



# Gosford Netball Association

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING DATE 22nd NOVEMBER 2025  
AT GOSFORD RSL CLUB**

<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	Belinda Beresford
<b>MEETING OPENED:</b>	9.37.am
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Executives, Club Delegates, Active Life Members, Officer Bearers as per attendance book
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Marg Allen, Robyn Turton, Emily Dasan, Deana Myers, Bernadette Fielding arrived 10am, Kerry Allard left 10.10am
<b>MINUTE TAKER:</b>	Meg Lyons
<b>DOCUMENTS TABLED:</b>	Agenda, Notice of Motions, Proposed 2026 Calendar, Proposed GNA fee schedule for 2026.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL**

The Council resolved that the minutes of meeting 20th August 2025 be signed as a true record.

<b>MOVED:</b>	#28 Steph Lavery DT	<b>SECONDED</b>	#31 Karen Myers KIN
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BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING		Action to be completed by	Action Required	Date
1. #31 Karen Myers KIN-submitted a NOM re four-teams in a grade, in this meeting.				
<b>MOVED:</b>	#28 Steph Lavery DT	<b>SECONDED:</b>	#31 Karen Myers KIN	



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EXECUTIVE REPORTS TO COUNCIL		Action to be completed by	Action Required	Date
<b>President</b> Belinda Beresford	Nil Report. #1 Belinda Beresford GNA, welcomed and congratulated the 2026 Executive and committee members.			
<b>Vice President</b> Joy Dasan	Nil Report			
<b>Secretary</b> Leanne Phillips	Nil Report			
<b>Finance Coordinator</b> Michelle Cremer	Nil Report			
<b>Umpires Coordinator</b> Megan Casey	Nil Report			
<b>Coaching Coordinator</b> Fiona Symons	Nil Report			
<b>Competition Coordinator</b> Kerry Allard	Nil Report			
<b>Representative Coordinator</b> Marg Allen	Nil Report			



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<b>Netball Development Coordinator</b> Gayle Wilkin	Nil Report			
<b>Event Coordinator</b> Jackie Proctor	Nil Report			

COMMITTEE REPORTS TO COUNCIL		Action to be completed by.	Action Required	Date
<b>Junior Grading Convenor:</b> Jill Murray	Nil Report			
<b>Senior Grading Convenor:</b> Amy Prentis	Nil Report			
<b>Member Protection Information Officer –</b> Vacant	Nil Report.			
<b>NNSW Report</b>	Nil Report			
<b>Sports Council</b>	Nil Report			
<b>Central Coast Heart</b>	Nil Report.			
MOTION TO ACCEPT EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS				
<b>MOVED: Nil Reports</b>		<b>SECONDED: Nil</b>		



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Motion	Document	Clause	Page	Change Requested	Move	Second
1	Roles and Responsibilities V10 25.11.23	2.1	9	<p><b>Delete:</b> Whole Clause</p> <p>2.1 The Registrar shall:</p> <p>2.1.1 Report directly to the Competition Co-Ordinator;</p> <p>2.1.2 Personally, or by an appointment representative, maintain a record of players who play each week for finals series qualification;</p> <p>2.1.3 Ensure that by Week 3 all Team Photo Sheets are completed correctly by Affiliated Clubs and submitted in the relevant Club folder;</p> <p>2.1.4 Forward details of any disputed scoresheets to the Competition Co-Ordinator within forty-eight (48) hours for resolution;</p> <p>2.1.5 Notify Competition Co-Ordinator regarding deduction of points for;</p> <p>2.1.5.1 teams playing unregistered or illegal player/s;</p> <p>2.1.5.2 failure to meet team requirements with regards to completion of the scoresheet or other duties as required;</p> <p>2.1.6 Perform such other duties as directed by Council from time to time.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> The role of <b>Registrar</b> is no longer required, as core duties have been successfully absorbed by the <b>GNA Competition Co-ordinator and Office Administration Assistant</b>.</p> <p>PlayHQ's advanced reporting capabilities now provide easy, real-time access to player eligibility and game participation records, together with the new photo system, eliminating much of the previous manual data verification performed by this role. This streamlined approach was introduced in the 2025 competition, with great success.</p>	<p>Kerry Allard (KIN)</p> <p>36 for 1 against 2 abstained</p> <p><b>Motion carried</b></p>	Leanne Phillips (WC)



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2	Roles and Responsibilities V10 25.11.23	1.7.13	7	<p><b>IF ABOVE NOTICE OF MOTION 1 IS SUCCESSFUL</b>  <b>Insert:</b> the following clauses and re-number as necessary            1.7.13 Maintain a record of players who play each week for finals series qualification;            1.7.14 Ensure that by Week 3 all Team Photo Sheets are completed correctly by Affiliated Clubs and submitted in the relevant Club folder;            1.7.15 Notify Clubs of any disputed scoresheets, teams playing unregistered or illegal player/s and regarding deduction of points;  <b>Rationale:</b>            The role of Registrar is not required moving forward for 2026 as outlined in NOM No. 1 adding job description to Competition Co-Ordinator</p>	Kerry Allard (KIN)  36 for 1 against 2 abstained  <b>Motion Carried</b>	Leanne Phillips (WC)
3	Registration Policy V12 23.11.24	1.1.4.1	3	<p><b>Delete:</b> [Entire clause] “Dual Team Members can be added after affiliation day and up to the regrading submission cut off by way of a Member Change Request Form.”   <b>Rationale:</b> The Member Change Request (MCR) Process is covered in Clause 1.1.5 of the Registration Policy and does not stipulate an ‘up to the regrading submission cut off’ MCRs to add Dual registrations should be subject to the same clause and cut off timings as all other MCRs. There should not be inconsistent deadlines and processes in GNA policies. Clause 1.1.4.1 should therefore be deleted, and MCRs to add Dual registrations should be subject to clause 1.1.5</p>	Tara Bodycote (AP)  35 for 3 against 1 abstained  <b>Motion Carried</b>	Annie Tooby (AP)



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4	Registration Policy V12 23.11.24	2.5	5	<p><b>Delete:</b> “and must have their own whistle”</p> <p><b>Insert:</b> “either”; “white shirt and black skirt/shorts/pants”; “Any additional items worn over the white shirt must also be predominantly white”</p> <p><b>Now reads:</b> All affiliated Club umpires must wear either their Affiliated Club uniform with white shirt; white shirt and black skirt/shorts/pants or full white attire and appropriate footwear. Any additional items worn over the white shirt must also be predominately white.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> The change to this policy overlooked the inclusive policy that had previously been included in 2020, ie black bottoms. As Netball NSW has also included black shorts/skirt in their permitted umpire attire it is inappropriate for GNA to allow less than. GNA has also included inclusive uniforms for players in policy, this is the same courtesy extended to umpires. The practice of including black ‘bottoms’ was communicated to umpires by the current GNA Umpires Co-ordinator particularly for 2025 Finals series. This update would support the communications that are already made byt GNA. Not sure why it is needed to have “must have their own whistle” in policy; there is no consequence and there is no way to monitor whether someone happens to borrow a whistle at any time. It is redundant and unnecessary.</p> <p><b>Amended wording. “must have a whistle” and delete “also be predominantly white.”</b></p> <p><b>Amended Notice of Motion NOW READS:</b> All affiliated Club umpires must wear either their Affiliated Club uniform with white shirt; white shirt and black skirt/shorts/pants or full white attire, appropriate footwear and must have a whistle. Any additional items worn over the white shirt must be white, not coloured or patterned.</p>	<p>Kathleen Styant (KAR) 39 for <b>amended wording.</b></p> <p><b>Vote for amended motion.</b> 39 for</p> <p><b>Amended Motion 39 for Motion carried</b></p>	Stephanie Wilson (KAR)
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5	Registration Policy V12 23.11.24	2.10	6 <p><b>Delete:</b> Clubs must nominate one umpire for each of its teams that qualifies in the final series with a minimum of a Gosford award or at the discretion of the Umpires Co-ordinator. A fine of \$50.00 will apply for each umpire not supplied.</p> <p><b>Insert:</b> Umpires for Finals series will be invited by GNA Umpires Co-ordinator. GNA will make payment to clubs for umpires required. Clubs will be advised no later than 2 weeks after Grand Final of their responsibilities for umpire duties for Finals series.</p> <p><b>Now reads:</b> Umpires for Finals series will be invited by GNA Umpires Co-ordinator. GNA will make payment to clubs for umpires required. Clubs will be advised no later than 2 weeks after Grand Final of their responsibilities for umpire duties for Finals series.</p> <p><b>REWORDED NOW READS:</b> Clubs will nominate one umpire for each of its teams that qualify in the Final Series, with a minimum of a GNA White award. A fine of \$50 may apply for each umpire not supplied. Umpires for Finals Series may be invited by the GNA Umpires Coordinator. GNA may make payment to clubs for umpires required. GNA Umpires Coordinator will confirm with clubs their umpire allocations no later than 2 weeks after the grand final.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> GNA has been in the position in recent years to be responsible for payment of umpires in Finals series. While this may or may not continue into the future the current process is that GNA Umpires Co-ordinator invites suitable umpires to participate and does not require clubs to submit available umpires. There is no opportunity for a club to submit their own umpires. If GNA is able to continue the payment for Finals series (fantastic!!) then the only notification will be what umpires need to be paid by the club. If things change then we return to the process that clubs are advised who they need to pay after reconciliation of teams vs umpires. This process is what happens throughout the regular rounds. The standard of umpires invited to 2024/2025 Finals series was GNA White award</p>	Kathleen Styant (KAR)	Stephanie Wilson (KAR)
				<b>Voted 39 for amended motion</b>	
				<b>Motion Reworded</b>	
				Voted Unanimous amended motion.	
				<b>Motion Carried</b>	



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				so this will provide the flexibility for the GNA Umpires Co-ordinator to invite as required and not be breaching Policy.		
6	Grading V10 23.11.24	1.1.10	5	<p><b>Delete:</b> four (4) <b>Insert:</b> six (6)</p> <p><b>Now reads:</b> Divisions are to consist of no less than six (6) teams, and the amount and structure of the divisions are to be made at the discretion of the Junior and Senior Grading Committee, Divisions may include a maximum of one (1) invitation team per division, however, this is at the discretion of the Junior and Senior Grading Committee</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> As discussed, (and with majority of participants in agreement) at the August Council Meeting. 4 team competitions do not work as well as 6 or 8 team comps. Minimum number of teams to ensure an equitable competition should be 6, and if necessary, combine teams into an 8 team split comp X/Y (not just A/B) so that all teams have a better range of opponents to play against.</p>	Karen Myers (KIN) 2 for 37 against  <b>Motion defeated</b>	Deana Myers (KIN)



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7	Competition V13 23.11.24	1.1.4	3	<p><b>Insert:</b> unless they are a registered Dual Player, in which case they may play a maximum of three (3) club competition games per week</p> <p><b>Now reads:</b> Players may play a maximum of two (2) club competition games per week, unless they are a registered Dual Player, in which case they may play a maximum of three (3) club competition games per week.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Dual players play in 2 club games per week but should still be available to play in games as a borrowed player. This change means they have the opportunity to play as a borrowed player in 1 game a week as well as play for their own dual teams</p>	Karen Myers (KIN)  <b>Withdrawn</b>	Deana Myers (KIN)
8	Competition V13 23.11.24	1.1.4	3	<p><b>Insert:</b> Players may play a maximum of three (3) club competition games per week</p> <p><b>Delete:</b> Players may play a maximum of two (2) club competition games per week.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> With the implementation of Dual registration in recent years, players who are dual registered members of two teams are unable to fill in for other teams where required. For smaller clubs or clubs with lower proportions of junior teams, this can impact their ability to coordinate fill ins especially for senior teams. The proposal is therefore to increase the game cap to 3 competition games per week across the board, as this is the cleanest way to change the policy, and supports our dual registered players who are passionate about their club and want to play extra netball to fill in for an additional game.</p>	Tara Bodycote (AP)  38 for 1 abstained  <b>Motion carried</b>	Annie Tooby (AP)



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9	Competition V13 23.11.24	1.2.6 and 1.2.7	4	<p><b>Delete:</b> Whole clauses 1.2.6 and 1.2.7 1.2.6. Players may play a maximum of two (2) club competition games per week. 1.2.7 Players in the representative program may play two (2) club games plus a Representative Program game per week prior to finals series.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Section 1.2.6 is a duplication of Section 1.1.4 of the same policy Section 1.2.7 is a duplication of Section 1.1.5 of the same policy White Section 2 is all about borrowed players, these 2 repeated clauses are unnecessary in this section as the clauses 1.1.4 and 1.1.5 are relevant for the entire policy document and have no additional or different relevance for Borrowed Players.</p>	<p>Karen Myers (KIN)</p> <p>39 for Unanimous</p> <p><b>Motion carried</b></p>	Deana Myers (KIN)
10	Competition V13 23.11.24	1.2.6	4	<p><b>Insert:</b> Players may play a maximum of three (3) club competition games per week</p> <p><b>Delete:</b> Players may play a maximum of two (2) club competition games per week</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Same as above – this is a duplicate clause in a different section of the policy</p>	<p>Tara Bodycote (AP)</p> <p><b>Withdrawn</b></p>	Annie Tooby (AP)



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11	Competition V13 23.11.24	New Section 1.1	3	<p><b>ONLY REQUIRED IF NOTICES OF MOTIONS 8 AND 10 ARE UNSUCCESSFUL</b></p> <p><b>Insert:</b> Dual registered players may play three (3) games per week prior to Finals series.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> With the implementation of Dual registration in recent years, players who are dual registered members of two teams are unable to fill in for other teams where required. For smaller clubs or clubs with lower proportions of junior teams, this can impact their ability to coordinate fill ins especially for senior teams. If the above notice of motions to increase the game cap across the board are unsuccessful, then the other option being proposed is adding a clause that dual registered players specifically can play 3 games. This then allows our dual registered players who are passionate about their club and want to play extra netball to fill in for an additional game.</p>	Tara Bodycote (AP)	Annie Tooby (AP)
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**Withdrawn**

12	Competition V13 23.11.24	New Section 1.2	4	<p><b>ONLY REQUIRED IF NOTICES OF MOTIONS 8 AND 10 ARE UNSUCCESSFUL</b></p> <p><b>Insert:</b> Dual registered players may play three (3) games per week prior to Finals series.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Same as above – this is a duplicate clause in a different section of the policy</p>	Tara Bodycote (AP)	Annie Tooby (AP)
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**Withdrawn**



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13	Competition V13 23.11.24	3.1.4	9	<p><b>Insert:</b> 3.1.4 When play is cancelled because of adverse weather (as per S3.1.2), all players are to be marked as having played the cancelled game. This will be counted as a played game towards finals qualifications as per S1.1.6.</p> <p><b>Now reads:</b> 3.1.4 When play is cancelled because of adverse weather (as per S3.1.2), all players are to be marked as having played the cancelled game. This will be counted as a played game towards finals qualifications as per S1.1.6. R</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> If GNA cancel games because of adverse whether it can affect finals qualifications for players that are approved to play later in the season, or for players that can't play every week due to work or other commitments, or who are injured for a period during the season. This clause will ensure that all approved players for teams where games are cancelled by GNA because of adverse weather events still have that game attributed towards their 3 qualifying games.</p> <p><b>SEE ATTACHED COMPETITION ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS FINALS SERIES-PROCESS CHANGE PROPOSAL-OVERARCHING RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGES (AP)</b></p>	<p>Karen Myers (KIN)</p> <p>14 for 24 against 1 abstained</p> <p><b>Motion Defeated</b></p>	Deana Myers (KIN)
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14	Competition V13 23.11.24	3.2.2	9	<p><b>Insert:</b> [Entire Clause] “Should any one week of the final’s series be cancelled due to Adverse Weather, the first default for rescheduling will be the Saturday of the week following the cancellation. However, once this week has been used, alternative actions will apply”</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> In reference to the overarching rationale, this amendment formalises the process of using the following Saturday as the first fallback option in the event of wet weather. It ensures a consistent, practical approach that reflects member feedback and avoids the issue of unavailability of players and umpires. Members will be informed before the season begins that an ‘extra week’ may be used within the Finals Series if required. To be renumbered as necessary</p>	Annie Tooby (AP)	Tara Bodycote (AP)
15	Competition V13 23.11.24	3.2.3	9	<p><b>Insert:</b> “Should the semi-finals original date as well as the rescheduled Saturday be cancelled due to Adverse Weather, first will play fourth and second will play third on the following Saturday with the winners to play in the grand final.”</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> In reference to the overarching rationale, this action would be taken after the “extra week” has been used as a result of wet weather cancellations in the finals series. To be renumbered as necessary</p>	Annie Tooby (AP)	Tara Bodycote (AP)



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16	Competition V13 23.11.24	3.2.4	9	<p><b>Insert:</b> "If the 'extra week' has been previously used in the final's series, the semi-final is played and the finals are cancelled due to Adverse Weather, the finals will be re scheduled for the following day (Sunday)."</p> <p><b>Delete:</b> "[If] the semi-final is played..."</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> In reference to the overarching rationale, this amendment clarifies the next action once the "extra week" has been used</p>	Annie Tooby (AP)	Tara Bodycote (AP)
17	Competition V13 23.11.24	3.2.6.3	10	<p><b>Insert:</b> "If the 'extra week' has been previously used, the next option for the final and grand final is for the games to be played the following day (Sunday);"</p> <p><b>Delete:</b> "[the first] option is for..."</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> In reference to the overarching rationale, this amendment specifies the order of fallback options for final and grand final games once the 'extra week' has been utilised.</p>	Annie Tooby (AP)	Tara Bodycote (AP)
18	Competition V13 23.11.24	3.2.6.4	10	<p><b>Delete:</b> [Entire Clause] "if this Sunday is cancelled due to Adverse Weather the following Saturday will be scheduled;"</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Not applicable if the other proposed amendments are accepted</p>	Annie Tooby (AP)	Tara Bodycote (AP)



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19	Competition V13 23.11.24	3.2.6.5	10	<p><b>Delete:</b> [Entire Clause] “if this Saturday is also cancelled due to Adverse Weather the grand final will then be scheduled for the next day (Sunday);”</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Not applicable if the other proposed amendments are accepted</p>	<p>Annie Tooby (AP)</p> <p><b>Withdrawn pending further discussion</b></p>	<p>Tara Bodycote (AP)</p>
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**Gosford Netball Association 2025  
Notice of Motions proposed by Apollo Netball Club**

**COMPETITION ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS - Finals Series - Process Change Proposal**

**Overarching Rationale for the Proposed Changes:**

It is our proposal to adjust the actions taken regarding wet weather cancellations during the Finals Series in order for the process to be more consistent overall as well as more preferable for members, especially in terms of availability, as acquired from feedback during the 2025 season in particular. It is our proposition to use the “following Saturday” (clause 3.2.6.5) as an ‘extra week’ of the finals series if needed due to a wet weather cancellation. This week is already available under current policy in the event of a Grand Final cancellation. Implementing it as the **first fallback option** will reduce the likelihood of needing to reschedule games to a Sunday, while ensuring the season is not extended beyond its current timeframe. This extra week is to be used as priority before the use of a Sunday as our club’s committee had provided feedback from a number of members in the association that availability would have caused a multiple issues if the final from 2025 had to be played on the Sunday, especially in reference to player and umpire availability. Furthermore, as a club, we also find concern that this would not just affect players, but umpires also and put strain on the GNA umpires committee to adjust allocations last minute.

For the process to be successful, it is to be ensured that members are thoroughly aware prior to the commencement of the season that there will be a potential extra week of the final’s series if any ONE of the final’s weeks are cancelled.

In summary, the key outcome of this process change is that the “**following Saturday**” (also termed as the ‘extra week’) is always the **first fallback** until used. This week may be implemented once at any point during the Finals Series. When considering the improbability of multiple final days being cancelled, our proposal for a new structure regarding cancellations is more preferable, consistent and comprehensible for all involved.

The following table explains the proposed process amendments:

Situation	First Action Taken	If the “Extra Week” has been used	If Cancelled Again
SEMI FINAL Cancelled	Reschedule to following Saturday (“Extra Week”)	Use top 4 playoff format (1v4, 2v3) the following week	n/a
FINAL Cancelled	Reschedule to following Saturday (“Extra Week”)	Play the next day (Sunday)	The highest placed team after 15 weeks that was to play the final, will play in the grand final
GRAND FINAL Cancelled	Reschedule to following Saturday (“Extra Week”)	Play the next day (Sunday)	The team highest on the ladder at Week 15 that was to play the grand final will be declared the winners



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NEW BUSINESS	Action to be completed by	Action to be completed.	Date
1. <b>Appointment of Auditor 2025.</b> Members voted unanimously to appoint Bishop Collins as our Auditor in 2026			
2. <b>Election of Assistant Umpire Coordinator-</b> members voted- Mel Brown OUR, 32 votes. Kathleen Styant, KAR, 6 votes. Mel Brown will be the Assistant Umpire Coordinator in 2026.			
3. The 2026 <b>Draft GNA calendar</b> was adopted.			
4. <b>2026 proposed fees-</b> Belinda explained the fee structure for GNA and NNSW. #29 Kathleen Styant KAR, suggested the GNA component of fees be shown in the online registration screen. #10 Fiona Symons, GNA, reminded members that Associations “prop up” Netball Australia too. The 2026 proposed fees were adopted unanimously. The 2026 club affiliation fee will be \$55. Clubs will be required to pay this fee by 30th November 2025, or access to PlayHq will be denied.			
5. <b>Men’s Competition-</b> #25 Alision Monaghan, CW, advised there are currently 36 male players for 2026, from various clubs. This will be enough to have a men only competition in 2026 with a minimum of 4 teams. Their games will played on Saturdays in the senior time slots. Clubs are encouraged to source more male players with a minimum age of 15. #8 Gayle Wilkin, GNA, congratulated Alison on all her efforts.			
6 #17 Tara Bodycote AP, spoke about <b>team photo sheets</b> . One Apollo club member has a difficult legal situation and cannot have a photo displayed. Apollo consulted NNSW as to what they needed to do. Tara also advised only 1 other Association in NSW, Sutherland, still use photos. Their photo sheets are not distributed. Competitions run by NNSW do not require photos. Tara asked delegates to consider whether we actually			



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<p>need them at Gosford. Currently there are no actual rules in Policy around who has access to player photos, and where they are stored. The concern is about who has access, not the actual photo. Tara wanted to share this information/concern. This will be further discussed in the Presidents group.</p> <p>#40 Jill Murray, TW, said there has been changes in the laws re artificial intelligence around images of children, and possible liabilities.</p> <p>#10 Fiona Symons, GNA, said other sports have photos too that are shown on game day before matches. #29 Kathleen Styant, KAR, asked who actually went to the online link to check photos in 2025, and if no one checks them, do we need them. #17 Tara Bodycote, AP, is concerned about maintaining player safety when anyone can take a screenshot of a photo sheet or screen and pass on images.</p>			
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<b>SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD</b>	
<b>CHAIR</b>	Belinda Beresford
<b>DATE</b>	22nd November 2025

There being no further business the meeting closed 11.02am.  
 Next council meeting is scheduled for- DATE: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026