



# Notice of Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 7.30pm**

**Maroondah Nets**

Reg. No. A0011747L

ABN 54 201 268 575

Notice is given of the Annual General Meeting of Melbourne East Netball Association on Tuesday 19 May 2026 at The Maroondah Nets 154 Heathmont Road Heathmont commencing at 7:30pm.

The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:

- a) confirm the minutes of the last preceding Annual General Meeting and of any General Meeting held since that meeting;
- b) receive from the Board, reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last preceding year;
- c) receive notification of election of the Board Members of the Association;
- d) declare Life Members; and
- e) receive and consider the financial statements submitted by the Board in accordance with the Act.

The only persons entitled to vote at Annual General Meetings of the Association shall be the Affiliated Clubs (through their Delegates) and Life Members.

Melbourne East Netball Association

21 April 2026



# Agenda - Annual General Meeting

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1. **Welcome**
2. **The Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting**
3. **President's Report**
4. **Competitions & Programs Report**
5. **Umpire Report**
6. **Representative Program**
7. **Events & Fundraising**
8. **Courtside Café**
9. **Financial Report & Reappointment of Auditor Independent Accountant**
10. **Election of Board members**

Four positions will be declared vacant.  
Scott Ryan (Vice President) – eligible for reappointment  
Narelle Caffyn (Treasurer) – eligible for reappointment  
Angela Wood (Events and Fundraising) – eligible for reappointment  
Abbey Herron (Coach portfolio) – eligible for reappointment

*Nominations of candidates for election as Board Members, shall be:*

*(i) made in writing, signed by two (2) Affiliated Clubs or Life Members and accompanied by the written consent of the nominee (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination). The nominee must be a Member of the Association; and*

*(ii) delivered to the Secretary of the Association by the date specified on the call for nominations. (COB 15 May 2026).*
11. **General Business**
12. **Close**



# Minutes – Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 7.30pm  
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Present:

<p>Nene Watt – Blackburn Lake Carmen DeLa Rue – East Ringwood Lisa Baker – East Ringwood Elle Moore – Heathmont United Michelle DeLa Pierre - HFNC Jets Nicole Scott – HFNC Jets David Williamson – HFNC Jets Meg Hubbard – HFNC Jets Danie McNeil – Holy Spirit Sandra Schipano – Holy Spirit Rochelle Turner - Mullum Nicole Clark - Nunawading Jan Melvin – Nunawading Jessica Hooper – Our Lady’s Fran North Coombes – Our Lady’s Angela Wood – Park Orchards Nicole Bexley – Ringwood North Sarah Parker – Ringwood North Ross Newland – Ringwood North Lynda Spicer – Southwood Kirsty Elliott - Southwood</p>	<p>Cate Pigeault - St James Emma Stansfield – Trinity Michelle Adkins-Brown Andrew Conway Joanne Davidson – General Board Member Andrea Archer – General Board Member Abbey Heron - General Board member Scott Ryan – Vice President Amy Ferris – President Cheryl Begg – Secretary Narelle Caffyn - Treasurer Merryn Brien – Operations Manager Lindy Dowell – Head Coach</p>
<p>Apologies – Brendon Considine – All Abilities, Scott Hine – East Ringwood, Carissa Ferro – General Board Member, Marian Fitzpatrick – Umpire Convenor/Life Member</p>	

1. **Welcome** – Amy Ferris, President, welcomed all to this meeting - clubs and delegates, players, umpires and committee members to the MENA Annual General Meeting.
2. **The minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting** were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting with no amendments.  
 Moved: Danie McNeil  
 Seconded: Sandra Schipano
3. **Presidents Report (Amy Ferris)**– Report was tabled by the President – Amy Ferris.
4. **Competitions & Programs (Merryn & Jo)** – Report was tabled by the President – Amy Ferris
5. **Umpire Report (Marian Fitzpatrick)** – Report was tabled by Jo Davidson

6. **Representative Program (Lindy Dowell)** – Report was tabled by Lindy Dowell
7. **Events & Fundraising (Merryn)** – Report tabled by the President – Andrea Archer
8. **Courtside Café (Scott Ryan)** – Report tabled by General Board Member – Scott Ryan
9. **Community Partnerships (Carissa Ferro)** – Report tabled by President – Amy Ferris
10. **Financial Report** – Narelle Caffyn, Treasurer

Financial Statements for the Year ending 31 December 2024 were tabled and presented by the Treasurer.

Points highlighted:

- a. Melbourne East Netball Association recorded a profit of \$13,418 for the year ended 31 December 2024, compared to a loss of \$12,870 in 2023, following a fee increase and strong support from sponsors and the Representative Program community. Careful financial management by Operations Manager Merryn Brien, along with the support of bookkeeper Tracy Lin and café revenue, also contributed to the improved result.
- b. Affiliation fees remain unchanged for 2025

The treasurer moved that the auditor, Independent Accounting, be reappointed.

#### 11. **Election of Office Bearers for 2024/25**

The President Amy Ferris and Secretary Cheryl Begg vacated their position. Declared President & Secretary positions vacant and conducted the elections.

#### **\*Thank You – Amy and Cheryl**

As we welcome new faces to the board, we also take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of two incredible leaders: Amy, our outgoing President, and Cheryl, our Secretary and Representative Program Lead.

Amy joined the MENA Board in 2021 and, from the outset, stepped into the demanding role of President with courage, clarity, and care. She led MENA through one of the most challenging periods in our history—the COVID-19 pandemic—helping to keep our community connected and supported throughout the uncertainty.

Over the past three years, Amy has driven major improvements in governance, helping to lay strong foundations for the future. She played a key role in developing and implementing the MENA Strategic Plan, a document that now guides our commitment to inclusion, growth, and progress across all levels of our association.

Beyond these achievements, Amy’s leadership style has left a lasting impression on everyone she worked with. She has been approachable, thoughtful, and deeply committed to doing what’s best for our community. Her empathy, professionalism, and integrity have shaped MENA in immeasurable ways, and we are so grateful for her service.

Cheryl has also been an integral part of the MENA Board, leading both as Secretary and as the driving force behind our Representative Program.

Since returning post-COVID, Cheryl has played a key role in rebuilding and elevating our Rep Program into one of the most sought-after in the region. Her leadership has delivered outstanding results, from the coordination of Family Day and key tournaments to the return to Mildura, a much-loved highlight for our senior athletes. She also led the introduction of our boys' representative team, and most recently, helped establish the very first MENA Representative Tournament on home courts—a major milestone for our association.

Cheryl's leadership has always been grounded in authenticity, compassion, and a strong commitment to fairness and process. She has consistently championed what's best for our players and our broader netball community.

Amy and Cheryl, your dedication, hard work, and vision have made a profound and lasting impact on MENA. On behalf of the entire MENA community, we thank you for your incredible contributions and wish you both all the best in your next chapter.

The members having been nominated were elected to the MENA Board for 2025/26

**The following new Board Members** (4 office bearers) & **General Board Members** (at least 9) were elected for two-year terms:

- President – Andrew Conway:  
Moved Danie McNeil  
Seconded – Jessica Hooper
- Secretary – None nominated or elected at the meeting. Emma Stansfield subsequently appointed Secretary by the Board.
- General Member – Andrea Archer:  
Moved by Cate Pigeault  
Seconded – Emma Stansfield
- General Member - Michelle Adkins-Brown:  
Moved by Rochelle Turner  
Seconded – Katharine Price.
- General Member – Joanne Davidson  
Moved by Amanda Bulloch  
Seconded – Jessica Hooper

Amy, encouraged new members to join the board in the future.

## 12. **General Business**

There being no other matters of General Business the Meeting closed at 8.00pm