



NEWSLETTER

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2026 PARTNERSHIP BREAKFAST
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 Windsor Park
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SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2026
ROUND Six
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 Watch us at: Kardirnia Park (A)
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ROUND Six
 North Shore v SM
Netball
 D Grade: 10.05am
 C Grade: 11.00am
 B Grade: 12.10pm
 E Grade: 1.40pm
Football
 U18s: TBC
 Reserves: 12.00pm
 Seniors: 2.10pm
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 07:00 PM
 ADAM PALMER'S 'HYPNO HYSTERIA'
 \$25 entry (or \$200 for a table) | nibbles provided | drinks at bar prices
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 TABLES OF 10 NOW AVAILABLE FOR \$200

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 equality 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

A successful month of home games has seen the club move into a much more stable position compared to last year. While we are thrilled with this progress, there is still plenty of work to be carried out across the 2026 season to keep this momentum going!

The figures across the club are heading in the right direction. With the re-addition of U18 Football and B Grade Netball, we are finally seeing the depth we've been striving for. This growth is a reflection of the hard work from many behind the scenes, and we are already planning for the future, with goals to include U16 Football, the Northern Stars, A Grade, and Junior Netball next year.

After a MASSIVE month of four back-to-back home games, it would be remiss of us not to send a huge thank you to the army of volunteers who keep the wheels turning. From 6am starts in the kitchen to putting up goal pads and selling raffle tickets, we are incredibly grateful for every person who has donated their time. The new club renovations have also sparked a lot of positive conversation, and we appreciate all the kind comments from members and visitors alike. **Want to help?** There is always room for more hands on deck. Keep an eye on your emails and socials for volunteer sign-up sheets for our upcoming home games.

Social Calendar: Save the Dates!

Following our away game this weekend, get ready for a night of laughs at Windsor Park for **Comedy Hypnotist Night** with Adam Palmer's 'Hypno Hysteria.' Tickets are still available via:

<https://nsfnc1927.tidyhq.com/public/schedule/events/84651-comedy-hypnotist>

\$25 for one ticket or a table of 10 for \$200. Get your pals together!

We are also looking forward to two of our biggest events of the year: the annual **Reverse Raffle** on the June long weekend, and **Ladies Day** on June 20th. Tickets are limited and selling fast so grab yours now! <https://nsfnc1927.tidyhq.com/public/schedule/events>

I am personally looking forward to the next month, where I can finally step back from game-day responsibilities and simply watch and support our talented players. We can't wait to see a sea of blue and gold at St Mary's this weekend to support the teams away from home.

Go Shories!



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From the Football Director

FOOTBALL

As we move through the opening months of the season, April- May has presented some significant challenges for our senior football program. While results have not fallen our way, what continues to stand out is the resilience, effort, and commitment shown by our playing group in difficult circumstances.

Across recent matches against Leopold, Newtown & Chilwell, St Josephs, and Geelong West Giants, we have faced strong opposition and periods where momentum has been difficult to halt. While the scoreboard has been tough reading at times, there have also been important signs of character and individual performances that deserve recognition.

One player who has consistently led from the front is Jacob Sammut-Miljevic. Jacob has produced an outstanding month of football under immense pressure, highlighted by a remarkable performance against St Josephs where he collected 42 disposals, 15 clearances, 10 marks, 7 tackles, and 2 goals. His work rate, leadership, and determination to compete regardless of the scoreboard have set an example for the entire playing group.

Young players are also continuing to show promising signs. Seth Talbot provided a spark against Newtown & Chilwell with two goals during a spirited second-quarter response, while Brodie Clifford showed excellent composure and forward craft early against Leopold with two important goals. Cody Harrison's contested work and Nic Creighton's defensive pressure have also been notable positives in challenging games.

A special mention must also go to defenders Brad Tragenza and Dylan Bennett, whose efforts across the past month have been nothing short of outstanding. Week after week, both players have faced enormous pressure in the back half against high-quality opposition and relentless inside-50 entries, yet their commitment and willingness to compete has never wavered.

Brad Tragenza has shown tremendous leadership and composure under pressure, consistently putting his body on the line and organising the defensive unit in difficult situations. His ability to remain accountable, compete strongly in one-on-one contests, and continue working for his teammates has been invaluable during some challenging periods across the season so far.

Alongside him, Dylan Bennett has continued to develop into a reliable and courageous defender. Dylan's attack on the football, defensive pressure, and willingness to support teammates have been standout features of his football over recent weeks. Despite the constant pressure faced by our backline, Dylan has continued to compete with determination and maturity well beyond his years. As a club, we understand that defenders often carry an enormous workload during difficult games, and both Brad and Dylan deserve enormous credit for the professionalism, resilience, and effort they continue to bring every week.

Our clash with Geelong West Giants demonstrated the fighting spirit that still exists within this group. After trailing heavily at half-time, the side responded with an impressive six-goal third quarter, showing the brand of football we know this team is capable of producing when we play with confidence, pressure, and intent.

There is no hiding from the fact that we have been outplayed in key areas over the past month. Opposition teams have controlled possession, generated strong inside-50 numbers, and capitalised on turnovers with efficiency. These are areas we are actively addressing through training, review, and development. As a coaching group and football department, we remain committed to improving our contested ball work, defensive structures, and ball movement fundamentals.

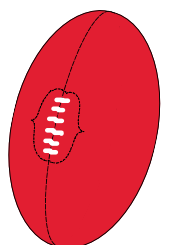
Importantly, our players continue to turn up, compete, and represent the North Shore Football Club with pride. Growth does not always happen during easy periods, and these moments will shape the resilience and character of this group moving forward.

We also want to acknowledge and thank our members, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters who continue to stand behind the club each week. Your support during challenging periods means more than ever to our players and coaches.

While the results have been difficult, the focus remains firmly on development, unity, and building sustainable improvement across the program. We will continue to work hard, stay connected as a club, and look to respond strongly in the weeks ahead.

Thank you for your continued support of North Shore Football Section.

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U18s update

Hello members, players, families, staff and supporters,

Our U18's program has begun to play football, off the back of a very long preseason which included training and recruiting we are finally playing grading matches and it is with great pleasure.

We have a squad of 27 registered players, we've played two grading matches and unfortunately already had some injury setbacks too.

I think it's fair to say we have played well enough in our first two practice games to prove we have a good quality team worthy of Division 2 or above.

Special shout out to Oscar Denny playing senior football and playing very well the first 4 games of the season. Well done.

Grading Round 1: outstanding performances came from Riley Cotter, Luke House, Noah Bewley and Tyler Blitz. With a 116 point victory over South Barwon/Joey's 2.

Grading Round 2: outstanding performances came from, Jaime Beard, Chase Johns, Blake Keating, Charlie Mileto. With a 54 point win over Portarlington.

Unfortunately we had Noah Bewley break a collarbone already and we are waiting advice from the surgeon as to where he goes from here.

Grading Round 3: outstanding performances came from Cam Hase, Chase Johns and Trae Beckley, kicking a goal against his old club. It was pretty tough assignment this week as we came up against a solid Division 1 team in Geelong West with a 95 loss.

I would assume this game has solidified our u18's squad to Division 2 where we expect to grow and develop strong young men into good senior footballers for our club.

Exciting times for our football club and everyone's hard work is now beginning to pay off.

Thanks,
Dean Rochow

NETBALL

Senior Netball

Blink, and you'll miss it.

We've officially ticked off one quarter of the 2026 season already, and we've hosted four games straight at Windsor Park. The excitement for an away game has never been more real.

I like to go by the saying **"respect the past, look to the future,"** and that is exactly what we're doing with our Senior Netball.

We've been able to welcome more recruits to our C Grade and B Grade teams, who have elevated our teams to the next level. We have seriously stepped up our training and our conditioning to ensure that we're in prime condition to take the court.

While we haven't been able to secure bringing home the four points since Round 1, what we have achieved is development, consistency and some incredible team development.

Stay tuned, because we've got some incredible game milestones that we're about to announce with our Seagals - and they are not to be missed.

Have you had a chance to get down and watch one of our games yet? Better yet, to check out our new facilities that have been officially opened?



Junior Netball

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

We're getting together to sit down and have a planning session for our re-launch into the junior space for 2027, and we'd love for you to be part of it. Do you have ideas? Do you want to be part of the change? Do you want to be part of the comeback story? Get in touch, and we'll share the details with you.



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EVENTS

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Friday, May 22nd 🔍

Join us at Windsor Park (7:30AM – 9:00AM) to celebrate our sponsors and the wider North Shore community. We'll be joined by guest speakers Simon Reeves and Jim Marendaz, sharing club progress updates, and introducing our 2026 scholarship recipients.

Tickets are strictly limited - secure yours [HERE](#) via TidyHQ today!

Northern Lights Diamond Members receive complimentary entry (please contact Greg Dennis for tickets)

Q&A WITH SIMON RIDDOCH



What is your role at the club? Football Director

How long have you been at NSFNC? I've had several stints with the club, this current stint just over 1 year, but overall 40 years of service as a player, coach, administration & volunteer.

What do you love most about the club? The club gives you the chance to be the best version of yourself, it's up to you how you go about it.

What's your favourite club function? Post GF celebrations/vote count Sundays

What's your go-to canteen order? Diet donuts 🍩 from Vicki

Favourite person at the club: My son Chris Riddoch

Highlight of your time at NSFNC: Meeting the coaches, players and supporters of our great club

What emoji could you not live without? 🙏

What sport would you compete in if you had to be in the Olympics? Middle distance running - 1500m



Membership Update!

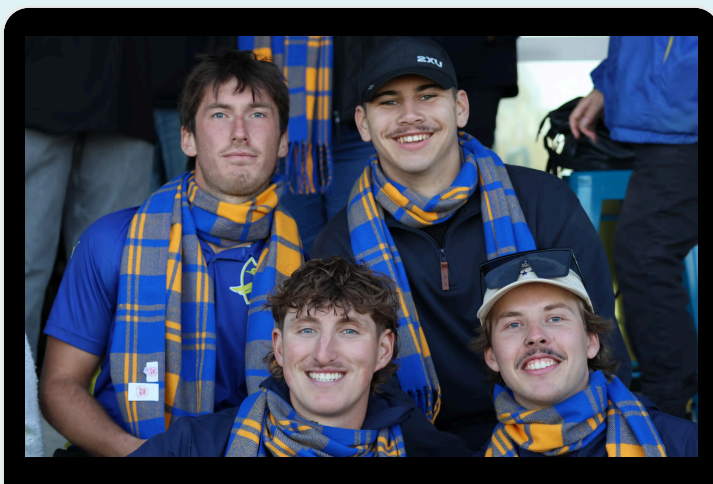
Membership growth has continued strongly throughout the opening month of the 2026 season, with the Club now surpassing 300 members and currently sitting at 314. Earlier this month, we launched a campaign reconnecting with past players registered within our database. The initial communication generated an immediate and encouraging response, including commitments from three new Northern Lights Diamond members! Shout-out to **Ashley Davie**, **Rod Jones** and **Greg Crawford** for responding to the call out!

Each Northern Lights Diamond membership represents a commitment of \$500 per year for three years, taking the program to 18 members. Our goal is to grow this to 27 members in time for our Centenary Year in 2027.

Northern Lights Diamond members will receive a range of exclusive benefits, including:

- * **A commemorative Centenary Year apparel package (Jumper/Jacket)**
- * **Heavily discounted tickets to all Centenary celebrations and functions**
- * **Recognition as key contributors to the Club's future**

With only nine places remaining, now is the perfect time to join or upgrade your membership and become part of the Club's historic 100-year celebration.



Merchandise

Huge response to the new NSFNC tartan scarf (pictured above) and our polar fleece long sleeve, selling out both our initial deliveries.

Apparel order are now worked into a monthly cycle, closing on the 1st day of each and being delivered in week 3.

You'll find links on our club website <https://nsfnc1927.tidyhq.com/>, and we'll also publish a reminder/prompt in each newsletter!

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Get ready for a night of laughs with Adam Palmer's 'Hypno Hysteria' this Saturday, May 16th, starting at 7PM.

Grab a table of 10 for just \$200 - that's a \$50 saving for your group!
 Individual tickets are \$25 and include nibbles, with drinks at bar prices all night.

Tickets are available now via [TidyHQ](https://tidyhq.com.au) - let's get the clubrooms full and make this a night to remember!



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If you're interested in coming on board or would like more information, please reach out to Nik at northshoresponsorship@gmail.com. We'd love to have you as part of our journey this season.

Join us for our annual **Partnership Breakfast** – a special morning dedicated to celebrating our sponsors and strengthening the ties that bind our club together. This is a complimentary event for our valued sponsors as a gesture of thanks for your incredible ongoing support of the NSFNC. This year, we are also thrilled to be able to open the doors to our players and supporters who would like to attend. Click on the link below for details and tickets:

<https://nsfnc1927.tidyhq.com/public/schedule/events/82112-partnership-breakfast>

And as always, many thanks to all our sponsors.



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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



Windsor Park
Master Plan

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