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## North Shore Netball Update

**March 31, 2022**

AFL Barwon would like to address the recent reports regarding North Shore senior netball teams for the 2022 GFNL season.

- On Thursday 17th March a meeting was held with representatives from North Shore FNC, and the Operations staff at AFL Barwon. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss North Shore's team numbers.
- North Shore indicated that they had recruited players for two teams, and that they would not be competitive in E grade.
- It was mutually decided that North Shore would enter the two teams socially for 2022 to allow them to develop their skills and increase the likelihood of the club retaining these players for future years.
- A follow up phone call was made to North Shore on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to confirm North Shore's intention to participate in social competitions and not enter teams in the GFNL in 2022. This was confirmed by North Shore.
- Notification was sent to GFNL Clubs advising them of North Shore would not be fielding teams in GFNL on Thursday 24th March.

At no stage was there a demand from AFL Barwon that North Shore enter an A grade team in 2022.

AFL Barwon have and will continue to support all of our football and netball clubs within the region. AFL Barwon have provided a significant amount of support to North Shore, particularly over the past 2 years as they work towards building their football and netball lists. This includes extensive consultation and support to their netball program. AFL Barwon fully understands the difficulties faced by the club and has offered concessions and support to ensure they can play netball.

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