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RANDWICK NETBALL

The Weekly — Members' Newsletter

Week 9 • 2026 Winter Season

THIS WEEK WE PLAY FOR A CURE

Crazy Hair & Sock Day

Saturday 25 July • Heffron Park



THE KIDS' CANCER PROJECT

SURVIVAL STARTS WITH SCIENCE.

Hello Randwick Family,

VALE FRAN REYNOLDS OAM

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of our beloved Fran Reynolds OAM, who died on 19 July at the age of 86.

Fran was the heart and soul of this association for more than four decades. A Life Member of both Randwick Netball Association and the Matraville Tigers Netball Club, she served as President, as Vice President of the Tigers, and as a coach, selector, representative team manager and Executive Committee member. Generations of our players, coaches, umpires and volunteers came through under Fran's care.

She was famous for it. If a rep player needed a lift to training, a carnival or a State Championship, Fran drove them. She volunteered at the 1991 Netball World Cup here in Sydney and carried the flag for Papua New Guinea — a day she always spoke of as one of the highlights of her netball life. Her service was recognised with the Australian Sports Medal in 2000, the Anne Clark BEM Service Award from Netball NSW, and in 2023 the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to netball. Away from the courts she was a much-loved local primary school teacher, and there was barely a shopping trip where someone didn't call out "Mrs Reynolds!" across the aisle.

To all of us she was simply **Our Fran** — kind, generous, wise, and never once in it for herself.

We will pause at 12.00 noon this Saturday to remember Fran. Wherever you are on the courts, please stop with us.

Randwick City Council will honour Fran at its meeting on **Tuesday 28 July 2026**. The Mayor will move a Mayoral Minute acknowledging Fran's life and service, and Council will hold a minute's silence. Vale motions are taken as the first item after the formalities.

Any member who would like to watch the meeting, or register to address the item at the public forum beforehand, can find the details on Council's website: randwick.nsw.gov.au — [Council and committee meetings](#).

On behalf of every member of this association, our love and our thoughts are with Fran's family.

CRAZY HAIR & SOCK DAY — SATURDAY 25 JULY

Saturday will be a very big day for Randwick, and Fran would have loved every minute of it.

This is the one we wait for all season. On Saturday we pull on our wildest hair and our silliest socks and we turn Heffron Park into the brightest place in Sydney — all for The Kids' Cancer Project.

Crazy Hair & Sock Day is now one of the most special days in the Randwick calendar. It brings our whole community together, united by kindness, colour and a shared passion for giving back. From wild hairdos to the silliest socks imaginable, our girls light up the courts with their creativity — and most importantly, with their hearts.



Oscar the Bear with our girls at last year's Crazy Hair & Sock Day.

WHAT'S ON THIS SATURDAY

- **Craziest hair, silliest socks.** Every team, every age group, every court. Go big.
- **\$1.00 from every player.** Clubs will collect on the day — every dollar goes straight to The Kids' Cancer Project.
- **Face painting and hair braiding.** Come and get court-ready before your game.
- **Oscar the Bear is coming.** Our much-loved mascot will be out at the courts for that special photo — and plenty of cuddles.
- **Oscar Bears for sale.** When you buy an Oscar Bear, that bear is then given to a child in hospital. You are buying a gift for a sick child you will never meet — kindness at its very best.
- **The Kids' Cancer Project on the golf cart.** Our match day cart carries their logo this Saturday in place of our weekly sponsor signage.



From our courts to the Swifts — the whole netball family gets behind this day.

SATURDAY AT A GLANCE

From first game	Crazy hair and socks on every court — face painting and hair braiding running through the morning
All day	Oscar the Bear at the courts for that special photo, and Oscar Bears for sale — plus Coach Hub sign-ups at the Fuel Tomorrow marquee
10:30am	Official opening of our new amenities block — ribbon cutting with Michael Daley MP and Mayor Dylan Parker. Everyone welcome.
12.00 noon	A pause to remember Fran Reynolds OAM — please stop wherever you are on the courts
From midday	15s, Inters and Seniors take the courts — Gatorade sampling at the marquee

Clubs and team managers: please have your \$1.00 player donations counted and handed in at the Randwick club house before the last round of games.

SIX YEARS AT THE TOP OF THE STATE

For the past six years, our community has been the highest fundraising netball Association in all of New South Wales for The Kids' Cancer Project — a title we hold with enormous pride and deep gratitude. But more than the title, it is about the impact we can make for children and families doing it tough.

We proudly display every single Kids' Cancer playing patch we have earned. Each one is a symbol of what this community can do when it decides to do something together. This year we are aiming high again: top fundraising Association in the state, and another patch on the wall.



Our girls play their hearts out not just for points, but for purpose.

WHY IT MATTERS

The Kids' Cancer Project funds childhood cancer research — the science that turns a diagnosis into a survival story. Their message says it perfectly: *survival starts with science*. Every dollar we raise this Saturday goes towards research that gives kids more birthdays.

OPENING OUR NEW AMENITIES BLOCK — 10:30AM

Saturday is a big day for Randwick in more ways than one. At **10:30am** we will officially open our brand new amenities block, with **Michael Daley MP** and **Mayor Dylan Parker** cutting the ribbon.

This building has been years in the making and it belongs to every single member of this association — every player, every family, every volunteer who has stood at these courts in the wind and the rain. Please come along, bring the kids, and be part of it. It will only take a few minutes and it is a moment worth being at.



The new central amenities block, adjacent to the netball courts.

Heffron Park is the largest recreational park in Randwick City, used every week by netball, cricket, touch football, cycling, rugby union, rugby league, Oztag and soccer. Council has rebuilt the central amenities block next to our courts as part of its work to make community sport facilities more accessible and inclusive — and to give women and girls a safe, welcoming place to train and compete. That is a very big deal for us.

The new facility includes:

- A large change room
- Female dedicated bathrooms
- An accessible (DDA) bathroom
- 5 x unisex bathrooms
- An umpires bathroom
- A sports groups storeroom
- Building plant room and Council storeroom

Full project details are on Council's website: [Heffron Park central amenities upgrade](#).

LAUNCHING SATURDAY — FUEL TOMORROW



We are also using Saturday to launch **Fuel Tomorrow**, our new partnership with Gatorade, and it is all about backing our coaches.

Fuel Tomorrow gives every coach across ClubLand free access to the **Coach Hub** — a research-backed coaching resource, at no cost to clubs or to coaches. Whether you are coaching NetSetGO on a Saturday morning or a rep side, it is there for you.

- **Coaches:** come to the Fuel Tomorrow marquee any time on Saturday and sign up on the spot — just scan the QR code at the table. It takes a minute.
- **Gatorade sampling** will be running at the marquee with the afternoon sessions.
- Our Coach & Parent Development Series will follow later in the year under the same programme — more on that soon.

A THANK YOU

To every player, parent, coach, umpire, volunteer and supporter who makes this day what it is — thank you. Let's go big with the hair, bold with the socks, and strong with our hearts.

Together, we play for more than just the game. We play for a cure.

Kindness Wins.

Jenny Morrissey

President | Randwick Netball Association



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