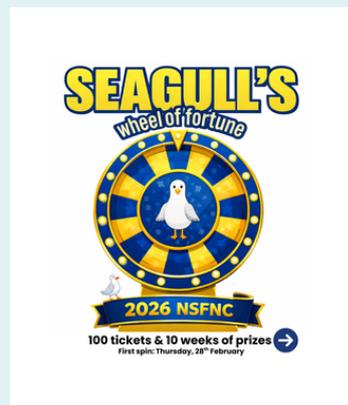
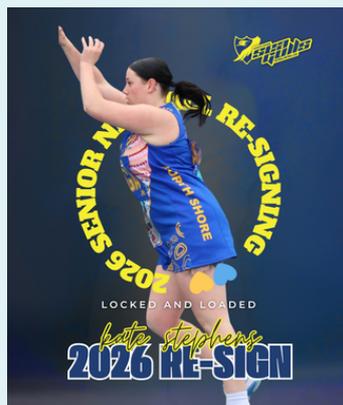
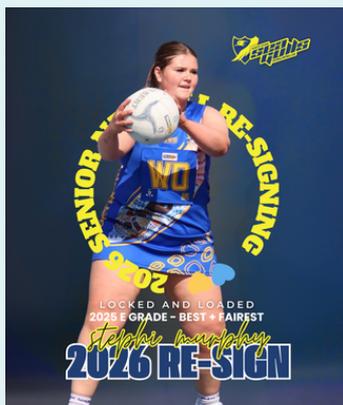
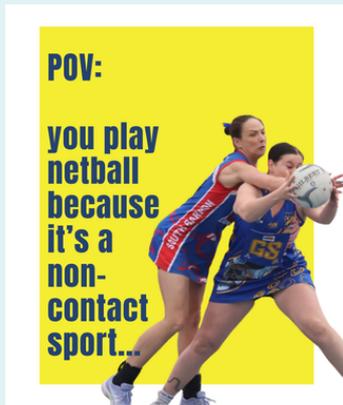
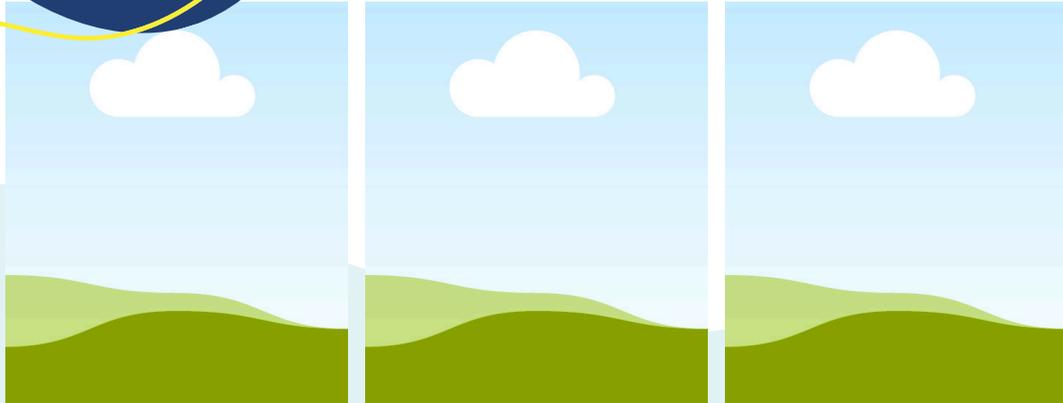
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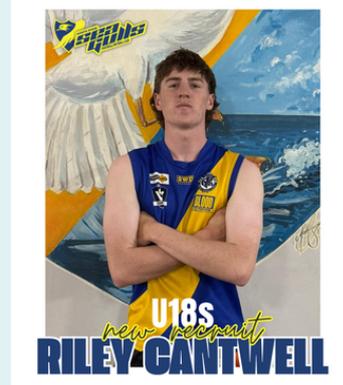
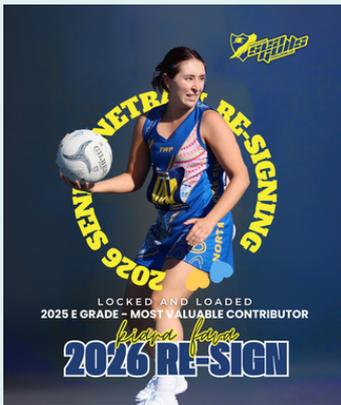


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# OUR SPONSORS

We would like to sincerely thank all of our sponsors who have recommitted their support this season. Your continued backing means a great deal to our club and provides stability and confidence for our players, volunteers and supporters. We truly value your ongoing partnership.

**Canny Group - 16 years as a partner!**

**Norlane Hotel - 16 years**

**J.H. Stephenson - 15 years**

**Ray White Lara - 15 years**

**Triple P Logistics - 15 years**

**Midway - 10 years**

**Shell Club - 10 years**

**Viva Energy - 10 years**

**The Travel Boutique - 9 years**

**Tuckers Funeral - 7 years**

**Master Poultry - 6 years**

**Thornton Engineering - 5 years**

**Ella George MP - 4 years**

**Crossfire - 4 years**

**Geelong Port - 4 years**

**General Public - 3 years**

**The Grog Guy - 3 years**

**Ber's Butchers - 2 years**

**Skilled Fire Protection - 2 years**

**Body Fit Training (BFT) Geelong - 2 years**

**Jenny's ELC - 2 years**



We also warmly welcome our new sponsors to the club. We are excited to have you on board and look forward to building a strong and successful relationship throughout the season:

**Bowens**

**Geelong Safety Company**

**Can & Will Plan Management and Navigation**

**Wightman Legal**

Finally, a special thank you to **Hi Tech Electrical Services, Geelong West Rotary Club,** and **Promote-It Trophy & Clothing Co.** who have all contributed specifically to getting our U8s team up and running. Your support at this grassroots level is invaluable, helping create opportunities for our youngest players to develop skills, build friendships, and enjoy the game. We are incredibly grateful to each and every one of our sponsors – your support makes what we do possible.

**Keen to jump on board as a sponsor for the 2026 season?**

Reach out to Nik Pavic at [northshoresponsorship@gmail.com](mailto:northshoresponsorship@gmail.com) for more information!



Want to see something else in our monthly newsletter?

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