



## Maryborough FNC announces recess for 2025

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The Maryborough Football Netball Club (MFNC) will enter into recess for the 2025 season.

The decision, made after extensive consultation with club members, players, and the community, will allow MFNC to focus on rebuilding its strength, both on and off the field, with a view to returning to the BFNL in 2026.

In recent years, the club has faced significant challenges, including declining player numbers and increased pressure on volunteers. After carefully considering all options, the club committee determined that a temporary hiatus would offer the best chance to reorganize and come back stronger.

"We want to assure our loyal members, supporters, and the wider community that this decision is not the end for Maryborough Football Netball Club," said Maryborough Club President, Scott Quinlan. "By taking a step back in 2025, we can focus on strengthening our foundations, recruiting, and planning a sustainable future for our club. Our goal is to return in 2026 with renewed energy and commitment."

The committee is working closely with the BFNL and community stakeholders to ensure a successful return in 2026. Plans are underway to bolster youth development, increase volunteer engagement, and secure further sponsorship support to stabilize the club's financial situation.

In the interim, MFNC remains committed to supporting grassroots football and netball. The club will continue its community involvement, including junior development programs, social events, and volunteer opportunities.

Bendigo FNL Chair, Prof. Carol McKinstry added "The BFNL support the decision of the Maryborough FNC to enter into recess for the 2025 season and while we understand this is disappointing news for many within the Maryborough community, the BFNL are committed to supporting the Club where possible to ensure that 2026 will be a successful return for the Maryborough Magpies".

The club will provide further updates over the coming months, including opportunities for the community to stay involved and contribute to the club's revival efforts.

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