

MARYBOROUGH GIANTS FNC



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Maryborough Giants Football Netball Club, I would like to warmly welcome all of our life members, players, supporters, and onlookers to the 2026 season.

It's great to be back, and we look forward to what promises to be an exciting year ahead. Our season officially kicks off tomorrow with an away game at Lexton, and we wish all teams the very best to start the year strongly.

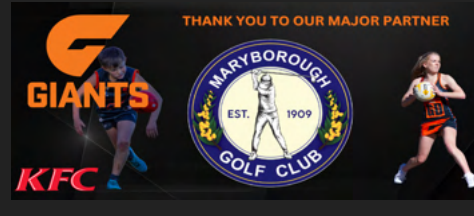
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our new and existing sponsors for their continued support of our club. Your contributions are critical to our success both on and off the field.

A special mention must go to our Sponsorship Coordinator, who prefers to remain anonymous, who has put in an enormous amount of work in this space. Thanks to his efforts, we have secured strong support heading into the season.

I encourage everyone to check out our new signage board & fence sponsors and, importantly, support the businesses that support us.

Unfortunately, we have some challenges regarding the netball court redevelopment. At this stage, it looks unlikely that the new netball court will be completed during the home and away season.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT Cont.

The committee has explored a number of options to keep football and netball together at the one venue; however, there have been very limited viable alternatives. As a result, our home netball games will be played at the complex. This situation is expected to have a significant financial impact on the club, but we will continue to work through it as best we can.

I would also like to welcome Brett Parry as our canteen manager for the 2026 season. We appreciate Brett stepping into this important role. Thank you Brett!

As always, our club relies heavily on volunteers, and we are always looking for more helping hands.

If you are able to assist in any capacity throughout the year, please reach out to a committee member—your support makes a big difference.

We have a strong committee in 2026 who look forward to their management roles committed to driving the club forward, as we strive to make the Giants the best club in the district.

We are blessed to have many promising juniors in our football and netball ranks and we look forward to watching them in action in 2026 and beyond.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our teams the very best for the 2026 season.

Play hard, support one another, and represent the club with pride.

Go Giants.

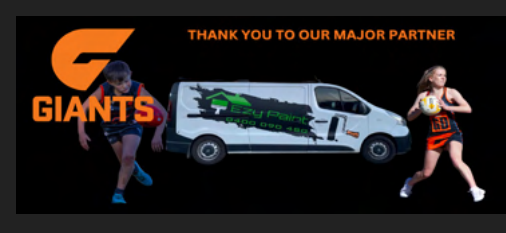
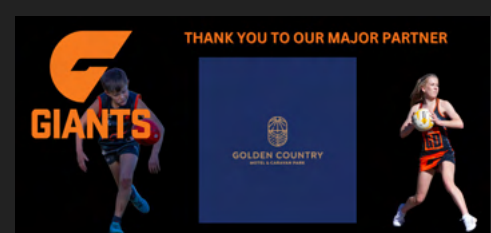
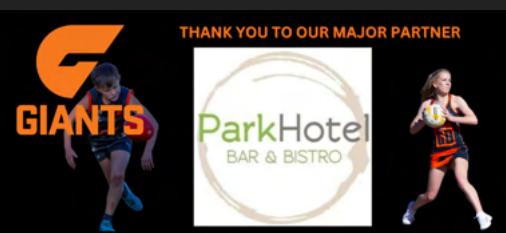
Adam Balzan

THE MARYBOROUGH GIANTS
NEED YOUR HELP.

PREMIERS 2025
RUNNERS-UP 2025
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Maryborough Giants are looking forward to a **successful season** — and we invite you to **play a part** and volunteer your services. There are many roles to fill, and we **need your support**.
GO GIANTS!



2026 Committee

ANNOUNCEMENT: 2026 MARYBOROUGH GIANTS FNC COMMITTEE

The Maryborough Giants Football Netball Club is proud to announce our committee for the 2026 season!

- President: Adam Balzan
- Vice President: Simon Ryan
- Treasurer: Scott Miller
- Secretary: Bec Dewhirst
- General Committee Members:
- Matthew Broad
- Alison Lewington
- Elizabeth Lewington
- Donna Walhouse – also Junior Netball Coordinator
- Lynelle Trickey
- Ebony Miller
- Matt Doherty
- Henry Potter
- Zoe Potter



We extend a heartfelt thank you to our outgoing executive team – Kate Balzan and Sarah Broad, – for their incredible hard work and commitment through challenging circumstances.

We're grateful for everything you've done for the club, and we're thrilled you'll still be sticking around to support us moving forward.

Football Coach's



Matt Walker
Senior Coach



Jayden Humphrey
Reserves Joint Coach



Ray Bulger
Reserves Joint Coach



Declan Wagstaff
Under 18 Coach



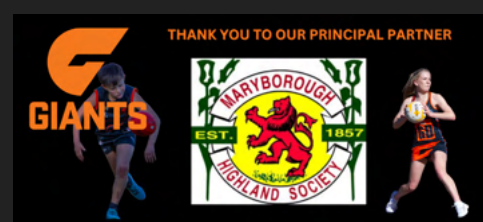
Jude Gourley
Under 15 Joint Coach



Jack Broad
Under 15 Joint Coach



Steve Barnett
Under 12 Coach



Netball Coach's for 2026

With all of the Netball Coaching/Officials roles now officially filled, we couldn't be more excited about the incredible group of leaders joining us for 2026.

Each coach brings a wealth of experience, passion, and dedication, and we're confident they'll inspire, challenge, and support our players to reach their full potential.

With this talented team at the helm, we're ready to hit the ground running and aim for a strong season — and ultimately, a spot in the finals! A recap of our fearless netball leaders in 2026:

Netball Senior Co-ordinator/Director: Bec Dewhirst

Netball Junior Co-ordinator: Donna Walhouse

A & B Grade Head Coach: Laura McStravick

C Grade: Bec Dewhirst

U18: Kylie Egan

U15: Nickola Allan, Donna Walhouse

U13: Jessie Zahra

U11: Laura McStravick



Laura McStravick
A & B Grade Coach



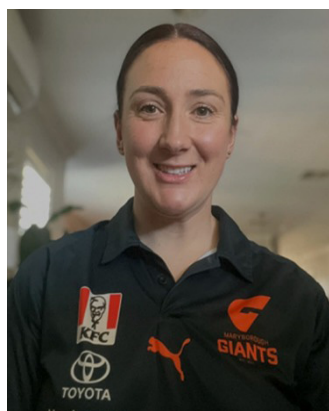
Bec Dewhirst
C Grade Coach



Kylie Egan
18 & Under Coach



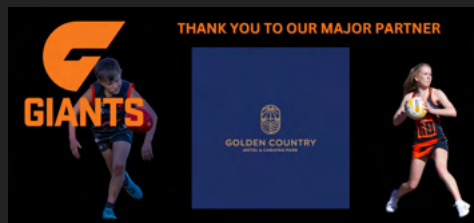
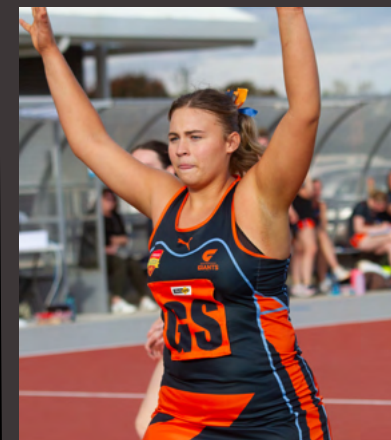
**Nickola Allan &
Donna Walhouse**
15 & Under Joint Coach



Jessie Zahra
13 & Under Coach



Laura McStravick
11 & Under Coach



17 & Under Grade Netball - 2025 Premiers

Congratulations to our 17 & Under Netballers who took out the 2025 MCDNFL Premiership.

It was a great effort by our girls who defeated Avoca 40 to 16 in the Grand Final.



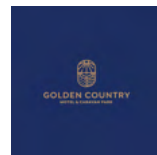
Major Partners - 2026

The Maryborough Giants Football Netball Club is extremely fortunate to have a number of outstanding organisations that support our club at a Major Partner level.

Operating a community sporting club such as ours comes with many financial responsibilities. The generous support provided by the following organisations helps ease that burden significantly, and we sincerely thank them for their ongoing commitment to the Giants.

Our Major Partners

- Golden Country Motel
- KFC
- LPM Finance
- Maryborough Golf Club
- Park Hotel
- EZY Paint



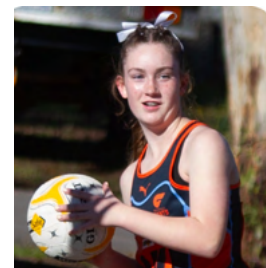
Their support plays a vital role in helping the club operate, grow, and provide opportunities for players, members, and the wider community.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our Gold, Silver and Bronze Partners for their amazing support of the Maryborough Giants.

Your contributions help ensure our club continues to thrive both on and off the field.



2025 Club Best & Fairest



Partnership Opportunities

The MGFNC has an exciting future and there is a unique opportunity for your business to join with us and be a part of something that will make a lasting contribution to not only our club, but our community as well.

This year, we have come up with a range of unique and specialised Partnership Packages designed to give your business exposure that is second-to-none.

As a Major Partner of the Maryborough Giants Football Netball Club, you will be provided with a range of marketing and promotional opportunities that are tailored and targeted, not only to our members but to the wider community.

We are committed to ensuring the partnership between our club and your business meets both our needs and expectations.

In summary, our Partnership Packages will provide the opportunity to:

- Deliver and create awareness of a marketing and/or product message
- Enhance a connection with our regional community
- Build relationships with clients and customers
- Demonstrate your 'community-minded' approach to doing business.

CONTACT DETAILS

For more details or further discussion or to confirm a Partnership Package please contact: our Sponsorship Manager on 0408 571 829



THANK YOU TO OUR MAJOR PARTNER



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MCDFNL Best & Fairest - 2025



The Maryborough Giants congratulate both **Bec Dewhirst & Mia Smith** for winning the **MCDFNL Best & Fairest Awards in 2025.**



Bec had an outstanding season in the C Grade winning the league Best & Fairest with 27 votes to win by 3 votes from her closest opponents, Brittany Baird of Navarre and Sophie McQuienn of Natte-Bealiba who tied on 24 votes.

Congratulations to Bec!



Mia was a runaway winner polling 40 votes to win by a massive margin of 13 votes from Louella Roche of Talbot FNC with 27 votes.

Mia is a dynamic player who polled in 15 games for the season.

She was judged best on court in 11 games, and received 2 votes on 3 occasions and 1 vote in one game.

It was an amazing season and we look forward to seeing Mia return to the Giants down the track after a stint in the Bendigo League. Well done Mia!



Maryborough Highland Society Principal Partnership

The Maryborough Highland Society's ongoing support as a Principal Partner plays a significant role in strengthening community sport, culture, and local connection.
Become a Member

Membership at the Maryborough Highland Society is affordable and offers excellent value:

- Membership Options
- \$10 per year
 - \$25 for three years



- Member Benefits
- 12.5% off drinks
 - 7.5% off food
 - Entry into the Wednesday Superdraw
 - Entry into the Friday Members Draw
 - Access to the Club Mix Rewards Program
 - Participation in the Team Rewards Community Support Initiative



Through the **Team Rewards Program**, the Highland Society returns valuable financial support to local sporting organisations such as the **Maryborough Giants**, helping strengthen grassroots sport in our region.



THE HIGHLAND
Your local entertainment venue!

TEAM REWARDS
Sponsorship

LINK YOUR HIGHLAND MEMBERSHIP CARD TODAY TO SUPPORT THE MARYBOROUGH GIANTS

PROUD SUPPORTERS OF LOCAL FOOTY & NETBALL

35 HIGH STREET, MARYBOROUGH | PHONE 5461 1480 | WWW.HIGHLANDSOCIETY.COM.AU

FBX BKX KENO TAB



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New Website

A new website has been developed for the club over the off-season.

The website is a valuable tool for our club and plays an important role in communication, promotion and engagement. As a merged club, the history of both **Maryborough Rovers** and **Royal Park**, along with the history of the Maryborough Giants, is proudly displayed.

All **club news** is published on the website, ensuring members and supporters stay informed.

Football and Netball players can **register online** by visiting the website and selecting the registration link.

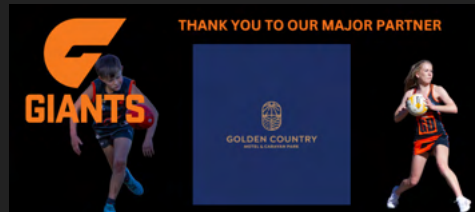
The website also plays a key role in **attracting and supporting sponsors**, with sponsor information displayed for our members and the wider community.

In addition, the club's **social calendar** is available online, keeping everyone up to date with upcoming events.

The words to the club song is also on the website as well as many other avenues to club information.

To access the website, you can google Maryborough Giants FNC.

or just click this link.





Social Events

We have some great social events planned at the club for 2026

The Annual Ball was a great success once again in 2025 and we look forward to attending our Principal Partner's establishment for the 2026 Ball.

Also the Golf day will be a day not to miss.
You may come away with a new car.

The Maryborough Giants are hosting a Golf Day you won't want to miss!

Head down to our Major Partner, the Maryborough Golf Club, for a fantastic day on the course...

With a chance to drive away in a BRAND NEW CAR!
Hole-in-one on the 9th hole = keys in your hand.

4 Person Ambrose Event
\$500 prizemoney to the winning team
PLUS \$500 donated to the club of your choice

Great golf
Great company
Big prizes up for grabs

More details coming soon — lock it in now!

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday 13th June 2026 – Annual Ball

Dress to Impress for the night of nights

This is the night that everyone enjoys the most — a great chance to get together and celebrate in style.

To be held at the venue of our Principal Partner, The Maryborough Highland Society

We hope to see everyone there.

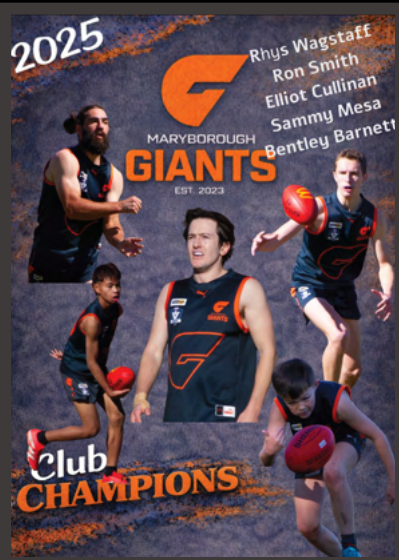
More details to follow.

THE SOCIAL SCENE

THANK YOU TO OUR WEBSITE PARTNER

THANK YOU TO OUR PRINCIPAL PARTNER

THANK YOU TO OUR MAJOR PARTNER



Dinner options at
The Highland



Football 2025 Trophy Winners

Senior Football

Egan Sellers Best & Fairest
R/Up Best & Fairest
Leading Goalkicker
Coach's Award
Noonan Mclachlan Players Award
Terry Floyd Rising Star

Winner

Rhys Wagstaff
Scott Miller/Cody Wright
Jacob Rollason
Kaylab Eggers
Scott Miller
Sam Spink



Reserves Football

Lawrence Cribbes Best & Fairest
R/Up Best & Fairest
Coach's Award
Leading Goal Kicker
Stewart Payers Votes

Winner

Ron Smith
Darren Cook
Steven Jones
Trae Ewart
Ron Smith



Under 17.5 Football

Best & Fairest
R/Up Best & Fairest
Leading Goalkicker
Most Consistent
Most Improved
Most Determined
Coach's Trophy
Coach's Trophy

Winner

Elliot Cullinan
Keegan Doherty
Lachie Condie
Isaac Chamberlain
Tyson Broad
Cale Wright
Mitch Stork
Isaac Scott



Under 14.5 Football

Best & Fairest
R/Up Best & Fairest
Most Improved
Most Consistent
Most Determined
Coach's Award
Best 1st Year

Winner

Sammy Mesa
Keegan Hudson
Deegan Hansen
Hudson Braod
Koopah Leech
Tyler Hutcheon
Connor



Under 11.5 Football

Best & Fairest
R/Up Best & Fairest
Most Improved
Most Consistent
Most Determined
Coach's Award
Best 1st Year

Winner

Bentley Barnett
Keeley Moore
Blair Young
Luca Walker
George Karathanasis
Chad Earl
Cason McWilliams



Netball

2025 Trophy Winners

A Grade

**Best & Fairest
Runner/Up
Players Award**

Winner

**Lacey Broad
Ruby Saunder
Christie Chapple**



B Grade

**Best & Fairest
Runner/Up
Players Award**

Winner

**Maddy Smith
Laura McStravick
Bridgette Bates**



C Grade

**Best & Fairest
Runner/Up
Players Award**

Winner

**Bec Dewhirst
Kylie Egan
Jessie Zahra**



17 & Under

**Best & Fairest
Runner/Up
Most Improved
Coach's Trophy**

Winner

**Lacey Broad
Kayley Walhouse
Rory Baker
Jorgia Brown**



15 & Under

**Best & Fairest
Runner/Up
Most Improved
Coach's Trophy**

Winner

**Mia Smith
Georgie Allan
Mariah Critchley
Airlie Heathcock**

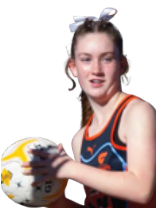


13 & Under

**Best & Fairest
Runner/Up
Most Improved
Coach's Award**

Winner

**Harper Smith
Amaya Taggart
Summer Binks
Bella James**



11 & Under

**Best & Fairest
Runner/Up
Coach's Award**

Winner

**Aaylah Egan
Chloe Mason
Sloane Balzan**



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Have you ordered your merchandise?
Memberships Available

MARYBOROUGH GIANTS MERCHANDISE

ORDERS TO COME IN APRIL

CONTACT DETAILS
RINALDIS - LINDA: 5461 1616 | MARYBOROUGH GIANTS - ZOE POTTER

MARYBOROUGH GIANTS FNC SUPPORTER MEMBERSHIP!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
ADAM BALZAN: 0400 612 717
OR
BEC DEWHIRST: 0438 770 486

GIANTS SUPPORTER MEMBERSHIP
\$90

INCLUDES:

- ENTRY TO ALL HOME GAMES FOR THE 2026 SEASON
- OFFICIAL GIANTS BEANIE OR SCARF
- 1x ENTRY INTO THE GIANTS 1000 DRAW

GIANTS FOOTBALL REGISTRATIONS FOR 2026 ARE NOW OPEN!

REGISTER VIA LINK IN DESCRIPTION!
<https://www.play11g.com/af/register/b165c0>

<p>SENIOR FOOTBALL MEMBERSHIP \$270</p> <p>INCLUDES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLAYING REGISTRATION + FEES ENTRY TO ALL HOME GAMES FOR THE 2026 SEASON 	<p>JUNIOR FOOTBALL MEMBERSHIP \$110</p> <p>INCLUDES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLAYING REGISTRATION + FEES ENTRY TO ALL HOME GAMES FOR THE 2026 SEASON
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THANK YOU!
TO THE MARYBOROUGH HIGHLAND SOCIETY
FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION TO OUR CLUB

WE ASK ALL OF OUR MEMBERS TO TAKE UP THE **TEAM REWARDS OFFER** THAT SUPPORTS OUR CLUB

No need to put up the netball registration info as all of the girls have already registered.
Great Effort Girls!

Link your Highland membership to the Maryborough Giants through the Team Rewards program.

THANK YOU TO OUR MAJOR PARTNER

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MARYBOROUGH GIANTS 2026 PARTNERS

Major Partners

Principal Partner

Silver Partners

Bronze Partners

MARYBOROUGH GIANTS FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

President: Adam Balzan
 Vice President: Simon Ryan
 Secretary: Bec Dewhurst
 Treasurer: Scott Miller

Senior Football Coach: Matt Walker
 Senior Netball Coach: Laura McStravic
 171 High St Maryborough
 W: <https://mbgiants.com.au/>

Gold Partners

GIANTS

BECOME A PARTNER OF MARYBOROUGH GIANTS FNC IN 2026

SUPPORT LOCAL FOOTBALL & NETBALL

mbgiantssponsorship@gmail.com | 0408 571 829

Scan the QR Code
 To contact any of our partners listed on this flyer

Welcome to HEDGES OVAL - Home of the Maryborough Giants Football Netball Club
 We would like to thank all of our Business Partners for the 2026 season
 Please support our Business Partners whenever possible.

The Maryborough Giants also wish to acknowledge the support of Maryborough Subway, The Brow and Body Bar and also Leerae Head & Hair Spa..



Thank you to Maryborough Subway for providing over \$1,000 worth of vouchers to provide a healthy option to our members.



The Brow and Body Bar is a highly-rated beauty clinic located at 68 Alma Street, Maryborough, VIC 3465. It is known for providing an inclusive and relaxing space for various beauty treatments, particularly

Leerae
 HEAD & HAIR SPA
Relax. Rejuvenate. Restore.

REDUCED PRICES

Essential Treatment NOW \$79
 conditioning treatment, scalp and neck massage

A luxurious head spa experience to cleanse, hydrate & revitalise.

ADD-ONS (Customise Your Experience):

- ✓ Shampoo \$10
- ✓ Double Shampoo \$15
- ✓ Shoulder Massage \$5
- ✓ Face Massage \$15
- ✓ Arms & Hands Massage \$10

Mix & match to create your perfect spa session!

84 Alma street, Maryborough 3465
 0409 546 419

Leerae Head & Hair Spa
 Because you deserve to feel amazing from head to toe.

Leerae is managed by Casel Ansell. Located at 84 Alma St Maryborough.

Leerae Head & Hair Spa provides pure relaxation in the form of Hair Washing & Treatment, with a scalp, neck and shoulders massage.





**STRONGER
TOGETHER**

SATURDAY NIGHT KICK ONS

5:30PM

FOLLOWING **ROUND 1** AGAINST **LEXTON**



WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO JOIN US AT THE **MARYBOROUGH GOLF CLUB** FOR A MEAL AS WE SUPPORT ONE OF OUR VALUED SPONSORS.



FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO RELAX, CONNECT, AND CELEBRATE THE START OF A GREAT SEASON TOGETHER.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE FOR WHAT PROMISES TO BE **A GREAT NIGHT!**



GOOD FOOD. GREAT COMPANY. BIG SEASON AHEAD.