

NEWSLETTER

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CLUB UPDATES

A Message from the President, Maryian Szponar

What a fantastic season of growth it's been! It was wonderful to come together at Presentation Night to celebrate the year, recognise the dedication and achievements of our players, and reflect on everything that makes our club so special. Congratulations to all our award winners!

Planning for 2027 is already well underway, and there's plenty happening behind the scenes as we prepare for another exciting year at North Shore. We're incredibly excited to launch into the celebrations of our clubs 100 years. This is a huge milestone recognising the rich history, proud traditions and wonderful community that make our club what it is today.

A few reminders for our off season before Christmas:

AGM - Wednesday 25 November

The club AGM will be held on Wednesday 25 November, 6pm. We'd love to see you there! Our club relies on the support of our community, and we're always looking for people to lend a hand. You don't need to take on a big role, even helping with one small job can make a huge difference. Please feel free to fill out a nomination form found at the end of the newsletter to join our committee.

Stuart Hildebrand Lunch – Saturday 21 November

All are welcome to come along, enjoy lunch at the Shell Club, and meet the coaches for our Centenary year as we look ahead to 2027. Please RSVP directly to Paul Brady or via the Facebook event by October 23rd.

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser – Sunday 22 November

We'll need plenty of helping hands, so keep an eye out for the volunteer roster and put your name down for a shift if you can.

Plus, keep your eyes peeled for our **Mega Christmas Raffle**, with info to be released soon, just in time to get into the festive spirit and support NSFNC.

While we may not have football and netball games at Windsor Park at the moment, the Seagulls are still flying as the Cricket Club is back in action! We encourage everyone to get along to their home games, show your support and enjoy being part of our wider sporting community.



Thank you for being part of the North Shore family. With an exciting 2027 ahead and our 100 year celebrations on the horizon, there's plenty to look forward to. We can't wait to celebrate this incredible centenary milestone with you all!

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NORTH SHORE SEAGULLS FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUB

JUNIOR FOOTBALL + NETBALL IS BACK IN IN 2027

AND WE WANT YOU!

Do you know someone who is a junior and looking for a club to call home in 2027?

We're on the hunt for high-performance players to join our teams.

GET IN TOUCH HERE



Senior Football

FOOTBALL

As we look ahead to the 2027 season, there is plenty happening behind the scenes as we continue to build our senior football program at North Shore.

A major focus has been retaining our existing players while adding quality new recruits who can strengthen our playing group and contribute to the future of our football club.

It has been great to see players recommit to the Seagulls, demonstrating their belief in the club and what we are working towards. We have also begun welcoming new faces to the club, with a focus on bringing in players who not only add talent and experience on the field but also fit the culture and values we want to build at North Shore.

Our recruiting and retention work will continue over the coming weeks, and we look forward to sharing more announcements as they are confirmed.

Importantly, building a successful football program is about more than just recruiting players. It is about developing our younger talent, creating opportunities for our Under 18 players to progress into senior football, and establishing an environment where players want to be part of the Seagulls for the long term.

There is plenty of work ahead, but the focus remains on building a committed playing group, strengthening our pathways and giving our club the best possible foundation for 2027 and beyond.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our football program, particularly our volunteers, sponsors, supporters and everyone working behind the scenes to help North Shore move forward.

Actions over words. Up the Seagulls!

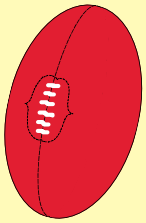
Simon Riddoch

U18s Football

FOOTBALL

A debut year to be proud of.

Our Under 18s have just completed a terrific debut year, and the credit goes to everyone involved. Strong coaching leadership and family involvement set the tone from the start, giving every player a genuine opportunity to develop, compete and grow. Several of our young players have already gained valuable experience in the Senior team, proof that the pathway at North Shore is real and that it works. 2027 sees further develop with the re-introduction of Under 16s, which we have not seen since COVID. A Grade and Junior Netball also return, making North Shore a true family destination.



We need to regenerate and grow further in 2027!

Your next step starts at North Shore.

If you're a young player in the Northern Suburbs or have strong family connections we want you at NS in 2027. This is footy with your mates, in your community, wearing your colours. When you're deciding where to play, think about where you come from. Think about the kids you went to school with, the streets you grew up on, and the people who cheer for you at the fence. Our colours are more than a guernsey. They mean no one plays alone.

There's a place for you here. Some young players have found themselves on the edge of a squad or looking for a new spot when numbers ran tight. If that's you, come and see us. At North Shore, every player is acknowledged and respected, and every player gets a genuine opportunity to be part of the team.

NSFNC is under the strong leadership of Wade Chapman, who with our other quality coaches will develop a strong pathway forward for your family.

It’s a big year for the Shore!
2027 is our centenary, 100 years of North Shore. It's a milestone built by generations of local families, and we'd love you to be part of it. Your presence helps carry this club into its next hundred years.

One Club. One Community. One Outcome.
One club that belongs to all of us. One community that looks after its own. One outcome: a strong, proud North Shore for the next generation.

So, get involved today. Whether you're a player, a parent, or know a young footballer who needs a home, get in touch with the club and be part of it.
Come home to the Shore. We are the Blue and Gold!

CALLING ALL SPORTS TRAINERS

We're looking to add to our team!

This is a paid position.
Availability requirements and commitment include:
Tuesday & Thursday nights
Saturday

Contact Kristi Washington
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NORTH SHORE Seagulls FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUB

NETBALL

Senior Netball

THE COUNTDOWN IS ON UNTIL WE'RE BACK ON THE COURT!

2027 is shaping up to be a huge year for North Shore Netball, and the pieces are starting to fall into place!

We're thrilled to confirm that **A Grade is returning** to North Shore for the first time since 2019, with **Katie McLean** (Alsop) appointed to lead the team. A true Seagull through and through, Katie brings a wealth of experience and a genuine passion for the club.





Our **B Grade coaching** appointment is also locked in, giving us a strong foundation as we prepare to take the next step in our senior netball rebuild.

We're so excited to have **Nat Coles** back with us in the blue and gold and leading our B Grade side into the future.

Want to be part of the Seagalls in 2027?

Whether you're a past Seagull looking to return, an experienced player ready for a new challenge, or someone keen to be part of a club on the rise, we want to hear from you.

We're recruiting across all our senior teams, and are looking for players who want to contribute, develop and help build something special as we head into our Centenary season.





PRE-SEASON KICKS OFF IN NOVEMBER

And we'd love for you to join us!

Keep an eye on our social media as we will be releasing the full schedule of pre-season training dates as well as where we'll be training.

Stay tuned as we're almost ready to drop trials dates for the 2027 season!

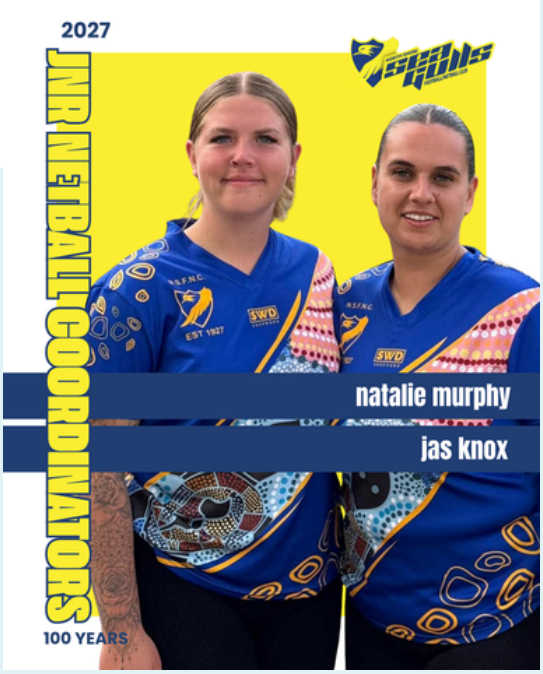
JUNIOR NETBALL

JUNIOR NETBALL IS BACK IN 2027!

After last taking the court at North Shore in 2019, junior netball is officially returning, and we couldn't be more excited!

We're building a program that gives the next generation of Seagulls the opportunity to learn, develop their skills, make friends and experience everything that comes with being part of a footy and netball club.

We're so excited to have two incredible Seagulls, Jas Knox and Natalie Murphy, confirmed as our Junior Netball Coordinators.



Both bring a genuine passion for netball and a strong connection to North Shore, and they're already helping lay the foundations for the program's return.

Our junior coaches will be announced in the coming weeks, so keep an eye on our socials for more exciting updates!



Want to know more about Junior Netball and how to get involved?

Use the link **here** to get in touch!

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EVENTS



2026 Stuey Hildebrand Lunch

Don't forget your hat!

The annual Stuey Hildebrand Lunch is locked in for 2026.

Saturday 28th November, 12pm

@ Shell Club, Corio

See you there!

(RSVP to Tiger by Nov 23rd)

Q&A WITH

KATIE MCLEAN

What is your role at the club? 2027 A Grade netball coach

How long have you been at NSFNC? First time back at the club since 2019, but originally joined in 2005

What do you love most about the club? The people - always welcoming and I have made friends for life through the club

What's your favourite club function? Silly Sunday or The Ball

What's your go-to canteen order? Chips and gravy and a can of coke

Favourite person at the club: Vicki Endrei

Highlight of your time at NSFNC: Winning League B grade B&F in 2007

What emoji could you not live without? 🤦‍♀️

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



PRESENTATION NIGHT

Senior Football

Best & Fairest	Jacob Sammut
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Dylan Bennett
Most Consistent	Nic Creighton
Most Courageous	Harry Purcell
Rookie of the Year	Dylan Bennett
Coaches Award	Michael Kavenagh

Netball | B Grade

Best & Fairest	Heidi Uwland
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Elisha Matijevic
Coaches Award	Ava Hauser
Highest Goaler	Molly Argoon
Most Valuable Contributor	Bridgitt Bailey
Best Sports Woman	Maggie Van Bakkum

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Reserves Football

Best & Fairest	Ethan Huxtable
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Luke Daffy
Most Determined	Saxon Morris
Most Improved	Finn Murphy
Unsociable Seagull	Matthew Jennings
Coaches Award	Aydan Plozza

Netball | C Grade

Best & Fairest	Kiah Howden
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Mia Thompson
Coaches Award	Dalilah Ryan
Highest Goaler	Shieanne Scarlett
Most Valuable Contributor	Zoe Bryce
Best Sports Woman	Tanika Fava

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Netball | D Grade	
Best & Fairest	Abbey Watt
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Courtney West
Coaches Award	Gabby Kavenagh
Highest Goaler	Brittany Bone
Most Valuable Contributor	Lara Kofoed
Best Sports Woman	Madi MacDonald

Netball | E Grade	
Best & Fairest	Chelsea Kropman
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Jasmine Knox, Natalie Murphy, Bridie Weir
Coaches Award	Amber Jackson
Highest Goaler	Jasmine Knox
Most Valuable Contributor	Amanda Fitzgerald
Best Sports Woman	Annie Beckley

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Under 18s	
Best & Fairest	Blake Keating
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Jamie Beard
Most Consistent	Trae Beckley & Tyler Blitz
Most Determined	Jai Archibald
Most Improved	Riley Cantwell
Coaches Award	Oscar Denny
Finals MVP	Chase Johns

Club Awards	
Clubperson of the Year	Edwina Wilkens
Seagull of the Year	Andy Suridge & Neil Kenyon

‘HERE’S WHAT YOU MISSED ON SOCIALS’

















Football Recruits

Alongside our retaining playing group, the club is excited to officially welcome some more new football recruits for our 2027 Centenary season!

- **Chad Taylor** - returning junior (U13 premier!), Geelong NGA experience
- **Corey Leamer** - forward from Geelong West Giants
- **Flynn McGuane** - versatile mid from Apollo Bay/Lara
- **Sam Tyquin** - mid/forward joining us from Lara
- **Tadgh Martin** - versatile player from Horsham

OUR SPONSORS

This year marks a significant milestone for our club, with sponsorship contributions reaching the highest level on record. This achievement reflects the strength of our community, the commitment of our members, and the confidence our sponsors continue to place in the club's direction and values.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the club sponsors and player sponsors whose support has been instrumental throughout the season. Your contributions directly enhance our programs, facilities, and player development pathways, and they play a vital role in ensuring the long-term success of the club.



We also acknowledge and thank the members who actively secured sponsorships. Your initiative, professionalism, and dedication have been central to this year's outstanding result. Equally, we express our gratitude to the sponsors who approached the club independently. Your willingness to engage with us demonstrates a strong and growing reputation within the wider community.

To all sponsors, new and returning:
Your support strengthens every aspect of our operations and helps us continue building a club that represents excellence both on and off the field.

As we conclude the year, we recognise and celebrate this collective achievement. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the club.



Want to see something else in our monthly newsletter?

Do you have feedback, or do you know of someone who would benefit from receiving our monthly updates?

Get in touch with Eliza: **lizekramer13@gmail.com**

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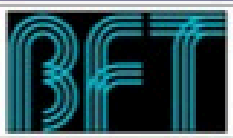
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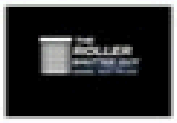
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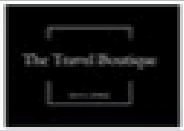
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