

SUTHERLAND SHIRE NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES – DELEGATES MEETING

DATE:	22 April 2026
TIME:	7:31pm
VENUE:	Gymea Tradies
ATTENDEES:	As per attendance sheet
APOLOGIES:	Kim Scott, Christine Magri, Debbie Grimshaw, Maureen Finch, Ashleigh Barnes, Comets, Gabby Grahame, Robin Glennan, Bosco, St Pats, Robyn Walker, Kaitlin Walker, Prue Haberecht, Lisa Beehag, Amanda Brady, Dianne Maclachlan. Ashley Streater
MINUTE TAKER:	Jenny Rees

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOVED: Eagles

SECONDED: Magpies

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Various – Player requests
2. Various – Late Registrations
3. Eagles – Updated Affiliation Form
4. Various – enquiries re: 11 years development squad
5. Menai – request for letter of support
6. Various – requests for vouchers
7. Various – queries re Friday night times
8. Various – Refund requests & incorrect registrations
9. Menai – Inclusion of boys in SSNA Competition
10. Pani McGrannachan – walking netball enquiry
11. Robyn Walker – 11 Development Squad program (x2)
12. Sharks – request for Rep/Development Squad list of players
13. NNSW – Inclusion of boys in Club Competition
14. Various – training court requests
15. Connells Point – request for Rep/Development Squad list of players
16. Menai – Letter re 11 Development Squad Program
17. Menai – Thank you re Presidents meeting
18. Cronulla RSL – requesting confirmation for rotating timeslots
19. Sharks – Constitution recommendations
20. Jeannine Mulligan – Illawarra re 11 years development squad program

21. Various – appeals/appraisals
22. Joeys – Constitution recommendations
23. Dale Walton – complaint about Joeys
24. Various – requests for time changes due to clashes
25. Various – Appeals
26. GyMEA – recommendations for Constitution
27. Sharks – updated Affiliation form
28. Menai – query about combine 13 Div1/2
29. Sharks – query about combine 13 Div1/2
30. Menai – thank you for coaching clinic
31. Various – correspondence with SSC re issues at Bellinara including break ins and e-bikes
32. Various – uniforms not yet arrived
33. Various – borrowing players rules and exemptions
34. Karen Bridges – All Abilities
35. Loftus – query re: playing with gloves
36. Various – queries re Day 1 penalties
37. Salvation Army – Red Shield Appeal
38. Various – queries re: lights during school holidays
39. Thistles – complaint re 13 Div1/2
40. Loftus – complaint re: B5 game
41. Various – requests for Certificates of Currency.
42. Sylvania – safety concerns during training
43. Eagles – player signed on that did not play
44. Sharks – Complaint re 13 Div1/2

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Karen Salter asked that letter 39 be read out. Karen advised that she spoke to both of her teams in the 13 div 1/2 competition and they are happy and whilst they have lost, there was no tears.

Nerida discussed the background of the grading of the 13 divisions and advised that Thistles were ranked 5th in that competition. Thistles put an appeal in. Nerida advised that Thistles were correctly placed in the grade having won the 12 Division 2 in 2025. Nerida had numerous discussions with several people including Sheree and it was realised that if they were left in the division as originally graded, they would be beaten every single week. The decision was made to combine the grades and then split them into three (3) groups. Nerida advised that Thistles had lost a couple of players. Catherine Reynolds advised that that information was not on the grading sheet. Nerida advised that the first 11 rounds each team would play each other once, then they would be put into the 3 groups of 4 teams – teams placed 1 to 4, teams placed 5 to 8 and teams placed 9 to 12 to play against these teams from day 11 to day 14 playing teams of like ability. Nerida advised that that was the reasoning around it. Nerida advised that she went and watched Thistles and Sharks and thought it was a great game. Nerida advised that she believes we should play out model as we have it. Nerida advised that we will have a meeting on Saturday after their games and discuss the matter further.

Liv Bova advised that Thistles were only forwarding on the complaint from the parent rather than the parent threatening the SSNA and Thistles accept the appeal and will continue to turn up to games.

Chris Newman asked where the competition is for our rep teams and our development teams.

Nerida advised that she has not sent a formal response to Mr Dwyer, however, she has spoken to both Liz Bova and Kim Duggan. Thistles was sent a response.

Nerida said she does not wish to be accused of making decisions without consultation with the Clubs, she has asked that everyone put their thinking caps on.

Nerida also advised that the new draft Constitution has been sent out.

Karen asked about the NNSW Inclusion of boys – Jenny advised that this was sent to all Clubs when the Presidents Meeting was called. Karen thanked us for that.

CORRESPONDENCE IN BE RECEIVED:

MOVED: Eagles

SECONDED: Thistles

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. Various – replies to player requests
2. Various – replies to late registrations
3. Menai – letter of support provided
4. Various – replies to request for vouchers
5. SSNA to Clubs – reminder dates to remember
6. Various – replies to queries re Friday night times
7. To all Clubs – Naming of Teams in Play HQ
8. Reply to Pani McGrannachan re walking netball
9. Reply to Robyn Walker re 11 Years Development Squad program
10. To all Clubs – Notice of President's Meeting (x2)
11. Cronulla RSL – confirming Saturday timeslots are rotating
12. To all Clubs – reminder re: 10 years practical grading
13. Reply to Jeannine Mulligan re 11 years development squad program
14. To all Clubs – Coaching sessions for 2026
15. To all Clubs – 10's practical grading draw
16. To all Clubs – provisional grading
17. To all Clubs – Grading after Appraisals
18. To all Clubs – Training Court Allocations
19. Various – Yellow card and photos missing
20. Various – replies to requests for time changes
21. Various – replies to appeals
22. To all Clubs – Final Grades
23. Sharks – response re 13 years Div1/2
24. To all Clubs – Margaret Corbett Cup and Super Shot
25. Various – replies from SSC
26. Various – replies re uniforms not yet arrived
27. To all Clubs – 2026 borrowing rules
28. To all Clubs – umpires payments
29. To all Clubs – Netta skills and drills
30. Karen Bridges – All Abilities
31. Top all Clubs – Club Duty Roster
32. Loftus – reply re gloves
33. To All Clubs re All Abilities
34. Various – Day 1 penalties

- 35. To All Clubs – insurance form
- 36. To All Clubs- Photography and Social Media Policy
- 37. Salvation Arney – Red Shield Appeal
- 38. To all Clubs – lights during school holidays
- 39. Notice of postponement of Constitution meeting
- 40. Various – replies re Certificates of Currency

CORRESPONDENCE OUT BE RECEIVED:

MOVED: Exec

SECONDED: Menai

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

So far 2026 has been busy for all clubs and the association. Once again, thank you to all club officials for making the processes as streamlined as possible for all members.

It is with great sadness that since our last meeting, on the 15 March saw the passing of Margaret Burke OAM, however, to all of us she was Burkie. I think that it is fitting that her service be acknowledged by our association. Margaret holds the record for being the longest serving executive member, serving first as a registrar then as Treasurer for 40 plus years. She is a Life Member of SSNA and Miranda Magpies Netball Club and was also awarded the Anne Clark BEM Service award from Netball NSW which recognised her outstanding volunteering service to netball. In 2021, she was awarded the Medal of Australia for her service to community netball. To Margaret's daughters, Janelle and Kylie, along with their families the association extends our condolences and also thanks you for sharing your mum with us.

Nerida is hoping to create an award in honour of Margaret Burke in her recognition her service to SSNA.

A moment of silence was held for Magaret.

Firstly, I need to thank all our senior and junior graders plus Sheree Geddes and Julie Norman, for the time they spent sorting and grading 355 teams for our Winter Saturday Competition where 3783 participants are registered. In addition, the NetSetGo has 532 registered participants along 311 registered participants in the Nettas. Overall, 4626 participants are registered in the association. Maureen Finch as Tournament worked tirelessly in the week following grading to construct the draws so the competition could begin. Thank you!

Secondly, to the SSNA executive, the time you all commit to ensuring that our association and competitions run smoothly is greatly appreciated. The association at any one time has several events happening in addition to our weekly inter club competition. A big thank you to our three registrars Christine Magri, Kim Scott and Di Ward for ensuring all scores and players are marked off each week in PlayHq. A big thankyou to Jenny Rees who prints off the scoresheets each week for both Friday and Saturday games as well as arriving each Saturday at the crack of dawn (usually before) to get the day started and meet the duty club for set up. Also each Friday (Nettas and NetSetGo) and Monday

night (Walking), Anne Heptinstall is always on hand to organise these events.

Some of the extra events include:

Representative trials to representative carnivals – involving not only players but coaches, managers and umpires. A big thank you to all junior and senior selectors, plus Robyn Walker, Cath Reynolds and Ashleigh Barnes for ensuring all of these events run smoothly.

11 years Development Squad Program – this was a four week program which included three skills sessions as well as a round robin selection morning. Eighty four players registered for the program. The program was supported by the Stingrays, who provided players to coach and run the skills sessions. Overseeing the program (which has entered Phase 2) is Kimberley Smith, with Brooke Thompson and Miki Martin continuing as coaches of the selected players. Feedback for Phase 1 of the program has been exceptionally positive. Phase 2 of the program is a further six sessions (including 3 carnivals and 3 skills sessions) for the 36 selected athletes. The players that were not selected have been offered a further four sessions that will start later in the season. To ensure this program ran smoothly, a big thank you to Abbey McCulloch, Hayley Smith, Kimberley Smith, Stingrays players and the umpires who assisted at the selection morning.

Coaching sessions for club coaches – this year 2 sessions have been offered so far. Thanks to Debbie Grimshaw for running these invaluable sessions.

Duke of Edinburgh Volunteering – three students from The Jannali HS will be each completing the volunteering component of this award in the canteen during the season. Thanks to Tammy Moussa for overseeing this activity.

Badging of Umpires for National Accreditation – so far this season a number of umpires have been successful in gaining their National C badges. Thanks goes to Ashleigh Barnes and her fellow panel members for undertaking this task as well as providing feedback for those aspiring umpires.

In addition, each Wednesday Jenny Rees and Tammy Moussa do administration work from the stadium office. Thank you to all executive members for the commitment and contribution that you make for the members of our association.

I would also like to thank Emma Paterson, for her wonderful Facebook post each week.

Thirdly, tonight you will be presented with a DRAFT of the Constitution. I would like to thank the members of our association who attended the special constitution meeting on 15 April, along with the GyMEA, Sharks and Joeys Netball Clubs that all put forward suggestions for changes. The document presented tonight includes all of the agreed changes (made at the April constitution meeting) to the document presented at the February meeting. To Amanda Brady, Kaitlin Walker and Hayley Vizzone thank you for your suggestions and Hayley thank you for completing the final document that is being presented tonight. I ask that clubs take this opportunity to discuss the proposed constitution with your members. The next step in the process will be to vote on this proposed constitution on 1 July 2026.

Future events:

Senior State Titles – June long weekend - Penrith Netball Association Courts

Metro League – started this week. So far 3 wins from 3. Good luck to all teams for a successful 2026 season.

Stingrays Premier League begins their season tonight. Wishing all members the very best of luck for the 2026 season.

Crazy Hair and Sock Day – clubs to be sent details of fundraising events next week

Gala Day and Stingrays Challenge – Sunday 28 June – all information and entry forms to be sent out in early May

Congratulations:

Skye Thompson – named 11th player for Giants and appears to be very close to making her debut for the Giants

Nicola Barge – for playing her debut game for the Swifts on 5 April against West Coast Fever

Matilda Fanning, Skye Thompson, Ella Hewitt, Isabella Maher and Harlym Jennings – members of the NSW Netball 19 years and under Team members – National Netball Championships Champions!

Eva Carneiro – Captain of the NSW Netball 17 years and under Team that were placed second at the National Netball Championships

Looking forward to the remainder of the season.

Nerida Noble

Nicole Shobrook congratulated the SSNA on the achievements of our high level players such as Skye Thompson etc.

MOVED: Sharks

SECONDED: Gynea

TREASURER:

P & L attached.

Tammy is working on refunds and has passed on their details to Damien, however, please note we are only just receiving February refunds from Netball NSW.

Tammy will send out a list of members that we have that should be receiving refunds. Please note fees such as stripe fees, Netball Australia and a portion of NNSW.

Nicole just asked for clarification that we are only just receiving refunds for February now.

MOVED: Gynea

SECONDED: Exec

NSW REPORT:

Nerida advised that the NNSW AGM was on our first day of play. Jenny and Nerida attended via Zoom. Nerida advised that there was not a lot that effects associations They focus on Swifts and Giants. They do focus on community numbers, however. Their constitution was not passed again with the sticking point being the length of time a board member need to stand down. Jenny to forward NNSW minutes to all Clubs

MOVED: Eagles

SECONDED: Exec

EXECUTIVE:

MOVED:

SECONDED:

REGISTRARS:

Senior registrar's report.

This season we have 137 senior teams playing in 18 divisions.

I want to firstly thank all Club registrars who were proficient in organising senior player yellow card prior to day one. Sorting and reviewing 130+ teams in Senior grades is very time consuming and It would be an impossible task without the clubs' registrars doing their job so efficiently, so thank you very much. Unfortunately, on day one of the season there were players who took the court without their yellow cards or outdated equipment photos and penalties were imposed. I am delighted to say that prior to day two of play all senior players had up-to-date yellow cards and were able to take the court without any further action.

This season also saw the introduction of a new procedure in borrowing players. The Senior grades have all completed the forms correctly and the recent introduction of the electronic form has had positive feedback thus far.

I am looking forward to a great 2026 season.

Christine M.

Di introduced herself and advised it was her first year. She has asked that if a player is not playing, then please have the manager put DNP next to the player's name. Di advised that we are open to suggestions to improve.

Liz advised that the Registrars have been fantastic this year.

Maria asked that the words be removed "unfortunately" down to "action"

MOVED: Magpies

SECONDED: Joeys

UMPIRES CONVENOR:

We have had a number of National C badged awarded this season.

Rep trials and carnivals have been covered with umpires. The joy you see on the faces of umpires a testament to Ash, Zoe and Bronwyn.

MOVED: Exec

SECONDED: Life Member

TOURNAMENT:

Wet Weather Draw

My understanding is that our Wet Weather Policy was voted in again for this year. Which is if a day or time slot is rained out the following week we play 2 half games. This should then make up the day/time slots that were lost.

However, if rain is continuous for several weeks with no let up, I was asked to work out a draw incase it might be needed. It is attached to this report. At the executive meeting the other night it was suggested (and agreed) that the times at Barden Ridge be 30 mins later then Bellingarra. I believe this needs to be discussed by clubs as you are the ones that need to get umpires and coaches out and back from Barden Ridge.

Once it is decided I will change the draw and send it out again. If you have a major issue with teams out at Barden Ridge NOW is the time to let me know and I MIGHT be able to change things. NO PROMISES.

6 grade competitions

This year there are 13 x 6 grade competitions which means that there are 39 games that need to be played as Day 15, again it was discussed at the Executive meeting and it was decided that Day 15 will be played on **July 26th** and there will be two time slots. The times slot will be as follows

First time slot as it is a Sunday it might need to be 9am start.

17 div 4, 14 div 1, 14 div 4, 15 div 3, 10 div 1, 10 div 4

Second time slot

14 div 5, 17 div 1, 15 div 4, 17 Div 2, 17 Div 5, 14 div 2, 10 div 3

and **Margaret Corbett Cup** at a time to be decided.

Requests (Draw changes)

We have had several requests for changes to time slots since the draw was finalised. It was decided at the last executive meeting that there was to be no more movement in the draw as it was not possible to accommodate all the requests. The best we are able to do to assist is to change courts, and I will have that completed (where possible) by Day 4.

NETTA

If you have a Netta team please place them into PlayHQ, (if you don't have names just make sure that the teams name is in playhq, you can add names later) you will be able to submit them each week right up to Day 8. I will check the system each Wednesday before the Friday Competition to see if more teams have been added. This will give EVERY club the opportunity to add teams right up till day 8. Hopefully clubs will have come and try days and may get extra players that might want to take up the option of playing.

If there is a Friday night your team is unable to attend please let Jenny know on info@ssna.asn.au on the Wednesday by 5pm and I will leave them out of the draw. To be able to make this work so that everyone can be accommodated, clubs will need to assist with working within these guidelines.

The grades for borrowing players from has already been sent to the Clubs so hopefully you will already have a copy, of that document.

With all this said, I hope you enjoy the season.

Maureen

Nerida apologised for Day 2 of the 8's and 9's and she was really hoping we could get it in. Only one person abused Nerida. In future Anne and Nerida will check the rain radar.

Nerida advised that a draw will be released for this Friday night. A draw will be released every week on a Wednesday evening. Teams can join the netta competition up to Day 8.

Nicole Shobbrook asked if we could get somewhere for the umpires to sign on the scoresheet. We will make a section on the back of the scoresheet for them.

A question was asked about the 6 team grades. Nerida advised that will be Day 15

MOVED: Sharks

SECONDED: Gynea

COACHING COORDINATOR:

We held The Coaching Co-Ordinators meeting early February and was well attended

The 1st Coaching session was held on the 14th March 2026 with over 40 coaches attending- We, meaning me - forgot to get you to sign in so I could do the attendance certificates so if clubs could email me the names of those that attended that would be great

I would like to thank Sylvania and Joeys for helping with the players

The next session was held on Monday the 20th April – showing different drills and expectations depending on age of who you are coaching – Thanks you Sharks for their players.

I would also like to thank Emma for the post on socials

The next session is the 11th May

Regards Deb

Nerida advised our coaching courses are free. Chris Newman advised that her coaches have really enjoyed the sessions.

MOVED: Exec

SECONDED: Exec

SELECTIONS & REPS:

All teams are now selected.

Metro has now started with 1 team left to play tomorrow night.

SST is 6 weeks out.

Carnivals have been doing well being top 4 at most carnivals.

Nerida advised that Anne and Cath are now looking after our rep uniforms.

Cath has had to find new accommodation for SST and she has done an amazing job.

MOVED: Eagles

SECONDED: Exec

VICE PRESIDENT:

Walking Netball is back running for term 2. We continue to have new participants which is great.

Thank you to all concerned who are advertising this in the community.

I am in regular contact with Simon Kennedy Federal Member for Cook, in regards to the e-bikes.

Thank you to all who signed the petition.

Thank you and happy Netball

Anne

There was discussion around E-Bikes and Simon Kennedy has taken it to the State Parliament. Maria Lynch advised she knows some people and can confirm that riders are getting spoken to and cautioned by the Police. There was discussion around the "Ridout" (their spelling not ours) and Jenny confirmed Council and the Police have been notified.

MOVED: Sharks

SECONDED: Fatima

RETURNING OFFICER:

MOVED:

SECONDED:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Crazy Hair & Sock Days – 26, 27 and 28 June – Nerida advised that we will do the socks again and we will also do team socks. Emma will start advertising. Nerida also asked if anyone

would like to assist with the Gala Day, please let us know. Ally Routh and Chris Newman have volunteered.

2. Constitution update – Nerida thanked everyone for attending the Constitution meeting and especially Kaitlin Walker, Amand Brady and Hayley Vizzone. Please take it back to your Clubs. Hopefully at our Special Meeting on 1 July we can go through the changes and send it to NNSW for approval. Maria advised that if we vote on it as a whole document and someone does not like one thing about it, then the document will fail. It is best to vote on it in section. Nerida advised that at the meeting in July any motions you intend to submit for voting at the AGM can be brought to the July meeting for discussion.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:33pm