



# Spotty Connect

May 2026 Edition

## From our President

Hello everybody, and thank you for being part of the Spotswood Football Netball Club in 2026. Whether you're a member, supporter, player, parent, or sponsor, every role plays a part in making our club what it is.

The year has started strongly, with our senior men's football teams making a solid impact in the opening rounds. Our U18 teams are performing exceptionally well, and it's fantastic to see our thirds back on the park in Spotty colours for the first time in two years. Anzac Day was a huge occasion for the club against Altona, and we thank everyone who attended, along with the Spotswood Kingsville RSL for their support.

Our junior program continues to grow, bringing some challenges around team sizes and grading. We appreciate your patience and look forward to a smoother run now divisions are finalised. Our netballers are also performing well across senior divisions, while our juniors continue to impress each week.

Off the field, our casino night and past players day were fantastic, with many events to come. The club is in a strong position, and that's thanks to you. We appreciate your ongoing support.

Tony Schibeci  
President

## Upcoming Events

*Don't miss out*

23 May

Festival Night

30 May

President's Lunch

13 Jun

Mid-Season Ball



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# Netball News – Meet Our Coaches

## Kelly Greenwood

Team(s): Coach – Spotswood Gold – DIV 3

### Q1: What are the key goals for your team this season?

Our main goal is to build consistency across the season and be competitive every week.

We're focused on playing our brand of netball, continuing to develop our group, and putting ourselves in a strong position to push for finals.

### Q2: How has the group developed since last year?

We've seen really strong growth across the group, both in skill level and understanding of our game plan. The pre-season has been really positive, and we've also welcomed a number of new players to Spotswood which has been exciting. They've integrated well with the group, and there's a noticeable lift in energy, fitness, and overall cohesion.

### Q3: What strengths will define your team on game day?

Our work rate and team-first approach will be key. We want to be known for our pressure, discipline, and ability to support each other across the court. When we bring energy and stick to our structures, we're a tough side to play against.

### Q4: Who is one player or type of player supporters should keep an eye on this year?

While the focus this season will be on the impact of our emerging players, one to keep an eye on is Meg Evenden. Her intensity on court is outstanding, and her ability to influence the game at both ends, whether



## Katelyn McDonald

Team(s): Co-Coach – Spotswood Green DIV 5

### Q1. What's been your main focus with the group during pre-season?

Green have quite a large team so there has been a strong focus on getting different player combinations to gel. A good way to do this is to repeatedly go over the fundamentals of netball while frequently changing up partners and positions.

### Q2. Where have you seen the most improvement from the players so far?

They are really finding their voices and confidence to collaborate and come up with game plays. We are putting some very different player combinations together but they are rising to the challenge and working it out.

### Q3. What key skills or areas will you keep building on throughout the season?

I'm someone who believes in honing the fundamentals of netball. While the complex set plays are impressive and work when done well, I feel continually refining our passing, footwork techniques and shooting, will always shine through more.

### Q4. What does success look like for this team by the end of the year?

While winning is something every team strives for, if you can't have fun when playing then what's the point! It would be awesome to get some wins on the board but ultimately if the players have improved from round 1, grown their confidence and made some lasting friendships, that's a win to me.



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## Erin Lucas

Team(s): Co-Coach – Spotswood Green DIV 5



### Q1. How would you describe the team's culture and vibe this season?

We're a new group this year with juniors stepping into seniors and a mix of experience. What stands out

is how quickly they've connected and been supportive, eager to learn, and full of energy on game day.

### Q2. What strengths will this team bring on game day?

Our strength on game day starts in defense, with strong connections and teamwork. Combined with versatile shooters, clear communication, and the ability to create turnovers, our connection across the court sets us apart.

### Q3. Who is someone (or a few players) stepping up as leaders within the group?

Our Division 5 co-captains, Ella and Angela have built a strong partnership. Angela brings experience and leadership, while Ella adds confidence and calm support. They lead by example, supported by a team that communicates well and is committed to improving each week.

### Q4. What message would you like to share with supporters and families this season?

As a new coach, I'm excited about what this group is building. We appreciate the support from our families and supporters; it makes a big difference on game day. We're committed to improving each week and are grateful for the strong support behind us.

Div 5 defeated Parkside 27 to 20 by at Whitten oval



Div 3 defeated Altona 37 to 25 and won the women in sports plaque as the marquee game.



# Player Profiles

## Spotswood Green Team Player

Angela Ma

**Q1. What position do you play and what do you enjoy most about it?**

GK, GD and WD. I love a good intercept or deflection.

**Q2. What's your focus or goal for this season?**

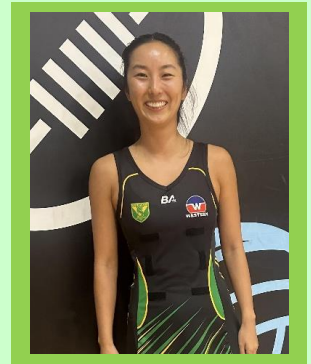
To improve my offensive game.

**Q3. What's one strength you bring to the court?**

Positive energy!

**Q4. What's your favourite post-game feed or game day ritual?**

KFC potato and gravy when I'm carb loading. Always crave a fruit juice post-game.



## Spotswood Gold Team Player

Name: Alyce Daniels

**Q1. What position do you play and what do you enjoy most about it?**

I play predominantly Centre - I love being centre because it allows me to be at both ends of the court throughout the game and get amongst both my shooters and defenders!

**Q2. What's your focus or goal for this season?**

The goal every season is to get the flag, so even though it's still grading I definitely back my team for a 2026 flag, still having the main focus as having fun.

**Q3. What's one strength you bring to the court?**

My resilience- I hope that with my own resilience I can push that onto my team mates so no one drops their head after a missed goal, or bad pass etc.

**Q4. What's your favourite post-game feed or game day ritual?**

Going straight to Grazeland!! Even after the late games.



# Sponsor Profile – Bronze Partner



It's great to have A.M.S back on board as a sponsor in 2026, thank you A.M.S!

*Q. What products and services do you specialise in, and who are your ideal clients?*

Custom Design Metal Works, anything from Stainless steel through to Brass Including Aluminium & Galvanised Sheetmetal. Ideal Client is anyone who wants to put an order in with us...from Major builders all around Australia to the Uber Driver who needs his Scooter seat welded back on

*Q. What sets Australian Metal Supplies apart from other suppliers in the industry?*

Our quick turnaround and our empathy

*Q. Is there a recent project or client win you're proud of that you'd be comfortable sharing?*

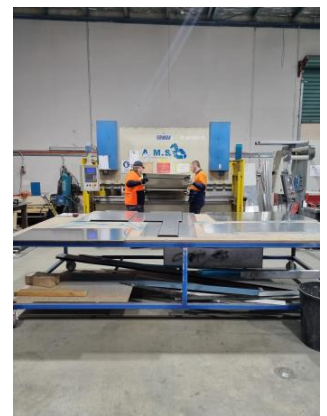
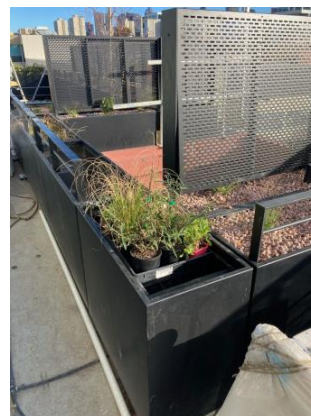
We Recently completed a fit out to apartments in Richmond Victoria. (see photos below, The Argyle)

*Q. What's the best way for someone to get in touch or place an order — and are there any current offers available for SFNC members or the local community?*

My Mobile, email or through our website...we don't discriminate...we aim to please everyone. <https://www.australianmetalservices.com.au/>

**From Ronnie Graham**

**Just some of the work that A.M.S does! Head to their website and check it out!**



# Senior Men's Update

It's been an interesting start to the year for our senior football teams through the opening five rounds of the season.

The year began in perfect fashion, with all four senior teams defeating Newport in Round 1, while the thirds also recorded a home victory to make it five wins from five games to open the season.

Our U18 Division 1 and Division 2 teams have continued their strong early form and both remain undefeated. The seniors and reserves, however, have had a mixed start. After sitting at 2-2, both sides dropped their Round 5 matches against Parkside and now sit at 2-3.

The thirds have also impressed, losing just the one game so far this season.

We have welcomed many new players across all senior teams and thank each of you for choosing Spotty as your home.

The club also hosted Altona on Anzac Day in what was a memorable occasion, highlighted by a terrific Anzac ceremony and four wins on the field.

While results haven't gone exactly to plan for the seniors and reserves, Steve, his coaching staff and the playing group are working hard to get back on the winners list.

Tony Schibeci

President



# Meet the Recruit: #2 - Jackson Williams

One of the exciting new additions to Spotswood FNC Senior Men in 2026 is Jackson Williams, who has made the move down from Cohuna alongside flat mate Sam Leitch and has joined up with another mate, Max Mitchell-Russell. “Jacko” has wasted no time making his presence felt, quickly becoming a key part of the Woodsmen midfield. Already drawing plenty of attention from opposition sides, it’s clear he’s making a strong impression early in his Spotswood career. We caught up with Jackson to get to know him a little better.



## **Why did you choose Spotty?**

“I had a small connection to Spotty through my partner and her family, but after meeting with Stevie and Yak about playing, I was keen to get onboard.”

## **What do you love about Spotty?**

“The people, for sure. Everyone has welcomed not just me but also my family with open arms, which has been unreal. Tap beer after a win isn’t bad either!”

## **Career highlights so far?**

“I’m still chasing that senior premiership, but I’ve been lucky enough to win a few junior flags in Cohuna and also spend some time in the VFL system.”

## **If you could be an actor, who would you be?**

“Daniel Radcliffe — massive Harry Potter fan.”

## **If not footy, what sport?**

“Chess. I’m undefeated against Sam Leitch... although he’s not much competition.”

## **Biggest influence on your life?**

“Definitely my parents. They’ve taught me everything and have always been unconditionally supportive. I’m very lucky to have them.”

## **Quick favourites:**

Movie: Every Harry Potter

Song: Old Man – Neil Young

Food: Mum’s carbonara

’80s Band: Fleetwood Mac

TV Show: Peaky Blinders

**Great to have you at the club, Jacko — we love what you’re bringing already. Welcome to Spotty!**

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*Q. What services and programs do Kieser offer, and who are the people you typically work with?*

- Kieser provides physiotherapy, exercise physiology and medical strength training programs, aiming to "Build a stronger Australia". We know that strength training is applicable for almost everyone and we are seeing some terrific evidence for both prevention and rehabilitation of injuries and health conditions.

*Q. What sets Kieser apart from other physiotherapy or strength rehabilitation providers in the area?*

- What sets Kieser apart is its physio-led, structured strength training model using specialised Swiss design machines that focus on isolation of muscle groups and constant tension of resistance.

*Q. Is there a recent client outcome or recovery story you're proud of that you'd be comfortable sharing?*

If you are able to show a photo of this strength test results. It would be great.

This shows the strength test improvements (%) of the Lumbar Extensors Muscles following training at Kieser for 9 months. This has correlated with a return to cricket and also reduction in pain.

*Q. What's the best way for someone to book an initial assessment or find out more — and are there any current offers available for SFNC members or the local community?*

- If anyone is interest in finding out more, we would love to welcome you to the clinic for a tour
- For anyone looking to book you can do so using the following link <https://www.kieser.com.au/book-now> or call the clinic on 03 9968 8881.

Currently no offers - however there will be centrally driven campaigns later in the year that we will send to you.

THANKYOU very much Sammy!

Be strong, stay strong.

**Matt Dick**  
**Clinic Leader & Physiotherapist**  
**Spotswood**



# What's happening with our Juniors

## U8's

Under 8s have had a good pre-season to get to know each other, with kids from local schools and suburbs joining the team.

We played Altona at home in round one which was a learning experience for all as our first game of the year. There were some green shoots to take away but lots of room to improve.

Last week we played Newport at Newport as a newly consolidated Under 8 Green team. With a full side the boys played a fantastic match, linking up with some great chains of play, getting the contested ball, plenty of goals and showing much improvement from only a week ago.

The kids are making new friends and are driven and keen to learn. We have several future Spotswood Stars in the making by the looks of it!

Thank you to all the parents who have jumped in to make the team work in what is their first season of footy with Spotswood also in most cases.

By Dave Robinson



Craig Walsh giving pre game instructions to U9's Gold team before their clash with Aintree Blue

## Under 9's

Under 9 Green & Gold have had a great start to the season with 40 registered players who are keen and excited to play each week. We carried over all under 8's from last year and with the addition of some new players we have two strong teams for the season.

Each week they are improving their skills and sharing the ball around and enjoying the added bonus of now being able to do modified tackling which they are very happy about! With new friendships being made and old ones continuing to grow it is putting us in good stead as we look forward to playing full size oval in under 10's next year.

Thank you to the parents and volunteers for your encouragement and support so far this season.

Craig Walsh U9's Gold Coach

David Bourke U9's Green Coach

# What's happening with our Juniors

## Under 10's

After a strong seven-week pre-season, the U10's have hit the ground running in our first two games. With 27 keen young men on the list, training standards have been high and competition for spots has been fierce. Our first two games have been played in hot and sunny conditions, really testing the players resolve, but having done the work they're now getting their rewards as they're running out games with juice in the tank.

Round one was played away to Williamstown and after a bit of a scrappy start as the players got use to the wider spaces and no zones the team absolutely rattled home in the fourth quarter to pile on a couple of goals and completely restrict Willy's ball movement meaning the kids got to start the year with a raucous rendition of the club song.

River Jefferies, who was everywhere on the day, was duly awarded the Heartland award for the game and Franklin Brettell was awarded the Spotty Spirit award for his starring role as starting ruck before shifting to CBH and repelling countless Willy forward entries.

Round two saw us hosting Newport (Paul/Dean) for an ANZAC weekend classic. Kicking against the wind in the first quarter the boys got their run and carry game going early and were able to snag a couple of goals whilst also keeping Newport scoreless. Using the wind in the second quarter the Spotty machine really clicked into gear, moving the ball quickly and cleanly and slamming on a stack of goals whilst again keeping a clean sheet for the quarter. It was more of the same after half time although Newport did manage a late goal in the fourth quarter. Nate Picone was awarded the Spotty Spirit award for his dominant performance which included three goals and a stack of team first actions whilst Harvey Coxon was awarded the Maccas encouragement award for his selfless game, competing hard and laying well over 10 tackles.

The focus for the next little while will be structural discipline and starting to understand the value of holding your position on the ground, rather than chasing a kick. We've only conceded two goals so far this season but they've both come when we lose our way in terms of position and leave our defenders high and dry. We've got a lot of natural ball hunters so learning when to use that instinct and when to wait will be important.

Huge shout out to all our volunteers- thanks for your help in getting the kids on the oval to do their thing.

By Aidan Finlay  
U10s coach

*We will have some updates for our U12's, U14's, and U16's in our next edition.*



# Our Spotty Community

Thank you to everyone who makes this club great, thank you to our supporters, players, volunteers, and anyone that in any way, contributes to Spotty.



# Sponsor Profile – Bronze Partner



Works for you.

## **Reece Plumbing HVAC** (Previously Metalflex)

Spotty has been lucky to have Metalflex as a Bronze sponsor, this relationship is facilitated by our previous president, Alan Given. Alan also contributes to Spotty (Via his sponsorship of the sports club) in a number of other important ways, including in-kind supply of club essentials, and has more recently donated two Dyson hand dryers.

Thank you Alan, this kind of support is incredibly valuable.

Metalflex is now a part of Reece; by the end of June all the Metalflex stores will be called Reece Hvac.

Reece is one of the leading wholesalers of HVAC-R products, HVAC-R systems and HVAC-R supplies to trade professionals including mechanical contractors, domestic and commercial HVAC installers, hydronic installers and maintenance and commercial plumbers.

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# Events News



## Post Event Wrap-Up: Season Launch, Casino Night & Past Players Day

What a great start to the season for Spotty, with three fantastic events bringing our community together on and off the field.

### Season Launch

We kicked things off in style at our Season Launch, setting the tone for a big year ahead. It was great to see players, coaches, members, and supporters all in one place, giving our season the start it deserved. Tony, our President, did a fab job introducing everyone, and our club merchandise was running out the door. It was a bit windy for some of our planned activities, but the kids still had fun with footy in hand and plenty of space.

### Casino Night

Our Casino Night delivered lots of laughs, and a little 'friendly competition'. Elvis started the show (even though Tom Jones also made a couple of appearances!), and Frank belted out some familiar tunes at the end of the night. The tables drew a crowd, and we had some happy punters winning great prizes. It was really nice to see everyone who attended embracing the fun and supporting the club.

### Past Players Day

We proudly celebrated our history at a surprisingly sunny and warmish Past Players Day (not typical May Melbourne footy weather!). We welcomed back so many familiar faces, some local and many who traveled from afar. This day is a fantastic opportunity to reconnect, share stories, and recognise the people who have helped shape our club over the years. There were so many stories flying around, mates reminiscing, and more recent players and supporters getting involved in the conversations.

### Thank You, Spotty Community!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and helped bring all of these events to life. Thank you to our key organisers for each event, and to those who assisted, it takes a village (and considerable work behind the scenes) to get these events off the ground.

We want people from all parts of our club to be involved in our events, so if you'd like to join us with ideas, or just lending a helping hand before/at events, please contact Jess Allan, our Board Events portfolio holder at [socialevents@spotswoodfc.com.au](mailto:socialevents@spotswoodfc.com.au)

Check out the event calendar on our socials and see what's next for you!

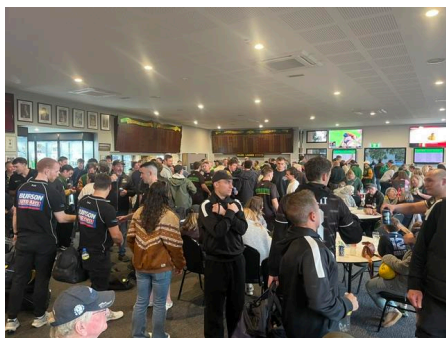
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*Upcoming events – Festival night, President's lunch, and Mid-season Ball*

And this is how we do it!



# Past Players Day was a huge success!



There's LOTS more photos on our socials – so check it out!

# Sponsor Profile – Coaches Jacket Sponsor



Spotty is very grateful to all the support we get from our sponsors, they help us achieve so much. There are so many diverse products and services that our sponsors provide, next time you're looking for something, check out our sponsors first. For our May edition of Spotty Connect we had a chat with VConstructions and are keen to share this with you.

VConstructions connection to Spotswood is through Theo Theodorou, who is the Sponsorship Portfolio holder on the Spotty Board. They are sponsoring us again in 2026, and also sponsored the women's teams in 2018-19 when the team won their premiership.

A few words from our sponsor...

*For us at VConstructions, it was important to sponsor local footy and at Spotswood Theo has helped us over the years and he, and a couple of our workers, played at Spotswood. We also know it's getting harder and harder for local clubs and sports clubs to get sponsorship, and Theo told us it was in our best interest (joking!). We were happy to help.*

*Our business is a commercial construction company, we do multi story apartments, hospitals; we employ carpenters.*

*We would like to wish the club good luck for the season, go Spotty!*

Please reach out if you think VConstructions can help you!

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# Volunteering at Spotty

Come have fun and join a great crew at Spotty! Even doing something little helps. And, we have people around to support you in your roles, Go Spotty!



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