



Gosford Netball Association

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING DATE 22ND April 2026 AT THE CLUBHOUSE WEST GOSFORD

CHAIRPERSON	Belinda Beresford		
MEETING OPENED:	7.19pm		
PRESENT:	Executives, Club Delegates, Active Life Members, Officer Bearers as per attendance book		
APOLOGIES:	Meg Casey, Barb McCarthy, Marilyn Powell		
MINUTE TAKER:	Meg Lyons		
DOCUMENTS TABLED:	Agenda, Financial Statements, Executive Reports, Conditions of Attendance Document, Proposed Team Photos Trial Document		
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL			
The Council resolved that the minutes of meeting of 18 th March 2026 be signed as a true record.			
MOVED:	#39 Marilyn Mungovan TW	SECONDED	#45 Renee Smith WN

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	Action to be completed by	Action Required	Date
1. Leanne emailed the GNA calendar to Life Members.			
MOVED:	#34 Vicki Stedman NV	SECONDED:	#46 Ellen Suarez WN



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<p>President Belinda Beresford</p>	<p>Report Attached.</p> <p>#29 Kath Styant, KAR, voiced her opinion that the Presidents report was a “roast” of the Finance Co-ordinator, and “inappropriate”.</p> <p>#1 Belinda Beresford, GNA, responded, saying discussions take place in meetings and auditor’s meetings to support the finance role, and all other Executive roles. She further stated that her report was not a “roasting”, and that information reported was for transparency only. She will take the feedback on notice.</p> <p>#29 Kath Styant, KAR, nominated herself, from the floor, for the role of Assistant Finance Co-Ordinator. This nomination was seconded by #15 Robyn Turton, LM.</p> <p>#4 Michelle Cremer, GNA, said she would think about whether she requires an assistant.</p> <p>#30 Bernadette Fielding, KAR, asked what GNA are planning to do with the ample funds in our accounts, and do we have a 5-year plan. She suggested the money be used for the much needed courts upgrade.</p> <p>#1 Belinda Beresford, GNA, said the Budget is done each year taking into account Sponsorship and Twilight funds. GNA give back to the clubs as much as</p>	Michelle Cremer	Decide if a Finance Assistant is required.	ASAP



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	<p>possible. She said we are trying to grow and development the Association in many different areas.</p> <p>#2 Vice President, Joy Dasan, has secured \$30 000 in sponsorship this year, and while this is a substantial sum of money the last quote, 2 years ago, for the court upgrades was \$4 million. Joy is constantly in contact with NNSW re grants as GNA cannot possibly afford this amount of money.</p> <p>C C Council did an assessment some time ago, but only resurfaced 3 courts. We are not on the Council radar in terms of financial assistance.</p> <p>#45 Renee Smith, WN, suggested we try to fix/upgrade some smaller areas. Joy explained that C C Council must approve any work GNA wants to carry out.</p> <p>#37 Carly Baldwin, OUR, via zoom, asked if GNA or the Council are responsible for the courts? Joy responded, via zoom, explaining that the C C Council owns the courts, but won't or can't pay for them.</p>			
Vice President Joy Dasan	Report Attached.			
Secretary Leanne Phillips	Report Attached.			
Finance Coordinator	Report Attached.			



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Michelle Cremer				
Umpires Coordinator Megan Casey	Report Attached.			
Coaching Coordinator Fiona Symons	Report Attached. #46 Ellen Suarez, WN, said she did not see the results from the coaches' survey carried out last year. #10 Fiona Symons, GNA, said the results were presented at a Council meeting last year. There will be a coaching course run again this year, but NSW requires at least 5 attendees to run the course. Previously people have paid for the course but not shown up on the day.			
Competition Coordinator Kerry Allard	Report Attached.			
Representative Coordinator Marg Allen	Report Attached.			
Netball Development Coordinator Gayle Wilkin	Report Attached.			
Event Coordinator Jackie Proctor	Report Attached.			



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COMMITTEE REPORTS TO COUNCIL		Action to be completed by.	Action Required	Date
Junior Grading Convenor Jill Murray	Nil Report			
Senior Grading Convenor Amy Prentis	Nil Report			
Member Protection Information Officer – Vacant	Nil Report.			
Central Coast Netball	Report Attached			
Sports Council	Nil Report			
Central Coast Heart Michelle Cremer	Report Attached. #29 Kath Styant, KAR, added that Piper Bullen and Eve Power have accepted contracts with C C Heart.			
MOTION TO ACCEPT EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS				
MOVED: #34 Vicki Stedman NV		SECONDED: #46 Ellen Suarez WN		

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<p>1. #34 Vicki Stedman, NV, asked about the Men’s Competition, with currently only 3 teams they would only play limited games. It was decided to waive the normal 7-day notice for new male players in order to register a 4th team, and possibly even a 5th before week 1. #25 Alison Monghan, CW, is confident CW will be able to make up at least 1 more team, with only 3 more players required.</p> <p>#29 Kath Styant, KAR, suggested, and it was agreed, that the normal borrowing policy would not apply to the men’s competition for the first 3 weeks.</p>			
<p>2. Photo Trial- All players playing in the 15s division and lower will not have to submit a photo to GNA under the trial, (details attached). #26 Amanda Wilkinson, CW, asked</p>			



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<p>how these junior players can be identified. #1 Belinda Beresford, GNA, said if coaches/managers think there is an identity issue they need to advise the club President of the opposition team. The club President can be summoned over the loudspeaker from the help desk. Belinda agreed it will be difficult to definitively identify players without photos, and it will become more of an honour system.</p> <p>#29 Kath Styant, KAR, said it is misconception that only two other Associations use photos.</p> <p>If an illegal player is discovered current policy around illegal players will apply, after the incident is reported back to GNA. #26 Amanda Wilkinson, CW, suggested coaches talk to each other re late player arrivals, and borrowed players, on game day to avoid confusion or suspicion. #10 Fiona Symons, GNA, said late arrivals should be ticked on the scoresheet when they arrive, and all borrowed players recorded in the appropriate section.</p> <p>#27 Steph Lavery, DT, asked if there were consequences for not having a photo for a borrowed player. If junior players are borrowed into senior teams, a photo will be required in case they are borrowed again. #1 Belinda Beresford, GNA, reminded delegates this new system is a trial, and the question of photos for juniors can be re-visited during the season in need. #45 Renee Smith, WN, suggested we could go back to the "old system" whereby coaches kept a photo sheet with them on game day that could be referred to if requested. #7 Kerry Allard, GNA, reminded delegates that borrowed players are recorded each week when they are written on scoresheets.</p>			
<p>3. Conditions of Attendance. #2 Joy Dasan, GNA, has worked with NNSW on this document (attached). This will be displayed around the clubhouse and on the back of toilet doors. #29 Kath Styant, KAR, jokingly suggested we add no scooters allowed on the courts. #46 Ellen Suarez, WN, said all dogs must be on a leash in public places. They can be dangerous to players and umpires if left to run free. This is not included in the document, but C C Council will have a general rule around dogs in public spaces.</p>			
<p>4. Ball Recycling- CW member Alanie Day advised that damaged/old netballs can be brought to GNA to be taken, in batches of 5, to Rebel Sport for recycling. Alanie has offered to take the balls in.</p>			



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<p>5. #29 Kath Styant, KAR, raised the issue of the 15s age group all playing in the same timeslot of 11am, stating that it made umpiring allocations difficult. This topic was discussed by club umpire convenors. The 15s have not all played in the same timeslot in the past.</p> <p>#40 Jill Murray, TW, said parents and coaches had complained about the differing times in recent years, and that it was simpler to keep it the same each year so clubs can organise teams and coaches accordingly. Jill also added that Meg Casey, GNA Umpires Co-Ordinator, had confirmed she could cover umpiring allocations for the 11am timeslot in 2026.</p> <p>#7 Kerry Allard, GNA, said she is happy for umpire convenors to contact her for help in this area, next year, before the competition is organised.</p>			

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD	
CHAIR	Belinda Beresford
DATE	22 nd April 2026

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.09pm
 Next council meeting is scheduled for DATE: 20th May 2026