

**SUTHERLAND SHIRE NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.**

**MINUTES – DELEGATES MEETING**

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| <b>DATE:</b>         | <b>21 May 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>TIME:</b>         | <b>7:32pm</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>VENUE:</b>        | <b>Gymea Tradies</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>ATTENDEES:</b>    | <b>As per attendance book</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>APOLOGIES:</b>    | <b>Judy Lamb – St Pats<br/>Kim Scott – Executive<br/>Melissa Arena – Executive<br/>Judy McLachlan – Life Member<br/>Lisa Beehag – Life Member<br/>Dianne MacLachlan – Life Member<br/>Petra Hayman – Life Member<br/>Maureen Finch – Connells Point<br/>Julian Finch – Connells Point<br/>Ashleigh Barnes – Executive<br/>Lisa Britton – BRNC<br/>Dianna Lozell - Comets</b> |
| <b>MINUTE TAKER:</b> | <b>Jenny Rees</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**MOVED: Exec**

**SECONDED: Sharks**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

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1. Various – Yellow card requests
2. Various – requests for Public Liability Insurance Certificate of Currency
3. Gymea Physio Focus – Taping night
4. Green Point- inclusive uniform
5. NSW – Schools Cup flyer
6. Various – requests for transfers
7. Various – Play HQ enquiries
8. Various – practical grading enquiries

9. Various – Player requests
10. SSC – Seymour Shaw Park facilities update
11. Various – request to advertise for players wanted
12. Various – requests for vouchers
13. Various – player withdrawals/deregistrations
14. NNSW – papers and voting details for AGM
15. Club Builder – various Grants
16. Various – training court enquiries
17. Various – enquiries as to Mixed competitions
18. Various – late registrations
19. Various – requests for team movements (after provisional grades sent)
20. Various – appeals after appraisals
21. Sharks – asking if SSNA have allowed a male to play in 13's.
22. Samantha Genco – Complaint as to grade daughters team has been placed
23. Sharks – reply to Samantha Genco
24. Samantha Genco – reply
25. Samantha Genco – further reply
26. Eagles – issue at Ferntree oval
27. SSC – reply to Eagles re Ferntree Oval
28. Various – queries re draw
29. Various – queries for borrowing rules for 2025
30. Salvation Army – request to attend Courts
31. SSC – request for meeting with Sharks
32. Various – requests for insurance forms
33. Various – amendments to Affiliation forms
34. SSC- Storage discussion meeting with Sharks
35. TKCP – Crazy Hair & Sock Day
36. Emma Dewhurst & Hayley Crimmins – Complaint re parent dispute
37. Chelsea Forest – complaint re St Pats player
38. Flames – request for member numbers for Club Grant
39. Chelsea Forest – reply
40. Thistles – Complaint re parent behaviour
41. Thistles – Uniform delay
42. Hannah – complaint re grading of her daughters team
43. BRNC – Reply to complaint re parent behaviour
44. SSC – follow up re Sharks storage issue
45. Various – queries re: Netta
46. Various – requests for re-grades
47. Thistles – Follow up re parent behaviour
48. BRNC – reply to Thistles
49. Cronulla RSL – issues with training courts
50. Thistles – Complaint reply

#### **CORRESPONDENCE IN BE RECEIVED:**

Readout Seymour Shaw Sports Facility Upgrade update - Discussion around Seymour Shaw Masterplan. Council have advised we are only getting 4 courts and Magpies will have a room in the Club house. Tennis has decided to stay at Seymour Shaw. Nerida has requested the tennis courts be made multi purpose so we can use the Courts at certain times. Belinda advised that in the meeting yesterday there is a big chance the Tennis Courts will be made

multi purpose courts. Nerida advised the Council has assured her that the money allocated to netball will remain with netball.

Amanda asked what councils reasoning around why only providing 4 grass courts. What is the Councils justification as to why only 4 Courts. Nerida advised that we will not take Saturday morning netball back to Seymour Shaw as the Friday nights are very successful. Having said that, it would have been good to have 4 hard courts for training purposes. The reason we cannot have hard courts is due to crickets requirements.

Nerida advised there is a draft plan out about The Ridge.

Nerida advised Jenny and herself attended a Court Craft function on Sunday and spoke to Stephen Burke about the Courts. Nerida advised Court Craft could come in and have the courts resurfaced for a 5 year life span and we may need to chip in some money.

Labour have promised lighting if they were elected.

Christine from Menai asked about Crazy Hair and Sock Day. Jenny advised more on Crazy Hair & Sock day later in meeting.

**MOVED: Gymea**

**SECONDED: Menai**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

1. Various – replies Yellow card requests
2. Various – replies requests for Public Liability Insurance Certificate of Currency
3. Various – replies requests for transfers
4. Various – replies Play HQ enquiries
5. Various –replies practical grading enquiries
6. Various – replies Player requests
7. Various – replies requests for vouchers
8. Various – appeals after appraisals
9. Grades – including provisional, final and after practical
10. Reply to Sharks re male playing in 13's.
11. Various – replies queries re draw
12. Club Roster
13. Salvation Army – request to attend Courts
14. SSC – request for meeting with Sharks
15. Various – requests for insurance forms
16. Flames – request for member numbers for Club Grant
17. Various – queries re: Netta
18. Cronulla RSL – issues with training courts

#### **CORRESPONDENCE OUT BE RECEIVED:**

**MOVED: Life Member**

**SECONDED: Life Member**

## **REPORTS:**

### **PRESIDENT:**

Finally, the 2025 season got underway in late March for the Friday night competition and early April for the Saturday competition. It seems to be how we are going to start each season with the first Saturday of competition being washed out. Hopefully, the weather gods will be much kinder to netball this year.

Since it is Volunteer Week, it would be remiss of me not to thank every person who is in attendance at this meeting. Many of you have been volunteering for several years or more at club level, and, without with you putting up your hand to do this each year the sport of netball would not survive. The contribution, impact and difference you make in the lives of our participants cannot be underestimated, and I appreciate the time each of you gives to netball each week, generally for the whole year, over a number of years. In addition, the number of hours dedicated to volunteering by a huge number of our members at club level also needs to be acknowledged.

To the SSNA Executive Committee, a big, big thankyou for the work you all do each week. In particular, Jenny Rees, deserves a special mention. She arrives each Saturday at 5:30am and is the last to leave at 5:30pm, in addition to the several hours she spends as Secretary of the association, as well as being a manager of a Metro League team. Her week of netball looks like this – Saturday 5:30am – 5:30pm, Tuesday night Metro League at Homebush 6pm - 10:30pm (depending on game time), Thursday night Metro League training 2 hours, plus 6 hours each Wednesday, and on Friday night's calls in usually at 6pm to make sure everything is going smoothly. So again, thankyou Jenny for the contribution you make in our association.

This year we have implemented a number of division/ grade changes which will be evaluated at the end of the 2025 Winter Competition. In addition, requests have been received regarding grading changes and no changes to division/ grades will be made until the completion of the first round of competition (ie, Days 1 to 7). As you are all aware there is often both negative and positive impacts to these grading changes despite the best efforts to place teams in appropriate grades by the team of graders at the beginning of each season.

Tackle Your Feelings Mental Health Workshops – the association is aiming to run another 8 of these sessions in the coming months. Links will be sent all clubs and we are hoping that at least 5 members from your club ranging from players, coaches and umpires to attend one of these sessions. Mental Health is a focus area of wellbeing and sport plays a vital role in supporting young and older people alike in their wellbeing. Participants need to be turning 16 years or older this year. If any clubs would like to have their own session, please email [23ssnap@gmail.com](mailto:23ssnap@gmail.com) to coordinate a date.

SSNA is turning 65 this year and a luncheon is being planned. Kimberly Green has agreed to MC the event and final details will be advertised very soon.

Gala Day and Stingrays Club Challenge Sunday 29 June – information will be sent to clubs by the end of this week

27 & 28 June - Crazy Hair and Sock Day is soon approaching and this year we are holding a sock design competition and colouring in competition. Details will be advertised at the courts this Saturday as well as being emailed to clubs and posted on Facebook. There will be

prizes in several categories and winners will be announced on 29 June at the Gala Day for 6-9 year olds and Stingrays Challenge for teams from 10 to 14 years, held on this day. Support from clubs is essential to ensure the success of this day. Several fundraising activities will also place on the 29 June.

Just a reminder that each Saturday morning is a Stingrays Open training session – 7am-9am in the stadium. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Dates to remember – Saturday 28 June is the closing date for the Marj Groves Service Award, Club Coaching and Umpires Awards, Representative Selection Committee and Stingrays Summer Night Competition Committee.

The biggest challenge for our association is the upgrading of our courts – not only Bellingara Road and the Ridge Complex, but all the clubs that have their own courts. Most, if not all are in need of an upgrade of their playing surfaces, as well as lighting upgrades. Netball NSW has now expanded its team to complete a full audit of all netball courts in NSW. That includes, indoor courts as well as outdoor courts as well as working with councils to ensure grants and funds can be secured. This week a meeting was held regarding Seymour Shaw and another meeting has been scheduled for talks regarding the future plans and funding for our courts and where they fit in the cycle of funding and works. In addition, an upgrade for the main toilets has also been discussed.

New sponsors have been secured – Isuzu Sutherland and Mel is currently talking to a few more interested parties. In addition, an offer from NetballNSW has been received to bring Victoria's Basement in as a sponsor to selected associations with SSNA being one of those associations.

Stingrays Premier League teams are both having a successful season so far and hoping this continues. Games are streamed live and if Stingrays is playing on the Show Court or Court 1 you need to just be a registered user (free), for Courts 2-3 and 5 you need to hold a current daily, monthly or annual pass. Please log on and register and watch as the more viewers we have the greater chance we will play on the courts that are streamed free of charge. Go to [netballnsw.tv](http://netballnsw.tv) to register.

May is the 'Shoosh for Kids' month and SSNA will be posting on Facebook a series of social tiles. Hopefully, this will have a positive impact on behaviour both on and off the court. These are a couple examples of the tiles that will be used:





Finally, State Titles are fast approaching for all of our representative teams and umpires and I wish all players, coaches, managers and umpires the very best at these championships. Good luck Team Blue and Team White!

Once again thank you for all that you do!

**Nerida Noble**

**MOVED: Eagles**

**SECONDED: Magpies**

#### **TREASURER:**

- Term Deposits - IMB \$204 991 and Macquarie Bank \$250 000
- General Accounts (combined with canteen & Rep accounts) - \$326 600  
This is our biggest quarter and at the end of the month a number of expenses needs to be paid, including the ATO.
- SSNA has secured a new sponsor – Isuzu Sutherland
- Victoria's Basement through NetballNSW
- Menai asked if we could have a proper report. Nerida advised that Damien is currently working on it, however, we are only required to provide it at the AGM

**MOVED: Life Member**

**SECONDED: Joeys**

#### **NSW REPORT:**

Please find attached the agenda items and minutes.

AGM Agenda Items:

<https://nsw.netball.com.au/sites/nsw/files/2025-03/Netball%20NSW%20Notice%20of%20AGM%20v2.pdf>

## Council Meeting Agenda Items:

<https://nsw.netball.com.au/sites/nsw/files/2025-02/Netball%20NSW%20Notice%20of%20Council%20Meeting%20FINAL.pdf>

**MOVED: Sylvania**

**SECONDED: Thistles**

### **EXECUTIVE:**

- Reminder to All Clubs to ensure all complaints etc are process to SSNA through their Club and not from parents/players directly.
- Colouring in competition to assist in raising funds for Crazy Hair & Sock Day (27, 28 and 29 June 2025) Details to follow.
- To go along with the Crazy Hair & Sock Day fundraising, we have partnered with Crazy Socks. The 25% of sale we will donate to our Crazy Hair & Sock funds.
- Design a sock competition to be run as well.

**MOVED: Gymea**

**SECONDED: Sharks**

### **REGISTRARS:**

In 2025 we have just over 4500 registered players across the whole competition which was a decrease of approx. 100 players.

We want to thank the club registrars who worked hard to ensure that all player yellow cards were complete and handed in on time. Unfortunately, there were several clubs who Kim and I have had to chase up to make sure all cards and photos are up to date.

Late registrations will be accepted up to Day 7 and we would like to remind clubs to send these through by email to Jenny who will then send them to the appropriate registrar- Kim for Junior and Christine for Senior.

Borrowing players- Clubs are reminded to register all borrowed players at control and ensure they are eligible. Players names are then to be recorded on scoresheets. Teams who do not follow these regulations will have points deducted as per playing regulations.

Senior Teams have also been consistently bad at completing scoresheets and will face point deductions if this continues to be problematic. Not recording players taking the court will also impact players ability to play in the finals. On Day 5 a Senior team won a game but they only had 1 player who took the court in GD.????

A simple scoresheet prompt will be sent to all clubs this week and we encourage all clubs to disperse to Team Managers and contacts.

Forfeits- any team who does not notify SSNA and the opposing team within the expected timeframe will be fined. We have had to issue 3 fines already this season and although the charities will be happy at the end of the season we would rather have as many teams taking the court as possible each week.

Ending on a brighter note, it has been wonderful to witness players taking the court on Friday afternoons and Saturdays, playing with good sportsmanship and having fun.

Menai asked if hadn't we hadn't brought in a ruling that everything had to be correct prior to Day 1. Amanda advised that

Sylvania asked if there was a chance that we could have yellow cards on Play HQ. We advised that Netball does not have the ability on Play HQ. Netball Australia does not pay the funds for that capability like soccer does.

St Caths asked if a player is borrowed when their team has a bye, do they need to register at control. They were advised that no they need to record it on the scoresheet as their only game.

Debbie advised that players don't even know which grade they are playing in.

Everyone has been provided with a simple scoresheet which we are implementing. No need to fill in playing positions but players must sign the scoresheet that they are playing that day. On the back of the scoresheet there is now an incident sheet to be completed. Jannali noted there is no space for the umpires to sign. Suggestion is that the umpires write their name on the scoresheet.

**MOVED: Sylvania**

**SECONDED: Executive**

#### **UMPIRES CONVENOR:**

Thank you to all the clubs and umpires for a wonderful start to the season.

Below is our outstanding achievements so far this season!

I would like to congratulate our 4 newest National C umpires.

Adelina – Connells Point

Chris – Sharks

Gemma - Barden Ridge

Isabella – Menai

Sutherland has submitted a number of wonderful umpires for Senior State titles.

Issy– Jannali

Niamh – Joeys

Shauna – Sharks

Danielle – Sharks  
Jack – Gynea  
Ingrid – Eagles  
Sophia – Menai  
Zoey – Connells Point

Sutherland has a large number of umpires, who are currently umpiring weekly at Metro League and Premier League.

Zoe – SSNA  
Sarah – Magpies  
Laura – SSNA  
Roisin – Joeys  
Zoey – Connells Point  
Ashley – Menai  
Sophia – Menai  
Issy – Jannali  
Candice – SSNA  
Bailey – Gynea  
Rachel – Flames  
Danielle - Sharks

Congratulations Candice who recently umpired at Men's Nationals in Melbourne. Such an amazing achievement!

Congratulations to Zoe who recently umpired her 25<sup>th</sup> Premier league game.

Lastly, just a reminder to all clubs, no jewellery is permitted on the court. Taping of jewellery is not allowed either.

**MOVED: Sharks**

**SECONDED: Executive**

## **TOURNAMENT:**

The competition started in March/ April for all teams.

Any changes of courts for any reason will be on PlayHq so a reminder to check this each week. If a team forfeits, another game may be moved especially if it is a better court.

Friday night games are rotated each week so all teams will play on all courts over the course of the season.

If any clubs have 6 & 7 year old teams wanting to enter the Friday night games, please email [info@ssna.asn.au](mailto:info@ssna.asn.au) by Wednesday 28 May, to allow a draw to be made. Depending on the number of teams entering for Day 8, games times may need to be adjusted to the following times - 4:10pm first timeslot, 5pm second timeslot with the final timeslot starting at 5:50pm. SSNA are aware that the 4:10 timeslot may be difficult but each Friday there are a number of teams that arrive to train at 3:45pm.

Reminder that if you have any Nettas starting on Day 8 please advise by 28 may

**MOVED: Sylvania**

**SECONDED: Flames**

### **COACHING COORDINATOR:**

We have held 5 club coaching sessions during March and April 2025 with over 100 participants.

I would like to thank Thistles, Sharks and Barden Ridge Netball clubs for sending teams to assist with the coaching courses.

The courses were:

- Planning a training session 8 to 10 years
- Planning a training session 11 to 15 years
- Passing techniques
- Footwork
- Shooting

Upcoming sessions will be in late June and early July covering:

- Defence
- Team Strategy

Certificates are available for collection – I would like to thank all participants for attending and completing the feedback forms. This helps us in identifying the needs of the club coaches and informs of what types of sessions they would like.

Liz advised there was really good feedback on the courses from the Thistles coaches.

Debbie has advised that the Defence and Team Strategy sessions will be held on 20 July 2025.

Debbie has advised she would like to knowledge the Coaches and Clubs have some really lovely young coaches.

**MOVED: Sylvania**

**SECONDED: Magpies**

### **SELECTIONS & REPS:**

SSNA representative programs are essential for players aiming to play netball at a higher level.

The report is as follows:

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| ➤ <b>Junior State Titles – July 2025:</b> | 12, 13, and 14.                    |
| ➤ <b>Senior State Titles – June 2025:</b> | 15, 17, Opens and Men's Div 2 team |
| ➤ <b>Development Teams:</b>               | 12,13,14,15                        |
| ➤ <b>11 Years Development Squad:</b>      | Recently selected                  |

➤ **Combined Skills Phase 2 Programme:** 12 & 13years – 4 week skills program.

All rep and development teams engage in skills and training sessions one night per week, accompanied by fitness training one night per week. Fitness programs successfully lead by Laura Towell and Kristy Ferguson.

The SSNA's dedicated coaching team - Michelle, Evie, Fiona, Lisa, Gabby, Albert, Jordan, Donnay, Kaitlin, Kristy and Carly are ably supported by managers Liz, Hayley, Robin, Emma, Jenny, Nerida and Tammy. Our committed development team coaches - Emily, Caprice, Brooke, Kelly, Ashleigh, and Maddy, assisted by managers Jodi, Heidi, Corrin, and Kellie. Debbie Grimshaw leads the development programs supported by our elite players – Belle, Caragh, Eva, and Mikayla. In addition, for the first SSNA will have a Mens team playing in Division 2 at the State Senior Titles. This team is coached by Debbie and managed by Tammy.

Teams have attended several netball carnivals, successfully enhancing their skills, fitness, team combinations, and camaraderie. We extend our gratitude to Ashleigh Barnes, SSNA Umpire Convenor, and 'team white' for providing umpires. All umpires receive expert coaching to assist with their umpiring pathways.

Special thanks to Robyn Walker and her selectors' team for their time and expertise in selecting the 11 years development squad. The squad will have 5 training sessions followed by 3 carnivals.

An enormous thank you goes to our dedicated coaches and managers who volunteer countless hours to support and educate players. SSNA appreciate the parents and guardians for their unwavering support of not only their child but also the SSNA rep team programs, coaches, and managers.

Players and families have worked hard fundraising to offset costs associated with State Titles by organising cake stalls, BBQs, and raffles on Friday nights and Saturdays. Several senior elite players have also assisted in the canteen.

Metro League teams are currently about a third of the way through their competitions – thanks to the coaches and managers who work with these teams – Fiona, Cath, Carly, Jenny, Claire, Bridget, Debbie and Prue. Good luck for the remainder of the season.

Di Ward  
SSNA Rep Liaison Coordinator

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| <b>MOVED:</b>    | <b>Executive</b> |
| <b>SECONDED:</b> | <b>Menai</b>     |

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Mother's Day raffle. Thank you for the wonderful donations from many including Scott's Florist, Club Menai, Priceline Menai, Grind Cronulla, Mrs Waffles Cronulla, Nulla Nulla Cronulla, Endota Spa Cronulla, Sweet Grind Sylvania, Zambrero Cronulla, just to name a few. Thank you to Athletes Foot and The NSW Swifts for their efforts by being at the courts on the Mother's Day weekend.

Also, a big thank you to our Rep teams and their families with the cake stalls and sausage sizzles on Friday nights. Thank you to every for your support in helping the fundraising efforts of our State Titles teams.

Walking/Low Impact Netball is growing each week with new faces coming along and giving it a go.

**MOVED: Joeys**

**SECONDED: Joeys**

#### **RETURNING OFFICER:**

Amanda spoke on the Constitution and where it is at. Maria has gone through and identified all the amendments and has sent it to Amanda. It will be distributed to Clubs to be looked at and have time to ask any questions. Amanda thanked Maria and Prue for their time and effort putting it together.

Tammy asked why we did not use the templet provided by NNSW. Maira advised that it would take hours of work to make it relevant to us.

Amanda advised that at the last delegates meeting it was decided that the Constitution was not to be voted on until it was worked up and the amendments identified and this is what has been done and is ready for distribution.

Prue advised that the original Ad Hoc did look at the template and decided that it was not viable for SSNA.

Amanda advised the rights of the delegates as to the Constitution is they make the rules not the executive.

**MOVED: Sharks**

**SECONDED: Joeys**

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- No regrading of teams until after Day 7. Advised we have received quite a number of requests for regrades. We need to ensure there is enough Courts etc. Sylvania asked if there was a way those 6 teams grades playing their second grade on a Friday night. We are looking at a number of options.
- Scoresheet template change
- Court surfaces
- Updating of SSNA logo
- Thistles seeking clarification for refunds. Tammy explained the process around deregistration and obtaining refunds. Tammy advised Clubs need to refund the player the entire amount and SSNA will play the Club direct. Tammy also advised

that once a player takes the Court they cannot get a refund from NNSW, however, should SSNA wish to refund their portion they are free to do so.

- Prue advised that it has always been the case that once you take the Court you did not get a refund.
- Set up and Pack down working well.
- Menai asked about 10 year grade. Jenny assured Chris that Sheree is looking at the age group.
- Court 26 – lots of dirt.
- Menai advised they liked the cakes stalls and Friday nights.
- Issue around Rep players and breaking the rules for 2025 – needs to be looked at again.
- Deb advised that the guy that sweeps the floor for the Swifts is playing in our Mens Open State Team.

**MEETING CLOSED: 8:58pm**

