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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### ***Central Murray FNL Confirms Venues & Hosts for Historic 2026 Top 8 Finals Series***

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The Central Murray Football Netball League (CMFNL) is pleased to announce the confirmed host clubs and venues for its historic 2026 Finals Series, marking the first season the League will operate under a Top 8 finals structure.

Following the expansion of the competition to 16 clubs, the introduction of a Top 8 Finals Series represents a significant milestone in the League's history, providing more opportunities for clubs, players, volunteers and supporters to experience finals football and netball.

The four week finals campaign will culminate with the Grand Final on Saturday, 19 September, and is expected to be one of the largest finals series staged in regional football and netball.

The inaugural Top 8 Finals Series is shaping as one of the biggest events in the League's history.

Remarkably, all 16 Central Murray clubs currently occupy a Top 8 position across the League's football and netball competitions, while 14 clubs sit inside the Top 4 of at least one grade. Should current trends continue, every club in the competition could have a team participating during the opening weekend of finals, creating a unique whole league celebration of football and netball across the region.

#### **Week 1 – Qualifying & Elimination Finals**

*Saturday, 29 August*

- 1st Qualifying Final (1 v 4) – Swan Hill FNC hosting at Swan Hill Recreation Reserve
- 2nd Qualifying Final (2 v 3) – Ultima FNC hosting at Alan Garden Reserve

*Sunday, 30 August*

- 1st Elimination Final (5 v 8) – Cohuna Kangas FNC hosting at Swan Hill Recreation Reserve
- 2nd Elimination Final (6 v 7) – Moulamein FNC hosting at Alan Garden Reserve

#### **Week 2 – Semi Finals**

- Saturday, 5 September – Nyah Recreation Reserve
- Sunday, 6 September – Murrabit Recreation Reserve

#### **Week 3 – Preliminary Finals**

- Saturday, 12 September – Greenham Park, Balranald
- Sunday, 13 September – Riverside Park, Kerang

#### **Week 4 – Grand Final**

- Saturday, 19 September – Lake Boga FNC hosting at Swan Hill Recreation Reserve

The finals hosting allocations were determined following submissions from clubs and in accordance with the League's Finals Hosting Rotation Policy. The Central Rivers Board carefully considered all applications and hosting preferences to ensure a fair and equitable distribution of finals opportunities across the competition.

Further information regarding finals operations and timings, will be released closer to the commencement of the 2026 Finals Series

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