



## **Senior Women's Team Announcement - 2025**

6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Lysterfield Junior Football Club (LJFC) and Scoresby Football Netball Club (SFNC) have worked together to create a partnership that will see a joint Senior Women's team in operation from 2025<sup>1</sup>. Both clubs are working through the formalities and sign-off, but we are now able to communicate that the partnership will see a Lysterfield Wolves Senior Women's team commencing from the 2025 season. The team will operate under the SFNC Licence.

The 2025 season is a significant one for SFNC as they will be celebrating their Centenary Year after forming in 1925. SFNC have a long and proud history with Football in the Eastern Suburbs, originally joining The Scoresby District Football Association in 1926, before the competition was disbanded in 1939 as a result of World War II, and re-establishing themselves in 1946 in the Dandenong and District Football Association. In 1952, they joined The Croydon – Ferntree Gully Football League, which became the Eastern District Football League (EDFL) in 1962, and from 1998 is known as the Eastern Football League (EFL). Scoresby is no stranger to girls and women's football after fielding several junior teams over their history including being the first Club to field a Women's Football side in the 1950s and having a Magpies Senior Women's Team in the VWFL in 2008. SFNC fielded its first Netball team in 2015. – It is an exciting year to add a Senior Women's team back into the club.

LJFC have a much shorter history, albeit a significant one. Commencing in 2008 and playing out of Lakesfield Reserve in conjunction with Knox Junior Football Club. Lysterfield already had an exceptionally strong Auskick program and wanted to allow kids to remain at the place they started their Football journey and create a club playing out of Lysterfield. Starting with a single Lysterfield U9's team in 2008, two teams in 2009 and three teams in 2010. The LJFC became a stand-alone entity from 2011 as the Lysterfield Wolves. From there, the club grew quickly and in 2017, in conjunction with South Belgrave Football Club the first girls' team was launched as the South Belgrave Lysterfield Wolves. This commenced a very successful and strong girls football component. From 2024, the girls' football is now standalone Lysterfield Wolves.



The coming months will see a significant ramp up in activities between LJFC and SFNC as we work towards a successful launch of our first Women's Team in 2025. An integral part of this is selection of the Senior Women's Coach. We are excited to be able to announce that Tony Hubber will be taking on this role from next year. Tony has experience coaching various sports at various levels, most recently with South Belgrave and The Basin Women's teams. Tony is also currently the U18's girls assistance coach at Lysterfield. Tony will continue his work with the Lysterfield U18's girls supporting the U18's coach Aaron Ross during 2024.

Our Senior Women's Team will be jointly based out of Lakesfield Reserve and Scoresby Recreation Reserve for both training and home games. This partnership provides an exciting opportunity for both Clubs in advancing Women's Football.

This is a very exciting time for both our clubs and we look forward to the launch of this new team from 2025. Further information sessions will be put in place to provide communication around our journey and the pathway from Junior to Senior Women's football.

Should you wish to seek further information or express interest in supporting the Senior Women's team in any way, please direct enquires to Gerard Pignolet (LJFC Development Manager) via [seniorwomen@lysterfieldjfc.org.au](mailto:seniorwomen@lysterfieldjfc.org.au). Gerard is working as the conduit between both our clubs on this partnership.

Thanks to everyone involved in getting us to this point and for the support of our members and families in making this a successful partnership.

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David Renkin  
SFNC President

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Brent Humphrey  
LJFC President

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<sup>i</sup> Endorsed by EFNL with final EFNL / AFL Victoria approval pending – expected late 2024.