



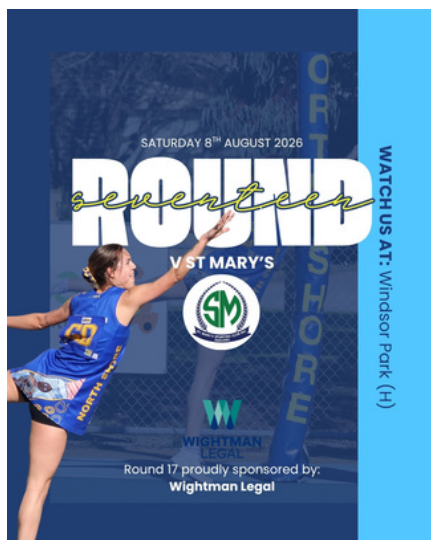
NEWSLETTER

RESPECT. FAIR PLAY. INCLUSION. TEAM WORK.

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COMING UP THIS WEEK:



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEKEND! SIGN UP BELOW:
<https://volunteersignup.org/ETBW9>

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.



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**NORTH SHORE
FOOTBALL NETBALL
CLUB'S CENTENARY
WEEKEND**

**JUNE
12 & 13TH
2027**

*Celebrating
100 years*

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

CLUB UPDATES

It's hard to believe how quickly this season is flying by. As we head towards the business end of the year, it's a great opportunity to reflect on what has been another incredibly busy and rewarding month around North Shore.

One of the highlights was undoubtedly our **Past Players Day**. It was wonderful to welcome so many familiar faces back to Windsor Park. Seeing past players and supporters reconnect, share stories and enjoy the day together is what community football and netball is all about. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such a special occasion, and particularly to Arthur Hodgson and his team that organised the day.

Our **Winter Ball** at East Geelong Golf Club was a fantastic evening, with a room full of players, partners, families and supporters making the most of an opportunity to get dressed up, away from Windsor Park and enjoying a night of great music from Cam Henderson. Special thanks to Eliza Kramer and her team for organising a great night!

This week we're looking forward to something a little different as our club hosts a very special Mock Wedding at Windsor Park! There's still time to be part of the celebrations - if you'd like to come along please purchase your ticket here: [**MOCK WEDDING TICKETS**](#).

Our recent **Bunnings BBQ** was a fantastic fundraiser for the club. A special mention and sincere thanks to our friends at the North Shore Cricket Club. Their support was incredible once again, and we're extremely grateful for the wonderful relationship our two clubs continue to share. Thank you to Brian Ward for your work to organise the day.

On behalf of everyone at North Shore, I'd like to thank Mark Hounslow for his dedication, commitment and passion in leading our Senior Football program over the past two years. We appreciate everything he has given to the club. Looking ahead, I'm excited to officially announce that Wade Chapman will take on the role of **Senior Coach** for the 2027 season. We look forward to sharing more exciting announcements as we continue planning for next year.

There's still plenty happening over the coming weeks. We're proud to be hosting the **Junior Finals** on Saturday the 22nd and 29th of August, and we'd love as many volunteers as possible to help across the canteen, BBQ and coffee van. Even a couple of hours makes a huge difference, so if you're available, please get sign up via these links:

[**August 22nd / August 29th**](#)

Congratulations to our **latest milestone players**: Scott Brackley – 150 games, Michael Kavenagh – 100 games, Heidi Uwland – 50 games, and Stephi Murphy – 50 games. Milestones are incredibly rare and a significant achievement. We thank Stopper, Kav, Heidi and Stephi for their loyalty, dedication and commitment to the club.

A reminder that our Routleys Pie Drive is now underway. If you haven't placed an order yet, please consider doing so. Every order helps support our club and allows us to continue providing opportunities for our players and members.

Orders will be ready to collect from the clubrooms on Thursday 13th August. If you can, please support the club through the fundraising portal link: [**https://fundraising.routleysbakery.com.au/**](https://fundraising.routleysbakery.com.au/)

It's also been fantastic to see our senior playing group participate in both the Tackle Your Feelings mental health sessions and the TAC Road Safety program. These initiatives are so important and reinforce that being part of North Shore is about much more than what happens on game day.

As always, thank you to every volunteer, player, coach, sponsor, supporter and family member who contributes to our great club. North Shore is built on people willing to give their time, lend a hand and support one another, and I couldn't be prouder of what we're achieving together.

Here's to a strong finish to the season.

Go Seagulls!

President

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Senior Football

FOOTBALL

Reserves

The Reserves had another good month of development in July—a month when traditionally the footy season gets really tough and can test even the most committed players.

A strong showing against Bell Park was a pleasing result, with the boys hitting the scoreboard for one of our biggest scores of the year. St Albans were too strong on the day, but we provided a much more competitive performance than in Round 1. This was highlighted by the St Albans coaching group post-game, noting they weren't allowed to play the way they wanted.

Newtown & Chilwell provided a tough day at the office, and we didn't respond to the challenge, playing well below our best. However, our response the following week against St Joseph's was fantastic. The boys showed what they are capable of with great effort, intensity, and excellent ball movement — we were unlucky not to get more reward on the scoreboard. Again the side received praise from Joeys' coaches for their improvement! Our challenge now is to play that brand of football for longer periods.

A few individuals deserve specific recognition:

- **Tyler Russell & Dan Bell:** Consistent trainers who have earned their opportunities and acquitted themselves well.
- **Jack McQuitty & Declan Plozza:** Players who have brought their senior experience to the side, competing hard at every contest and adding leadership to our midfield.
- **Luke Daffy, Matthew Jennings, & Aydan Plozza:** All three have been outstanding—not just in the last few weeks, but all season. Aydan's development in particular has been great to watch as he takes on the opposition's key forward each week.

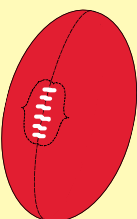
Three more games ahead of us; three more opportunities to show the competition what we are capable of. Go Shories!

Warren Bennett, Reserves Coach

Seniors

Despite a challenging run of fixtures, the positives are aplenty for the senior football program. We have been able to debut several U18 players in the senior side, which is a credit to both the boys themselves and the work Dean Rochow and Aaron Jervies are doing within our U18 program. The positivity amongst the playing group is something I'm really proud of, and is a testament to the culture we have built. We have been buoyed by the recent news of Wade Chapman signing on for 2027 and beyond, and now look forward to our remaining fixtures where we will endeavour to keep the North Shore spirit on display for all to see.

Mitchell Bone, Assistant Coach



U18s Football

Hello members, players, families, staff and supporters,

It's hard to believe we have only 3 games left of the season! How great have our U18's been?! We have some great people involved in what we are doing and their families are fully supportive of what we have been able to achieve.

Division 2 is a good level of football and we are at the top end of the talent pool. Currently 3rd on the ladder and well separated from the teams below us. Congratulations to everyone involved and thank you for your contributions, we've all made this season extremely successful.

R7 Grovedale (home) - For the entirety of this game North Shore were in control. And never looked like giving up our lead. With a winning margin of 50pts we easily defeated our opposition. While it was an all team solid performance from everyone on the day, Riley Cotter, Cam Hase and Jai Archibald were huge for us in this game. Cam kept Grovedale from scoring more than a goal until the last quarter, Jai and Riley were very high quality between half back and half forward, getting many contested possessions between the arcs, and being the link from back to forward transition.

R5 Portarlington (home) - What a performance this day was! Everyone played true to their role, we had the privilege of having this game recorded so we could do a game review. And what a day to do it, with 10 clips of highlight vision and only 1 single breakdown in structure. We won this game by 86pts and kept the opposition goalless until the final quarter. I was very happy with the efforts of the team in this match. Noah Bewley returned to play from a broken collarbone, with limited game time and a return through the backline. He was very clever with the football and got through the game unscathed. Noah is a huge in for our team. Welcome back! Tyler Blitz was exceptional early and just as good late in the game. Positioned very well as a midfielder for turnovers and repeat forward entries. Also resting forward, he was dominant in assisting team mates with goals and kicking two of his own. Jamie Beard shrugged tackles, fended blokes off (at one point even lifted the tackler off the ground!), and got a forward entry set shot for the team. And when "resting forward" he wasn't resting at all, he continued to dominate, ending up with 3 goals. Archie Wells was exceptional off half back too. Slashing through the flanks, intercepting, rebounding forward and was crucial to the opposition not scoring a goal for 3 of 4 quarters.

R9 Drysdale (away) - Another win but we didn't make it easy for ourselves. While the opposition team were very good in the second half of this game, we were far more dominant in the first half. At half time we were up by 40pts and came out of the rooms as if the job was already done. Winning by 24pts in the end, we defended our opposition's attack but we played under pressure - it wasn't our best footy. Oscar Denny was huge for us and made the opposition fear him in the contest. Ox has played 5 Senior games for North Shore this season and he has relished every opportunity. You can understand why he is our formidable captain! Riley Cantwell is one of the best utility players I have ever coached. He's about 6ft2, strong as bull and runs like a gazelle. 5 seconds into this game he kicked the ball to the wrong end of the ground and set up the opposition for their only first half goal 😊 but he redeemed himself and played like a man possessed after this, controlling the game in between the arcs. Rolled his ankle, strapped it up and played on. Tough! Noah Bewley was placed forward in his rightful position and kicked 4 goals, while setting up at least 4 more for team mates. Noah has a very high football IQ and we are glad he's back.

R10 Surf Coast (away) - Inaccurate kicking can really cost a team, and it cost us in the first half. Being down at half time by 2pts, with a player sent off 18mins into the second quarter, we knew the odds were against us. 17 players on the ground, it doesn't sound ideal, but Oscar Denny and Luke House put the team on their back by absolutely dominating in the midfield and getting the ball forward. Kohen Rochow isolated deep forward and won most of his contests. Trae Beckley was ruthless and slashed through the game finishing with 3 goals. Charlie Mileto has a beautiful set of skills and never panics with the ball, finishing with 2 goals. Charlie Cain presenting from deep forward and working back to goal face finished with 2 goals as well. Luke House's dominant ruck work allowed for centre clearances for our mids and finished his day with 2 goals too. Picking best players was extremely hard this day. Our second half of footy was the best I've seen from this group. Surf Coast were playing very well but could not match the endeavour and execution of North Shore. As coach of this team it is the best half of footy we've played yet. We finished up with a winning margin of 39pts.

I am extremely proud of this group of young men, what they have achieved on and off the field makes everything we've done this season a huge success. Thank you to the players, the families and the supporters of the club. We have achieved more than anyone thought we would already, but the job is not quite done!

Thanks, Dean

FOOTBALL

U16s Football

Dear Families,

As we look ahead to an incredibly special year for our club, I want to take the opportunity to welcome both our returning families and those who may be considering joining us for the 2027 season.

Before anything else, I would like to sincerely thank everyone at the North Shore Football Netball Club for the warm welcome I have received over the past few weeks. Although I am new to the club, I have already been incredibly impressed by the people, the culture, and the professionalism that exists behind the scenes. It has quickly become evident that North Shore is a club built on passionate volunteers, dedicated families, and a genuine commitment to providing young people with the very best environment to learn, develop, and enjoy their football.

The 2027 season marks a significant milestone in the history of our club as we celebrate 100 years of community, opportunity, resilience, and pride. To be part of our club during its Centenary Year is a privilege, and together we have the opportunity to honour those who came before us while creating memories that will become part of the club's next century.

Building on the successful return of our Under 18 program in 2026, 2027 will see the return of our Under 16 team for the first time in several years—an exciting milestone that strengthens the pathway for our junior footballers and provides another opportunity for young players to proudly represent North Shore.

Our ambition extends well beyond wins and losses. We want to develop young people who are respectful, resilient, and accountable—qualities that will serve them well both on and off the field. Football provides an incredible opportunity to teach life lessons, build lifelong friendships, and foster a genuine sense of belonging within our community. Every player deserves to feel connected, valued, and proud to represent the North Shore jumper.

Expressions of Interest are now open for players wishing to be part of our 2027 Under 16 program. Registering your interest early will assist us with planning preseason training, coaching resources, and player development opportunities, ensuring we can provide the best possible experience for every family involved.

The safety and wellbeing of every child in our care is paramount. In line with our commitment to child safety and best practice, we kindly ask that all communication regarding expressions of interest, registrations, questions, or feedback comes from parents or guardians rather than players themselves. We welcome open and respectful communication and are always happy to answer any questions families may have about our program.

Planning for preseason is already well underway. Our program will focus on skill development, fitness, teamwork, leadership, resilience, and, most importantly, creating an enjoyable environment where players can thrive. Further information regarding preseason training dates and key events will be communicated over the coming months.

If you would like to express your interest in joining our 2027 Under 16 program, or if you have any questions, I warmly encourage you to **[get in touch via the link](#)**, or contact me via phone or email. I look forward to meeting many more North Shore families over the coming months and welcoming you into our football community.

We Fly As One.

Kind regards,

Jack Gibb

U16 Coach, North Shore Football Netball Club

FOOTBALL



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NETBALL

Senior Netball

It's hard to believe that we're heading into the final stretch of the 2026 netball season. A 20-round season, which we thought would last for forever, is coming up to finishing before we know it!

We've been able to achieve **so much** this year, and so much of it needs **and** deserves to be celebrated!

The addition of a B Grade team back into the competition, more recruits than we ever expected, welcoming returning Seagals back to the nest, celebrating huge milestones, player and coach development, and both little and big wins along the way.

But what should be celebrated the most is that we've still got fire in our bellies and fuel in the tank to take us through to the end of the 2026 season, with our heads held high.

If you're wanting to achieve something big - you need to break it down into little pieces to be able to make the big task in front of you, achievable. And that's exactly what this entire year and season has been about.

We keep talking about it, and we're so excited to make some announcements in the coming months, but we have **big plans** for 2027 - our centenary year, and the year that hopefully our netball offering, both senior and junior, is completely rebuilt.

A massive shout out to everyone who is putting in the work behind the scenes to make this happen, both near and far - Eliza, hurry home!!!

To everyone who is digging deep to make netball happen each week, I see you, I appreciate you and we're nearly there!



Junior Netball

Are you looking for a club to join and develop your netball skills?

We're almost ready to announce our coaching team for next year and expression of interests are going to open for players who are looking for an inclusive, development focused, fun and safe.

We want you to be able to be part of a club that feels like home.

If you can't wait that long, get in touch, and we'll share the details with you.



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EVENTS

Dust off your worst wedding kit and get ready for a night to remember at our 2026 Mock Wedding! It's always one of the highlights of our social calendar, and you won't want to miss it. Join us for true love, true chaos, and great vibes at the North Shore FNC Clubrooms.

Tickets:

<https://nsfnc1927.tidyhq.com/public/schedule/events/87639-2026-mock-wedding>
(or via QR code)



THE DETAILS:

 **When:** Saturday, 8th August

 **Time:** 7:00pm

 **Where:** NSFNC Clubrooms

 **Dress:** Op shop formal

Q&A WITH ABBEY WATT

What is your role at the club? Club secretary and senior netballer

How long have you been at NSFNC? I was born into North Shore and spent a lot of time here when I was very young. I started playing 15 years ago and had a few years off when I had my kids.

What do you love most about the club? The generosity of all those who go out of their way to make everyone feel welcome, the amount of people who pour hours of commitment in to making the club run and the love and care for others and their families.

What's your favourite club function? Silly Sunday always hits the sweet spot.

What's your go-to canteen order? I can't go past the best hamburger with the lot in Geelong or some steamed dim sims.

Favourite person at the club: Mel Pavic and Edwina Wilkens never fail to put a smile on my face!

Highlight of your time at NSFNC: All of the friendship's I've built from the club and finding love here. Fun fact; Nathan played his 50th game on the same day I played my 100th game. Still waiting for my ring though!

What emoji could you not live without? 🏃 🤔 🥹

What sport would you compete in if you had to be in the Olympics? The walk! 🚶





MEMBERSHIPS



JOIN NOW



We have nearly finished the 2026 season, and we are seeing it off on a high with 378 memberships sold to supporters, sponsors, and our playing groups. A massive thank you to everyone who signed up and backed the club this season. It's been an incredible show of community support, and we cannot wait to roll out some fantastic packages and special membership options as we head into our milestone centenary year in 2027!

This milestone is particularly exciting as we begin the planning phase for our historic centenary year in 2027. Every membership - whether you are a past player, a long-time supporter, or a new family joining through our Under 18s program - strengthens the club that your kids, your mates, and your community rely on. For our Under 18 parents, your support directly backs a program that provides these young players with structure, coaching, belonging, and a pathway; this is your club too, and your involvement helps us continue building something special for them.

If you haven't signed up yet, please remember that memberships are still available for purchase. It may be late in the season, but every sign-up still makes a significant difference. Even a Social Membership (\$100) or a Concession Membership (\$70) helps us plan, implement, and continue delivering the environment our players deserve. Let's keep building together - old members returning, new families stepping in, and past players reconnecting - as this is how we grow stronger and move forward. Join today: <https://nsfnc1927.tidyhq.com/member/memberships>

It has been an amazing year for merchandise, highlighted by the huge success of our new tartan scarves (with over 120 sold) and polar fleeces (70 sold). Demand for the Long Sleeve T-shirts has also been through the roof and remained a fan favourite all season long - just a reminder that there are no more coming for 2026, so whatever is left out there is it!

To help wrap up the year in style, we're running a special clear-out sale: this **Thursday, August 6th**, grab **10% off** any gear currently sitting on the racks. Drop by, grab your final pieces of Seagulls merch, and stock up before it's all gone!



MERCH



Buy merch here: <https://promote-it.com.au/northshoreseagulls/>

'HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED ON SOCIALS'



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• Order via the link (or scan the QR code):
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• Your order will be delivered to NSFNC on August 13th for collection!

• Money goes back to North Shore FNC with every order!

Just a reminder, we have organised a fundraiser through Routleys. Your orders can be placed for some delicious goodies, with pick up next **Thursday, August 13th.**

Every purchase supports the NSFNC if you order via this link:

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MEET Your Coach

Jack Gibb brings over 16 years of coaching experience across junior, senior, and representative body. Gibb is a results-driven, people-focused coach dedicated to driving culture and sporting excellence. Having an AFL Level 3 Coaching Accreditation (Gold), Jack has a strong proven background in developing clear game plans, optimising skill development, and fostering strong player relationships. His extensive resume includes prior roles with the Geelong Falcons & Dandenong Stingrays U18 Boys programs, STPL U16s & U18s, and most recently Latrobe FC's U18s, endorsing a core philosophy centred on individualised player growth and high-performance standards.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

North Shore Football Netball Club
Dress code: Day-Shop Formal
Hors & Bucks Parties from 7-8pm
Wedding Ceremony to follow

South Shore v St Joseph's (A)

ROUND SIXTEEN

SATURDAY 1st AUGUST 2025

Round 16 results are proudly sponsored by: Cam & Will Hoon Management and Navigation

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SENIOR FOOTBALL COACH

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Mock Wedding Predictions

150 GAME MILESTONE

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150 games

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ROUND SIXTEEN

V ST JOSEPH'S

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What are you wearing to the NS Winter Ball

150 games

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ROUND SIXTEEN

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SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 29 SATURDAY

End of Season Celebrations

WHO DO YOU THINK IS GOING TO GET BEST ON GROUND AT THE BALL?

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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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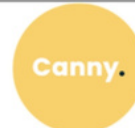
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