

President: Natalie Clark
Mobile: 0408 359 398
Email: chnlpresident@gmail.com

Secretary: Beck Findlay
Mobile: 0407 333 875
chnlsec2024@gmail.com

Assistant Recording Secretary: Shelley Lockhart
Mobile: 0448 768 406
Email: chnlrecsec@gmail.com



Treasurer: Kiri Liddle
Mobile: 0400 079 305
Email: chnltreasurer2024@gmail.com

Recording Secretary: Kristi Pedretti
Mobile: 0427 216 402 Email:
Email: chnlresults@gmail.com

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS NETBALL LEAGUE Inc.

INC. No. A0037715S A.B.N. 42 752 247 430

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 6.00pm

Wendouree Netball Association, Selkirk Stadium Wendouree

Roll Call

Ballan	Beaufort	Buninyong	Bungaree	Carngham
Clunes	Creswick	Daylesford	Dunnstown	Gordon
Hepburn	Learmonth	Newlyn	Rokewood	Skipton
Springbank	Waubra			

All clubs represented.

Apologies:

Anne Wade, Sally, Theo (Brandt)

President welcome – meeting started at 6.00pm

The Central Highlands Netball League acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land we live and work on, the Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung people, and recognises their continuing connection to the land and waterways on which I am speaking to you on from today. We wish to pay our respects to any Elders, past, present, and emerging, as well as any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members present here today.

Minutes of 2025 AGM – These were not read but were issued via email for Clubs to peruse prior to the meeting.

Moved – Alison - Carngham
Accepted - Anne Smith Rokewood

Presidents Report: see Appendix A

Moved – Kristi - Hepburn
Accepted – Karen C - Dunnstown

Treasurer's Report: see Appendix B

Moved – Kerry - Bungaree
Accepted – Anne - Rokewood

Umpire Educator Report : see Appendix C

Moved – Sally - Dunnstown
Accepted – Jayme - Ballan

Nominations for Committee

Natalie asked Kerryn Drew (Bungaree) to chair the next part of the meeting.

All positions declared vacant and written nominations received prior to the meeting were read by Kerryn Drew, with additional nominations requested from the floor of Club Delegates.

The following positions are required as per Netball Victoria Guidelines and are to be included as part of the committee

Elections positions with nominations received

President - Natalie Clark: accepted

Vice President – Glenda Jones: accepted

Secretary – Beck Findlay: accepted

Treasurer – Kirrily Liddle: accepted

Recording Secretary – Kristi Pedretti: accepted

Assistant Recording Secretary – Shelley Lockhart: accepted

Umpire Educator - Pam Davidson: acceptance

General Committee – Anne Wade: accepted

General Committee - Katelyn Sutton: accepted

ByLaws Amendments and/or additions:

The following changes were recommended by the Committee prior to the AGM.

- **Club Coordinators**
- **7. Affiliation Fees and Club Registration**
 - Removal of the term *affiliation*.
- **11.1 Uniforms**
 - Inclusion of unisex uniform option.
- **14.5 Scoring**
 - Adjustment to require *two scorers and one timekeeper* (the timekeeper cannot also be a scorer).
- **15.1 Website**
 - Removal, as the league no longer has an active website.
- **16.6 U13B Competition**
 - Ladder available; no finals to be played.
- **21. Team Officials**

These changes and additions were read through by Glenda Jones to ensure all clubs understood the proposed amendments.

Correspondence:

No Correspondence

Meeting Minutes – General Business

PlayHQ

- **Players, umpires, and coaches are required to complete payment through Netball Connect (VNA) prior to registering on PlayHQ.**
- **It is essential that participant names remain consistent across both platforms.**
- **A PlayHQ training session will be provided.**
- **Initial feedback indicates that site navigation is more user-friendly than Netball Connect.**
- **A1 assistance is available within PlayHQ.**
- **Each club must nominate a primary email address for all correspondence.**
- **Electronic scoring is available; however, clubs must have a valid login to upload scores.**
- **Club and league voting functionality is not available on PlayHQ; Netball Connect may continue to be used for this purpose.**
- **Scoresheets must be printed from PlayHQ. No scores or misses are to be recorded on these sheets.**
- **Clubs must ensure players register under their respective club, not solely the league. A \$5 fee will apply for incorrect registrations.**

Website

- **A quotation has been received from Ty Hooper Design.**
- **A second quotation is pending from Small Dog.**
- **The Hampden FNL website will be used as a reference model.**
- **Additional providers will be explored.**

Complaints Officer

- **Nominations for the Child Safety Officer role are to be submitted to CHNL President, Natalie Clark.**

Player Points Policy / Officer

- **Amendment noted:
5.3.2 (b): A current player of a VNL Championship team, or a player who has participated in the VNL Championship within the previous two seasons, or an equivalent state league competition.**

Club Fees

- **2026 Club Affiliation Fee confirmed at \$1,000.**

Lightning Premiership

- **Scheduled for Sunday, 17 May 2026.**
- **Venue to be confirmed.**

Representative Coaches / Plans

- **Two applications received; applicants will be contacted.**
- **Player nomination forms will be distributed prior to coach appointments being finalised.**

2026 Tournament Schedule

- **BNA Tournament: Sunday, 26 April (Ballarat)**
 - **Alternative options will be considered if scheduling changes are not made.**
- **Association Championships: Sunday, 31 May (Warrnambool)**
- **Colac Interleague: Sunday, 14 June (venue TBC)**

Costs:

- **Player levy set at \$60**

Suggested Cost Reductions:

- **Remove provision of tea at dress presentation.**
- **Do not supply playing tops for returning players.**

Rising Star / Hotshot Player Award

- **Determined to be not viable due to rolling substitutions and missed game time.**

Team of the Season

- **Structure (Attack, Midcourt, Defence) reviewed.**
- **No changes were requested.**

Recording of Games

- **Clubs are permitted to record matches for internal club use only.**

New Business

Junior Competition Structure

- 13 & Under B to remain unchanged for 2026.
- Review proposed transition to Under 12 competition in 2027.
- Trial of both 13/U and 12/U competitions in 2027.
- Consider the introduction of an 11/U competition from 2028.
- Lightning Premiership to remain at Under 12 level.

Umpire Uniforms

- Umpire tops available for purchase through the League.
- Approximate cost: \$40 per top (excluding sponsorship).
- Ordering process for tops and visors to be confirmed pending sponsorship outcomes.

Club Registrations

- Registration process to transition to a Google Form.
- Forms will be distributed to all clubs.

○ Meeting Closed: 7:55pm

Appendix A:

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2026 AGM

2025 was a very successful year on and off the court for the Central Highlands Netball League this year with the signing of our new Major Sponsor BRANDT. After seeing what a huge presence we have as netballers in the Central Highlands, they were keen to come and board and sponsor the netballers along with their sponsorship of the CHFL. We thank them for their support and we look forward to working closely with them in the coming years.

The introduction of the Player points policy in A grade in season 2025 also added another dimension to our year. All clubs submitted their A and B grade squads and last three years of playing history to Glenda and I before the season kicked off. With Glenda spending hours making sure what we had was correct, team lists were approved and the system was a go. A limit of 28 points for our first year will enable us to reassess and evaluate what worked and what didn't in the weeks ahead looking towards season 2026.

Netball Victoria have seen many changes this year with personnel and this has been a little tricky at times keeping up with the changes. Thank you for persevering with us as we work with them throughout some of these changes. We know netball connect may have suffered a little with communication through the year but we did the best we could.

The Lightning Premiership was another successful day at Learmonth with over 200 junior players taking part. A little wet and cold but lots of happy faces was all worth it.

We successfully completed our junior interleague program competing at both the Ballarat Netball Association Netball Tournament, Netball Victoria Origin Association Championships in Warrnambool and playing the Colac and District Football Netball League. It was a fantastic opportunity for all of our junior players and we would like to thank all of our coaches and team managers for sharing their time and expertise.

I would like to sincerely thank the CHNL committee, Glenda Jones VP, Anne Wade, Kirrily Liddle, Kristi Pedretti, Shelley Lockhart, Pam Davidson, Beck Findlay, Katelyn Sutton and Carla Baker for all of your hard work over the past 12 months. With new sponsors and new point policies, the work load has been immense but each and every one of you have been an incredible support to me and likewise to each other.

Glenda Jones and Pam Davidson travelled the league once again providing umpire mentoring and testing for our member clubs. Once again this has proven to be an invaluable service and each year, the league reaps the benefits from their hours of commitment.

Along with these I would also like to thank:

The CHFL Board for the work you all do, continuing to provide opportunities for young and old to play sport. It is a testament to our leagues to see numbers continuing to grow and players choosing our league above others to enjoy their chosen sport. We wish Diane and Gerard all the best with their next move in life and thank them for the work they have done over the years.

Craig Black – Ballarat Trophies and Gifts for his continued support and commitment to delivering a wonderful service.

Wendouree Netball Association, Bungaree FNC and Ballarat Netball Associations for providing competition, training, education and meeting opportunities for players, umpires and committees alike.

The Ballarat Courier for their continued coverage of our league, live streaming events and weekly write ups. It's great to see the media promoting our wonderful league.

It takes several villages to make this all happen and without the support of their clubs and the people within those clubs, none of those 1879 players would have got to enjoy hitting that court every Saturday to do

something they love. So thank you to the people who make the clubs tick and allow our players to take the court. The coaches, team managers, trainers, scorers, timers, parents, players and every other person who volunteers their time at club level to successfully and passionately provide opportunities for others. Without you none of this is possible so thank you.

Nat

Appendix B:

Treasurer's Report:

Profit and Loss

Central Highlands Netball League Inc.

For the 12 months ended 31 December 2025

Account Jan-Dec 2025

Trading Income

Balls 2025 - Brand/Worksafe	10,890.00
Club Fees 2025	17,000.00
Finals reimbursements	10,408.00
Fines	300.00
Interest Income	0.89
Interleague registration payment	1,980.00
Junior Netball Best & Fairest ticket sales	6,300.00
Lightning Premiership Rego	450.00
Payment received to card account - 165631656	2,500.00
Photo Sales	300.00
Sponsorship	10,000.00
Umpire Test Payments from Glenda	390.00
World Sports Action	211.00
Total Trading Income	60,729.89

Gross Profit 60,729.89

Operating Expenses

Assoc. Champs entry fees	270.00
Balls purchased for 2025	14,839.44
Balls purchased for 2026	10,890.00
Committee Apparel	1,344.00
Consumer Affairs	49.00
Finals expenses 2025	10,680.00
Gifts	100.00
Interleague	5,604.93
Junior Netball Best & Fairest 2025 - costs	6,653.90
Meals	1,833.57
Netball Victoria	420.00
Printing & Stationery	464.01
Sports Vote Count	120.00
Storage Shed	1,200.00
Transfer to Card Account	2,500.00
Trophies	3,588.00
Umpire Badge Tests - Payments to Netball Victoria	390.00
Umpire expenses (General)	658.00
Umpire Mentor/Tester Payments	300.00
Umpire Payments Interleague	300.00
Umpire Travel	1,405.36
Umpiring Courses	35.00
VNA - Reimbursement for committee members	669.10
Xero Fees	420.00
Total Operating Expenses	64,734.31

Net Profit (4,004.42)

Opening Balance Everyday Account 01/01/2025	38550.2
Opening Card Account 01/01/2025	318.66
Total Opening Balance	38868.86

Closing Balance Everyday Account 31/12/2025	34,593.00
Closing Card Account 31/12/2025	271.44
Total Closing Balance	\$34,864.44

Appendix C:

UMPIRES REPORT – 2025 COMPETITION SEASON

2025 was another great year in the umpiring domain, with our league undertaking development and assessment of three umpires for their 'B' Grade National Badge.

Some of the trends for future development to our umpires, particularly in the senior competitions is the use of applying game management throughout the home and away season. This appears to be a trend across netball in general and we are hoping to deliver a workshop through Netball Victoria for the delivery of game management.

We have still seen some clubs struggling with the application of the rolling subs. Once again, this will be an area that will continue with development throughout the 2026 season.

Assessment of umpires throughout the year continued around most clubs and grades. Glenda and I will once again be out and about to all clubs in 2026, we ask the club delegates to reach out to either of us to come out to your club.

Once again the feedback received throughout the finals series was exceptional for all umpires representing our league. It was great to see some of our recently appointed umpires stepping up to the finals campaign.

2025 continued with a number of umpires receiving mentoring, followed by testing at league games or at Ballarat Netball Association from eleven member clubs, a total of sixteen umpires.

A number of C Grade umpires were identified to work towards their 'B' Grade Badge. We would like to congratulate the following umpires who were successful in obtaining their National 'C' and 'B' Grade Badge during 2025 and receiving a small gift and certificate for their efforts from the league.

- Shenae Haintz – Hepburn - C and B Grade (**)
- Amanda Clarke – Bungaree – B Grade (**)
- Josie Gubbins – Creswick – C Grade (**)
- Sadie Middleton – Bungaree – C Grade
- Lucy Calvert – Skipton – C Grade
- Abbigail Righetti – Newlyn – C Grade
- Annabelle Donald – Carngham Linton – C Grade
- Jordan Purcell – Carngham Linton – C Grade
- Lauren Francis – League – B Grade
- Deb Milera – Waubra – C Grade
- Laura Billington – Daylesford - C Grade
- Lena Charnley – Gordon – C Grade
- Alana Goss – Springbank – C Grade
- Emily Watt – Waubra – C Grade
- Linley Eastick – Hepburn – C Grade
- Karla Gallagher – Waubra – C Grade (**)

o ** Assessed under the umbrella of Ballarat Netball Association but regularly umpiring within the league.

Thanks once again for the ongoing co-operation of both the Ballarat and Wendouree Netball Associations for allowing these umpires to attend weekly competitions for additional mentoring support. Appreciation is also extended to Jenni Nicholls and Karen Barnes (BNA) for their additional guidance and support with mentoring.

Let's acknowledge some amazing contributions within our league, who have participated and continue to participate in umpiring development:

Throughout 2025, the league participated in a number of junior tournaments and interleague. Along with the players and coaches who represent our league, we are also required to provide umpires. Thanks is extended to Abby Moekotte (Gordon), Rohan McMaster (BNA), Kiara Billington (Daylesford), Liz Wekerle (Rokewood Corindhap), Amy Leeson (Carngham Linton), Charlie Cahir (Dunnstown) and Milla Richards (BNA).

Bungaree's Amy Leeson has been talent identified and will work with Netball Victoria throughout 2026 attending junior academies in Ballarat and Warrnambool as one of the Western Zone umpire representatives. In addition, Clunes' Ally Ellis has been accepted as a Talent Academy Umpire Coach who will be working with the identified umpires in the Western Zone for specialist coaching to work towards the possibility of B Grade assessments. Well done Amy and Ally, a fantastic effort and representation of our league.

We have two umpires who will be actively working towards their National 'B' Grade badges throughout 2026, Linley Eastick from Hepburn and Amy Leeson from Bungaree.

Each year, clubs are often looking for umpires for A and B Grades. This is your opportunity to reinforce that you need to identify potential umpires within your own club, and start working to develop these future umpires. An umpire to have the confidence and experience to umpire these higher grade games, requires time to develop the experience.

Once again, both Pam and I will be available to support umpires and provide feedback through their umpiring journey.

Before clubs leave tonight, please ensure that you see Glenda or I to receive your club scrunchies / wrist bands for both umpires and coaches under the age of 18. Additional resources can be purchased directly from Netball Victoria.

If you wish to arrange a suitable time for us to attend your club to work with your umpire's, please call Pam on 0409 139 881 or myself on 0400 928 254.

On behalf of Pam Davidson and I who oversee the umpiring portfolio, we hope that you have all enjoyed the break at the end of the 2025 season and come back refreshed for the new season ahead.

Kind Regards

Pam Davidson and Glenda Jones
Central Highlands Netball League Inc.