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## Bendigo FNL confirm 2025 Fixture

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The Bendigo Football Netball League (BFNL) have finalised the 2025 fixture with the season set to commence with Opening Round on **Saturday 12 April 2025**, while BFNL Grand Final day is scheduled for **Saturday 20 September 2025**.

Headlines from the highly anticipated 2025 BFNL fixture include:

- **Round 1:** The 2025 BFNL season begins on Saturday 12 April with a blockbuster Round 1:
  - An **A-Grade Netball Final re-match** between Kangaroo Flat and Gisborne at Dower Park.
  - Sandhurst FNC **unfurl their 2024 Premierships** flags as they host Castlemaine at the QEO.
- **Good Friday:** Round 2 sees the return of Good Friday football and netball with all four BFNL matchups being played on the Friday of the Easter long weekend on 18 April.
- **ANZAC Day:** South Bendigo host Eaglehawk in a **standalone** ANZAC Day blockbuster in Round 3.
- **Ron Best Memorial:** The annual clash between Golden Square and Sandhurst that honours a BFNL great will take place on 26 April at Wade Street.
- **Pat Cronin Foundation:** The BFNL will again support the Pat Cronin Foundation in their fight to end the coward punch by hosting a Pat Cronin Foundation Round in **Round 4 on 3 May**. The PCF feature match will be confirmed early in 2025.
- **Split Rounds:** 2025 will feature two Split Rounds across four Saturdays: **Round 5 - 10 & 17 May** and **Round 14 - 2 & 9 August**.
- **Graeme Wright Memorial Cup:** South Bendigo will host Sandhurst at Harry Trott for the annual Graeme Wright Memorial Cup during the first weekend of Round 5 on 10 May.
- **BFNL Indigenous Round:** In partnership with traditional owners of djandak (Country) in Central Victoria, Djaara (Dja Dja Wurrung People), BFNL Indigenous Round returns in Round 7 on 31 May. The Indigenous Round feature match will be confirmed early in 2025.
- **General Bye:** The BFNL will pause for a league-wide General Bye for the King's Birthday long weekend on 7 June.
- **Interleague:** The BFNL will host a return Interleague matchup against the VAFA (Victoria Amateur Football Association) at the QEO on Sunday 13 July. The day will feature:
  - A Senior Interleague match with two handpicked teams of the best talent available.
  - An Under 19's match giving the best up and coming talent an opportunity to play on the big stage.
- **Finals Series:** A much-anticipated Finals Series, launching on Saturday 30 August.
- **BFNL Grand Final day:** We close the 2025 season on Saturday 20 September.

Clubs can continue to negotiate changes to start times into the new year, with any further changes to be announced and captured online. The BFNL maintain the right to amend any fixtures.

The return leg of the BFNL's agreement with the Victoria Amateur Football Association will see the VAFA head up the Calder to tackle the BFNL at the Queen Elizabeth Oval on Sunday 13 July. After a strong performance in 2024, the BFNL Senior Interleague side, led by Head Coach, Simon Rosa, will showcase the best talent our League has to offer. An addition to Interleague in 2025 will be an Under 19's match played as a curtain raiser to the Senior match.



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Whilst separate to Interleague, the BFNL can also confirm the participation of 17 & Under and Open representative netball teams who will both compete in the 2025 Netball Victoria Association Championships, to build on the success of previous representative netball campaigns.

All 2025 fixtures will be uploaded to the relevant football/netball databases, PlayHQ and Netball Connect, in due course.

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