



# MINUTES OF THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of NETBALL WA (INC.)

Held on Thursday, 22 May 2025

At the Gold Netball Centre, 200 Selby Street, Jolimont WA 6014 & via Zoom

## 1. MEETING OPENING:

The President, Craig Heatley, opened the 2025 Annual General Meeting at 6:30pm and officially welcomed all to the meeting.

The President commenced the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.

### 1.1 Attendance & Apologies

***Attendance was recorded for the following:***

NETBALL WA:

Craig Heatley (President/Chair); Nadia Mitsopoulos (Director); Simone Hansen (Group CEO); Skye Miller (Director); Maria May (Director); Natasha Aristei (Director); Dana Sawka (Director); Warren Fish (Director); Glenda Kickett (Director); Karen (Lou) Lockyer (Director); Beth Harvey (GM Community); Caroline Badocha (Interim CFO); Anne-Maree Wood-Gush (EA & Minute Taker), Jo Smith (Stakeholder Engagement Manager);

TIER 1 ASSOCIATIONS DELEGATES:

Patricia Hines (Albany NA); Tanya Steele (Belmont NA); Michelle Ward (Busselton NA); Melissa Strutt (Eastern Hills NA); Fiona McDonald (Esperance NA); Leanne Bleakley (Fremantle NA); Adelle Auld (Geraldton NA); Anna Hopkins (Joondalup NA); Nicole McKennay (Kalamunda & Districts NA); Jacqui Jones (Karratha NA); Kimberley Lewis (Leschenault NA); Leah Mansfield (Mandurah NA); Janice Clamp (Noranda NA); Fran Farrington (Perth NA); Catherine Widdup (Port Hedland NA); Brooke Onoforo (Rockingham & Districts NA); Jenny Maras (Southern Districts NA); Craig Menner (Success NA); Leah Lloyd (Wanneroo Districts NA).

OTHERS:

Lee Conlan (Narrogin & Districts NA); Coralee Italiano (Harvey NA); Matthew Beevers (Partner – RSM – Auditors); Helen Robinson (life member);

***Apologies were received and recorded for the following:*** Patricia Robinson (Director); Marita Somerford (Life Member); Yvonne Rate (Life Member); Kununurra NA; Wongon Hills NA; Mortlock NA; Erica Pirrottina (Life Member); Miranda Rounsevell (Life Member); Sally Ironmonger (Life Member); Susan Stacey (life Member).

### 1.2 Confirmation of Quorum

The Chair confirmed the meeting quorum, noting that Voting Members from 19 Tier 1 Associations were in attendance.

### 1.3 Conflicts of Interest

The Chair called for Conflicts of Interest to be declared - none were received.



## 2. CHAIR'S ADDRESS:

The Chair acknowledged and thanked all Netball WA Life Members, Past Presidents, Association Presidents, GIG WANL Club Presidents, and the many volunteers across the State, as well as the Netball WA staff, led by Group CEO, Simone Hansen, for their significant contributions to netball. The Chair thanked all Directors for their continued dedication and looked forward to working together in 2025 to further grow and inspire participation in netball across Western Australia.

Reflecting on 2024, the Centenary year of Netball WA (NWA), the Chair noted significant achievements, including the launch of the book, "Netball's Century in the West: 100 Years of Passion and Success", the History Lane installation at the Association Championships, and the return of international netball to RAC Arena after five years. Appreciation was extended to the State Government and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for their support, including assistance in securing the Test Match. The Chair also acknowledged the valuable support of former Minister for Sport and Recreation, the Hon. David Templeman MLA.

The renewal of the partnership with the Gold Industry Group (GIG) was highlighted, with thanks to outgoing Chair, Kelly Carter, for her commitment to netball and West Coast Fever.

It was explained a comprehensive governance review had been undertaken in 2024, including updates to the Rules of Association, with ongoing review of the Strategic Plan 2023–2025 and preparations for the next plan from 2026.

Thanks were extended to all Principal, Elite, and Major Partners of Netball WA and West Coast Fever for their support throughout 2024.

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the prior Annual General Meeting, held on 16 May 2024, were noted and taken as read. The Chair called for any amendments to the minutes of Netball WA's 2024 Annual General Meeting – none were received.

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes of the NWA Annual General Meeting held on 16 May 2024.

It was RESOLVED by those in attendance that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16 May 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Melissa Strutt – Eastern Hills NA  
**Seconded:** Jacqui Jones – Karratha NA  
**Motion:** Carried unanimously

The minutes of the Special General Meeting, held on 6 March 2025, were noted and taken as read. The Chair called for any amendments to the minutes of the Special General Meeting – none were received.

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 6 March 2025.

It was RESOLVED by those in attendance that the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 6 March 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Janice Clamp - Noranda NA  
**Seconded:** Jenny Maras – Southern Districts NA  
**Motion:** Carried unanimously



#### 4. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT

It was noted that the 2024 Annual Report had been circulated and uploaded to the website. As such the report has been taken as read. The Chair called for questions from the membership in relation to the 2024 Annual Report. No questions were received.

**MOTION:** To adopt the 2024 Annual Report for Netball WA.

It was RESOLVED to adopt the 2024 Annual Report for Netball WA.

**Moved:** Fran Farrington - Perth NA  
**Seconded:** Nicole McKenay – Kalamunda & Districts NA  
**Motion:** Carried unanimously

#### 5. ADOPTION OF AUDITED 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The meeting noted that the audited 2024 Financial Statements and Auditor's report for Netball WA had been circulated and added to the website, therefore taken as read.

The Group CEO of Netball WA, Simone Hansen, presented an overview of key revenues and expenditure in 2024 for Netball WA, highlighting a 7% increase in revenue to \$16.07M in 2024, equating to a dollar value of \$1.05M. This was driven by stronger West Coast Fever ticket sales, increased merchandise sales, and higher member affiliation fees. It was explained that 70% of expenses were allocated to human resources and game/event costs, with community programs accounting for 38% of total delivery program expenditure.

The Group CEO explained the financial performance, noting a surplus of \$173,000 in 2024. There was a query about the significant swing in cash flow from a surplus of \$1 million in 2022 and 2023 to a \$700,000 deficit in 2024. It was explained that part of this was due to a self-disclosed \$500,000 fringe benefits tax liability from incorrectly submitted returns over four years. Also attributed to increased payments to suppliers and employees, timing differences in insurance payments, and the recognition of grant revenue. It was agreed the Group CEO would send an email to all members explaining the cash flow position and the factors contributing to the change.

**ACTION:** An email responding to the request to provide assurance that NWA's cashflow position remains sound was sent to all Tier 1 Associations on the 8 July 2025.

The Chair thanked Simone Hansen, Netball WA's Audit & Risk Committee, chaired by Maria May and the NWA Finance Team for their work with the auditors, RSM.

The Group CEO and Chair called for any further questions from the membership in relation to the 2024 Audited Financial Statements. No questions were received.

**MOTION:** To adopt the Audited 2024 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report of Netball WA.

It was RESOLVED to adopt the Audited 2024 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report of Netball WA.

**Moved:** Anna Hopkins – Joondalup NA  
**Seconded:** Adelle Auld – Geraldton NA  
**Motion:** Carried Unanimously

#### 6. NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The Chair confirmed that no Notices of Special Resolution had been received in accordance with the terms of the Constitution.



## 7. CONFIRMATION OF ELECTED DIRECTORS

The Chair began by thanking the outgoing Directors, Natasha Aristei and Dana Sawka, for their service while on the Netball WA Board. He then explained that there were two Elected Director roles, and one appointed role available for nomination and election at this AGM. The Governance & Nominations Committee and Netball WA Board went out seeking individuals with:

- 1) Experience in Community, regional netball;
- 2) High performance sport background;
- 3) Previous Governance and Board experience;
- 4) CPA / Financial Executive experience, preferably in sport;
- 5) Well-networked across WA's private, public and not for profit sectors; and Corporate sponsorship.

As a result of the Director elections recently held, it was confirmed that the following candidates received the required number of votes - that being 50% or more of our voting Members - from our Member Associations and as such are duly elected to the Board of Netball WA;

- 1) Maria May
- 2) Karen (Lou) Lockyer

The Chair congratulated both Maria and Lou and welcomed them to the NWA Board.

## 8. APPOINTMENT OF LIFE MEMBERS

The Chair noted that no successful nominations for Life Members were received this year, therefore no Life Members will be inducted for 2025.

## 9. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS OF PATRON AND AUDITOR

The Chair announced that the NWA Audit & Risk Committee had endorsed the services of RSM as the auditors for the 2025 Financial Audit for NWA.

It was RESOLVED at the recommendation of Netball WA's Audit & Risk Committee and the NWA Board, that RSM be appointed as Netball WA's Auditor for the 2025 Financial Year.

**Moved:** Fran Farrington – Perth NA  
**Seconded:** Leah Lloyd – Wanneroo Districts NA  
**Motion:** Carried Unanimously

## 10. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7:07pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Craig Heatley (Chair)**  
**President of Netball WA**