OGFNC Netball report for AGM 2026

2026 NETBALL SEASON – A SEASON TO CELEBRATE!

What an outstanding season of netball once again for Ocean Grove Football Netball Club!
In 2026, we proudly fielded 31 netball teams, representing our club across the following age groups:

- 6 x 11 & Under
- 8 x 13 & Under
- 7 x 15 & Under
- 4 x 17 & Under
- 6 x Senior teams

The 2026 season will undoubtedly go down as a memorable one, with our A Grade team creating club history by securing an incredible fourth consecutive A Grade Premiership, defeating Geelong Amateurs. The standard of netball displayed on this day was an absolute credit to the talent, leadership, commitment and positive culture that we continue to build at OGFNC.
Under the leadership of Head Coach Mel Homes and captains Georgia Marshall and Zanna Woods, A Grade once again claimed victory by just one goal in a thrilling contest. It was an outstanding team effort, made even more impressive by the inclusion of three B Grade players, highlighting the remarkable depth of talent and strength within our senior program.

Adding to this success, our C Grade team, coached by Shereen Wolfe, secured its fourth consecutive Premiership in another nail-biting encounter. In a match that went into extra time, Ocean Grove eventually defeated Portarlington by two goals.
Our junior program also enjoyed tremendous success, with Premiership victories in both 13 & Under Division 1, coached by Michelle Gilling, and 13 & Under Division 2, coached by Tahnee Allen.
Congratulations also to our Friday night team, Ocean Grove Warri, who claimed their Grand Final victory with an 18–22 win over Bell Park Mannix.

To finish the Saturday September 19th Grand Final day with four wins from four appearances was an extraordinary achievement, making Ocean Grove the most successful club of the day. A result we can all be incredibly proud of!

A HUGE THANK YOU
Behind every successful netball program is an incredible group of people who give their time, energy and passion to make it happen.

I would like to sincerely acknowledge and thank our amazing Netball Subcommittee, who continue to work tirelessly throughout the entire year to ensure our program runs as successfully as it does.

A special thank you to my wonderful coordinators, Lauren Cunningham, Clare Dalton and Fiona Georges, for their ongoing commitment and support. To Kerry Gorski, who works tirelessly behind the scenes and coordinates our umpires, and Paula Birch, our Coaching Coordinator, thank you for the enormous contribution you make to our club.

To all our age group coordinators, team managers, coaches and volunteers, your dedication, enthusiasm and countless hours of work do not go unnoticed. The success and strength of our netball program is a direct reflection of the people who contribute so generously to it. I am incredibly grateful for your unwavering support and commitment throughout the season.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2027

As we look towards 2027, our focus remains on building a consistent standard of excellence across both our junior and senior programs. We are committed to continuing our development, strengthening our pathways and creating opportunities for all players, coaches and teams to thrive.

We are also thrilled to have Head Coach Mel Homes continuing with us for another season in 2027. Mel's exceptional leadership, knowledge, passion and commitment to our senior program have been instrumental in our ongoing success, and the positive culture, high standards and strong team environment she continues to foster are invaluable to our club. We look forward to another year under her guidance.

We have an incredibly strong foundation, and I look forward to seeing what we can achieve together as we continue to grow, challenge ourselves and showcase what Ocean Grove netball is truly capable of.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to another remarkable season. It is a privilege to be part of such a passionate and dedicated netball community.

Shereen Wolfe
Director of Netball
Ocean Grove Football Netball Club