

# 20 **FIRST NATIONS** 25 **FRAMEWORK**



In 2022 Netball SA introduced the inaugural First Nations Framework, a strategic document designed to assist in actively contributing to increased participation rates and development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander netballers in South Australia.

Since then, Netball SA is proud to continue developing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander netballers with the inclusion of our 2025 First Nations Framework.

This is the fourth year that Netball SA has created a First Nations Framework that holds the business to account on how we can continue to grow our existing clinics, programs and business strategies. The framework also advises how Netball SA will continue to learn and develop new initiatives to prioritise the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander athletes in the game of netball.

## OBJECTIVES

- ⦿ Place focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation amongst the grassroots South Australian netball community, including how we reach those more regional areas of the state and establishing more Woolworths NetSetGO Centres across SA
- ⦿ Continue to grow and develop of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pre-elite pathway participation through the Rising Sisters Aboriginal Netball Program, Adelaide Thunderbirds Talent Academy, The Hospital Research Foundation Group Premier League, First Nations Yakanarna State Team, South Australian 17U & 19U State Teams, Adelaide Thunderbirds Futures & the Adelaide Thunderbirds
- ⦿ Raise awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander athlete development and inclusive club cultures at the elite level through the Suncorp Super Netball First Nations Round, Hospital Research Foundation Group Premier League & AMND competitions
- ⦿ Help grow the Netball SA staff connection and further their education to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community
- ⦿ Continue to grow and maintain our database of First Nations netballers
- ⦿ Continue our partnership with SA Nunga Netball
- ⦿ Continue our partnership with SAASTA
- ⦿ Create and maintain an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group to assist with consultation

## ACTIONS

- ⦿ Further our current database of First Nations participants through our First Nations Netball Clinics and SA Nunga Netball Carnival
- ⦿ Coordinate a schedule for First Nations Netball Clinics for 2025
- ⦿ Coordinate the First Nations Scholarship Program earlier in the year to be able to make more of a financial impact to those wanting to participate in winter season netball
- ⦿ Delivery of the 2025 Nunga Netball Carnival
- ⦿ Upskilling and development opportunities for First Nations coaches
- ⦿ Create umpire development opportunities through the Nunga Netball Carnival
- ⦿ Coordinate fourth year of the Rising Sisters Aboriginal Netball Program
- ⦿ Coordinate second year of Yakanarna First Nations State Team with inclusion of formalised trial selection process
- ⦿ Continue to build on celebration of First Nations Rounds for Adelaide Thunderbirds, The Hospital Research Foundation Group Premier League and AMND competitions
- ⦿ Schedule in a cultural education / immersion session for Netball SA Staff and Adelaide Thunderbird Athletes
- ⦿ Approach community members about joining our Netball SA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group

## JANUARY

- Finalisation of 2025 Adelaide Thunderbirds First Nations dress design

## FEBRUARY

- Participation Scholarship
- Open nominations for 2025 First Nations Athlete Participation Scholarship

## MARCH

- Yakanarna Coaching, Support Staff and Selectors application and nomination
- Close nominations for 2025 First Nations Athlete Participation Scholarship
- Delivery of First Nations Clinics – Upper North Region

## APRIL

- Selection, notification and delivery of First Nations Athlete Participation Scholarships
- Delivery of First Nations Clinics – North East Region

## MAY

- National Reconciliation Week
- National Sorry Day
- Adelaide Thunderbirds & Premier League Dress Cleansing Ceremony
- Premier League First Nations Round 1
- Adelaide Thunderbirds Away First Nations Round Game
- AMND First Nations Round
- Yakanarna Athlete registrations, trials and team selection

## JULY

- Adelaide Thunderbirds Home First Nations Round Game
- NAIDOC Week
- Premier League First Nations Round 2
- Delivery of First Nations Clinics – Southern Region

## AUGUST

- Netball Australia First Nations Tournament

## SEPTEMBER

- Yakanarna Uniform and Dress Presentation
- Netball Australia First Nations Tournament
- Rising Sisters Coach Appointments

## OCTOBER

- Announcement of Vanessa Dempsey Award
- Announcement of Yakanarna MVP Award
- Nunga Netball Carnival
- First Nations Netball Clinic
- Rising Sisters Camp Selected & Announced

## NOVEMBER

- Development of 2026 First Nations Framework
- Rising Sisters Camp