



Bendigo FNL – 2024 Representative Netball Coaches Announced

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Following the initial fixture release late last year, the Bendigo Football Netball League (BFNL) can confirm a highly anticipated return to representative football and netball programs for season 2024.

The BFNL hold representative competition in high regard and remain fully committed to providing ongoing representative and development opportunities for BFNL participants to compete at the highest standard of competition possible, whilst showcasing the strength of our league.

The BFNL can confirm the participation of our 17 & Under and Open representative netball team in the 2024 Netball Victoria Association Championships, to build on the success of our 2022-2023 representative netball program and are delighted to formally announce the coaches appointed to lead our talented 2024 teams.

The BFNL are thrilled to welcome back re-appointed BFNL 17 & under representative team co-coaches Nicole Donnellon and Sharni McPherson, to lead and nurture the brightest emerging BFNL netball talent who will compete in the Netball Victoria Association Championships. The reappointment follows the co-coaches successfully mentoring the BFNL 17 & under team to the Association Championships Finals in both the 2022 & 2023 seasons.

Nicole and Sharni bring a wealth of demonstrated experience, knowledge, passion, and success across BFNL, State, and regional Academy levels, and will again oversee the junior program developing the next generation of BFNL talent.

The BFNL are also thrilled to announce respected Gisborne FNC coach Tarryn Rymer will take control of the BFNL Open Netball team for the first time in season 2024. Tarryn is a highly regarded personality within the BFNL and brings significant coaching and playing experience and demonstrated leadership to the position fresh from leading the 2023 Gisborne A-Grade team to a drought-breaking victory as Premiership coach, after investing almost a decade mentoring & developing the Gisborne 17 & under program.

This appointment follows Tarryn's recent announcement as the inaugural Bendigo Strikers 23 & under Assistant Coach, further reiterating her standing as one of the premier development coaches across the Central Victoria region. Tarryn will take over from Jayden Cowling, who also moves into a coaching position with the Bendigo Strikers as well as continuing his longstanding appointment as Kangaroo Flat FNC A-Grade coach. Jayden was a valuable asset for the league and the BFNL sincerely thank Jayden for his time, leadership, and investment in developing BFNL netball.

An enthusiastic Rymer said, *'I am truly honoured to receive the opportunity to coach the BFNL Representative Team'.*

'Our league is brimming with exceptional talent, encompassing both seasoned athletes and promising up-and-comers'.

'I eagerly anticipate collaborating and working with some of these dedicated netballers to showcase the talent and strength within our league at this year's Netball Victoria Association Championships'.

As previously communicated, the BFNL are thrilled to confirm a return to representative football against the highly rated Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA), on July 6th at Elsternwick Park, Brighton.

Further announcements regarding netball selection trials, football coaching appointments, and 2024 representative schedules will be revealed in due course.

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