



**NETBALL  
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Grow & Strengthen Netball



# NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE



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# CHAIR & CEO MESSAGE

**It seems each year brings with it a new set of challenges! In 2023 it certainly was the terrible weather that confronted much of our Zone and further down the country into the East Coast and Hawkes Bay.**

Whilst many of our Netball Centres and facilities came through unscathed, Netball North Harbour and Mangere Otahuhu Netball Centres were two that experienced flooding. There were also many personal stories of property damage and heartbreak within our netball whanau. Our thoughts go out to all those affected.



**Mary Gardiner, Board Chair**



**Phil Vyver, CEO**

These weather events thankfully did not impact our season to a significant extent with play able to get underway as normal (if a little wet for some!). Congratulations to Lynette Brady and her team from Netball North Harbour, who worked hard throughout the year to prepare for the closure of the centre late in the year, to allow remedial work to be undertaken. The renovated building is back open and looks fantastic!

With covid-19 largely behind us (although not completely) a full season of activity took place. Thank you to all the many staff and volunteers throughout our Centres, Clubs and Schools that give so much to netball. Without you we simply would not have a sport.

It is great to see that Netball remains the highest participation sport for Secondary School aged participants – and for the 10<sup>th</sup> year running! A remarkable achievement given the many opportunities available for rangitahi to choose from. Overall membership numbers have not quite returned to pre-covid levels, but we got very close! Our stated goal is to get to 50,000 participants in our Zone and we currently sit at 44,425.

With a number of participation initiatives being undertaken across the Zone we are confident this target is still achievable.

At the elite level of the sport the MG Mystics were crowned champions for the second time in three years – an awesome achievement! It was fantastic to play the Stars in the final and have an all northern affair – in Hamilton! Under the guidance of new coach Tia Winikerei, the Mystics were able to put together an excellent season and we look forward to seeing that continue in 2024. It was sad to say goodbye to long time player and captain Sulu Fitzpatrick, who announced her retirement. What a remarkable career and we wish her all the best in the next stage of her life.

The Northern Marvels had an up and down season, but showed what they are capable of by beating the eventual champions the Central Manawa by 10 goals in their last regular season game. It was also very pleasing to see players from this team graduate to higher honours – Catherine Hall with a full Mystics contract; Dani Binks and Charlotte Manley as training partners. Jessie Taylor was also picked up by the Magic as a training partner.

The continuation of the Mystics Men and Stars Men invitational matches was also well received. The two match series was once again shared one game each. This will be rectified in 2024 with a three game series being scheduled in July.

Congratulations to the Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. It was great to see the many people that have contributed to the centre over the years get recognised. The parade of representative uniforms over the decades was a particular highlight!

The Zone was pleased to support Netball New Zealand with the hosting of the National Secondary School Finals at Trusts Arena in October. The up and coming talent on show was exceptional, and even better to see two local schools in the final. Avondale College narrowly defeating St Kentigern College in an excellent final.

In 2023 the Zone committed to the refresh of the Auckland Regional Netball Facilities Plan. Whilst still ongoing with a completion date expected in April 2024, the final document will be an excellent resource as we push for more investment for netball facilities in the Auckland Council region. A case by case approach has been taken to support our Northland Centres as they too look for investment into facilities.

## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The net surplus for the year was \$2,065 (2022: \$86,385), improving our equity to \$158,703 (2022: \$156,638) as at 30 November 2023. During the year, and following consultation with Centre Board Chairs, the Zone Board agreed to a Reserves Policy. The reserves target is currently \$215,000 being approximately 3 months of personnel costs (excluding Mystics) and will be reviewed annually. On this basis we will be aiming for modest surpluses over the next two to three years to achieve this position.

The early March start to the ANZ Premiership resulted in small crowds for our first few home games and therefore reduced revenue. This was offset somewhat by increased sponsorship revenue which was pleasing.

Overall revenue of \$2.78m comprised of sponsorship and events of 36% (2022: 29%), grant funding of 21% (2022: 25%), Netball NZ funding of 25% (2022: 26%) and gross membership fees (including Netball NZ portion) of 18% (2022: 18%).

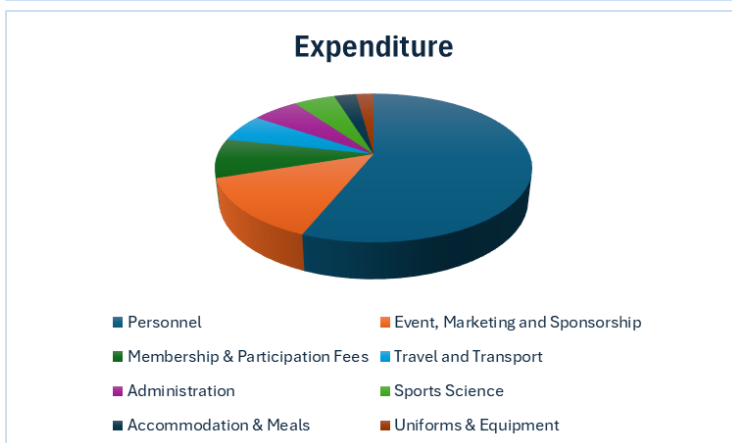
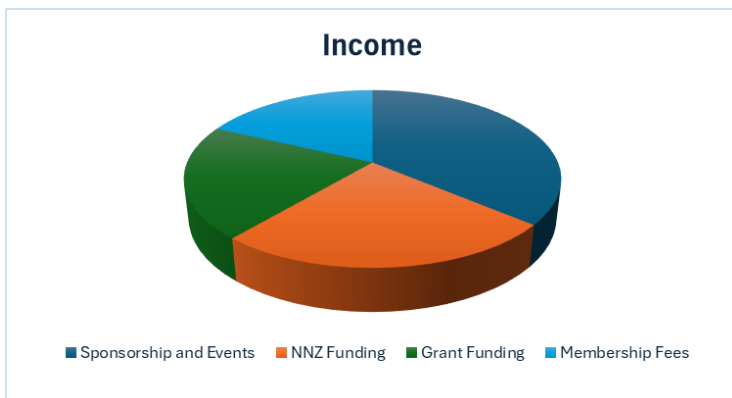
It is particularly pleasing that revenue from sponsorship and events has grown from 25% in 2020 up to 36% this year. Reliance on grant funding has reduced further.

The major expense of the Zone is personnel costs which makes up 56% (2021: 58%) of total expenses.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

At the AGM in 2023 it was very pleasing to elect Raewyn Henry as the first ever Patron of Netball Northern Zone. Raewyn has given so much support to the game in our Zone over many years. Her wise council is still called on from time to time and the position of Patron will allow this to continue.

We thank our Zone staff, board and volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the year to grow and strengthen netball in the Northern Zone. We also thank the staff and Board of Netball NZ for their support throughout the year.



# FUNDING PARTNERS

Netball Northern Zone would like to acknowledge the funding support received from the following organisations. Without this support we would be unable to partner with our Netball Centres and their communities in assisting to **grow and strengthen netball** across our Zone.

Our Regional Sport Trusts and Funders appreciate the value in the netball system and the role that the Zone plays in linking the strategies from Netball New Zealand and the delivery of quality experiences to our members and schools.

We are extremely appreciative of support from PIC Insurance, who provide the insurance for all of our Community Netball vehicle fleet.

## THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS & SUPPORTERS





# MG MYSTICS PARTNERS

The MG Mystics would like to thank and acknowledge the support received from our Partners. Without this support our team would not be able to take the court and participate in the annual ANZ Premiership.

## MG MYSTICS 2023 PARTNERS



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# NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE BOARD & STAFF

## NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE BOARD

Mary Gardiner	Board Chair	Elected
Michele Teague	Board Deputy Chair	Appointed
Lynette Gubb	Board Member	Elected
Maria Sopoaga	Board Member	Elected
Sue Brewster	Board Member	Appointed (NNZ Rep)
Rawinia Newton	Board Member	Appointed
Kurt Tyson	Board Member	Appointed
Anna Richards	Board Member	Co-opted


## NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE STAFF

Phil Vyver	Chief Executive Officer	
Chris Tennant	Operations Manager	
Trish Harkins	Admin & Finance	
Karyne Ross	Community Netball Manager	
Amanda Dyason	Centre Relationship Manager	
Tania Heap	Coach Lead – Auckland	
Sharleen Morrell	Umpire Lead	
Briana Valgre	Auckland Umpire Development Officer	Until September 2023
Rhonda Martin-Raharuhi	Northland Coach Development Officer	
Amelia Pasco	NetballSmart Officer	
Ala Dysart	NetballSmart Officer	Until March 2023
Katie Adamson	NetballSmart Officer	From August 2023
Tia Winikerei	Mystics Head Coach	
Rob Wright	Mystics Assistant Coach / High Performance Coach Development Lead	
Peter McInnes	Athlete Development and Pathways Lead	

\*Mystics and Marvels contract other staff on varying contract lengths to cover the requirements of the teams.



# STRATEGIC PLAN

		<b>Strategic Plan 2021-2024</b>					
OUR PURPOSE:		To grow and strengthen netball					
SYSTEM SHIFTS:		Game - Community	Presence	Financial	Partnerships	Game - Performance	
		<i>Delivery, Formats, Participants</i>	<i>Story, Brand and Voice</i>	<i>Excellence, Efficiency and Share</i>	<i>Relationships, Creativity and Collaboration</i>	<i>Performance</i>	
STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:	Together with Centres focus on increasing participation, and initiatives that will improve the quality of the experience for both participants and volunteers.	Build the profile, engagement and appeal of netball in the Zone.	Improve the financial sustainability of the zone - growing members equity and ensuring the Mystics are not cross subsidised by the community game.	Collaborate and enhance meaningful relationships with Centres, Netball NZ, other Zones, other codes and community organisations	Successful elite teams that set the standard in the NNL and ANZP Competitions, winning regularly.		
	Grow and develop organisational capability and strength of Centres. Includes governance, organisation structure, volunteer management and promotion of Balance is Better principles.	Build the profile and appeal of the MG Mystics.	Provide benchmarking and support that will help to improve the financial sustainability of Centres.	Collaborate with HP partnerships and service provision (HPSNZ, NNZ, Sky and other HP codes) for mutual benefit	Identify, develop & support potential high performance coaches aligned with Netball NZ HP Strategy.		
	Grow and develop the capability of coach/umpire developers, volunteers & netball programme delivery personnel. Ensure NetballSmart Programme is incorporated within activities.	Create connection with the netball community by celebrating the achievements of our people.	Provide resources to enhance awareness and knowledge of funding opportunities	Advocate for enhanced netball facilities for both community and performance, including a 'home base' environment to support & deliver high performance outcomes.	High quality athlete development system in place. Dominant zone in Silver Ferns, U21's and NZSS Representation.		
By November 2024 we will achieve	<b>Participation numbers grow to 5% above pre-covid levels - 50,000 participants</b>	<b>Increased satisfaction and engagement from our Mystics fans year on year</b>	<b>Minimum equity of \$150,000 and Mystics profitable</b>	<b>Partners report greater satisfaction and engagement with the Zone year on year</b>	<b>Mystics Win ANZP</b>		
	<b>Coach and Umpire Coach Developers Active in minimum 14 Centres</b>	<b>Year on year increase in stories told and shared through various media platforms</b>	<b>Growth in the amount of funding netball receives across the system (base to be agreed)</b>	<b>Facilities Plan refreshed with key projects identified</b>	<b>Marvels players transition to higher level (2 per year)</b>		
	<b>Good Sports Programme active in minimum 14 Centres</b>				<b>Zone players represented in national squads (Min 60%)</b>		
Embed an internal culture of one team including respect for Tikanga Māori and Manaakitanga in all that we do.							
OUR PRINCIPLES:	Embodying the Wairua of Mana Wāhine and their whānau. Culturally aligned and cohesive organisation which embraces diversity. Being local, affordable and accessible. Empowering dynamic leadership, innovation, performance and excellence.						

# AWARDS

## NETBALL NEW ZEALAND AWARDS 2023

Congratulations to the following members of our Zone that received awards this year.



### 2023 Te Rau Mataaho – ANZ Premiership Players' Award

Mystics midcourter Peta Toeava clinched the Te Rau Mataaho – ANZ Premiership Players' Award - presented to the overall best performer in the 2023 ANZ Premiership, as voted by the players.



### 2023 Aspiring Silver Fern

Leaving an instant impression, promising young Mystics defender Carys Stythe has won the 2023 Aspiring Silver Fern award. The 2021 Secondary School Player of the Year earned her first full contract with the Mystics in 2023 where she made a seamless transition to top-level play in her first year out of school.



### 2023 ANZ Premiership Coach of the Year

Winner of the Robyn Broughton Trophy as the ANZ Premiership Coach of the Year, Tia Winikerei made a memorable start to her tenure as head coach of the Mystics, ushering in a new era while guiding the team to the ANZ Premiership title in her first season.

## 2023 CADBURY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



### 2023 Volunteer Official of the Year

Umpire Convenor for Whangarei Netball Centre, Sue Robertson has helped develop and inspire many to take up the whistle, investing her time, knowledge and expertise while providing maximum value.

Her main role as umpire convenor is draw allocation and umpire coaching – allocating umpire coaches to umpires, organising the umpire coaches, running workshops and umpire coaching. She is on the ground on both Friday evenings and all day Saturday, runs (Northern) Zone theory workshops and offers her knowledge and skills to any group, club or school who would like a session on the basics.

Adding to her lengthy involvement, Robertson also sits on the Whangarei Netball Centre Board where the focus is to keep netball moving forward.



### 2023 Volunteer Coach of the Year

Auckland Netball's Kelly Wiczorek logged up over 400 hours of club coaching during 2023, her dedication and limitless enthusiasm showing no bounds as she effortlessly added other roles to an already hefty workload.

Besides coaching two teams at Premier and Senior A level, respectively, Wiczorek coached at representative level while also taking on the club committee role of Coach/Manager Liaison which often meant organising late night training sessions not only for other teams but also the 17 or so other coaches at her club.

Shy about receiving any recognition, Wiczorek often takes a back seat when her name is mentioned but is always first to champion others around her.

Wiczorek also volunteered her time for the Centre as an Auckland representative coach at the U16 level and then, because that wasn't enough, took on the "Cook's" role for the U18 programme as well.

# COMMUNITY

The Community Team continued to focus on building capability across our Centres, and working in partnership with Centres to identify their priorities and how the Zone can support them. A key area in 2023 was in creating collaborative spaces for our Centres to work more closely with each other, for the benefit of netball across the Zone. It has been pleasing to see the Auckland Centres Rep Working Group continue, and the Counties Manukau Umpire Cluster strengthen their impact during the year. Northland Centres have connected more frequently, and the Northland Netball cluster has seen success in co-operation across Centres.

Heading into 2023 the Zone Community Team was fully staffed and ready for an action-packed year. Our annual operations plan was aspirational and weighed heavily on key priorities identified by Centres through the previous years' engagement and consultation sessions. But change is ever constant, and in March we farewelled Ala Dysart, one of our NetballSmart Development Officers, as she embarked on her OE. We welcomed back Katie Adamson from her European sojourn in August to reclaim her NetballSmart officer role. Sadly, at the same time we farewelled Briana Valgre, Auckland Umpire Development Officer, as she moved into a role with the National Foundation for Deaf and Hard Hearing. Rhonda Martin-Raharuhi resigned in late November after five successful years developing coaches across Northland, it was time to re-focus on whanau. Unexpectedly, just on Christmas, we received our final resignation of the year from Amanda Dyason, Centre Relationship Manager, as she moves south to our colleagues in Waikato Bay of Plenty.

Heading into the new year our remaining staff, Amelia and Katie in the NetballSmart space, Sharleen our umpire lead, Tania our Coach Lead, and Karyne our Community Netball Manager, remain committed to servicing all our Centres, and focusing on the 2024 Annual Operations Plan.

Team bonding that served our community was a fantastic experience for our Zone Community Team, staff and MG Mystics players as we jumped on board and volunteered for a shift at Fair Food. We love the kaupapa behind Fair Food, as well as their continuous mahi behind the scenes to provide for communities in need.



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## Centre Engagement

To align timing with planning undertaken by the Zone and Netball NZ we held Engagement Sessions with Centres in July, with the objective of identifying key challenges or Big Rocks as we call them. Whilst these sessions highlighted the diversity of our Zone it also confirmed how similar the challenges are. This valuable information enabled us to feed up to Netball NZ Programme leads as they prepared their annual plans, along with providing significant direction for the Zone annual operations plan.

Centres indicated they wished to have a forum later in the year which was duly arranged. Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre kindly hosted us in October where we had the opportunity to share our draft plan for 2024, and dive deep into a couple of critical areas – Good Sports, Volunteer Management Plans, and Umpires – the question of payment. There was plenty of chatter, lots of sharing, great discussions, and the willingness of centres to work together to address the issue. An outcome of this session was the creation of an Umpire Advisory Group to further the conversation and provide insights and potentially some guidelines to Centres in due course. An online forum was held for our Northland Centres, and again was pleasing to see the openness to collaboration and honest discussion.



## Youth Advisory Group

Our first Zone Youth Advisory Group formed in September and is set up to inform and consult with Netball Northern Zone and key stakeholders on various aspects of netball in the Northern Zone and how they affect young people.

The groups terms of reference include, but are not limited to:

- Providing youth perspective on a range of issues at a Zone level
- Discussing any issues/needs relating directly to youth & sport in your Zone and how these can be best addressed
- Providing an opportunity for authentic youth voice and bring the NNZone YAG to life
- Providing Youth with an opportunity for leadership experience

The inaugural six members on the YAG spanned across 6 different centres:

- Jacinta Moors-Lemana Whangarei Netball Centre
- Arisa Parr – Whalley Netball North Harbour
- Sophia Kaifa Auckland Netball Centre / Waitakere Netball Centre
- Sheila McDonald Auckland Netball Centre
- Logan Assink Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre
- Tyler Campbell Waiuku Netball Centre

An induction evening was held and the group were charged with their first task of identifying initiatives to increase participation in the youth space. Watch this space!

## Good Sports

Centre Engagement Sessions at the end of 2022 identified Good Sports as a key priority. With Amanda having attended the Sport NZ Good Sports Residential in 2022, and working with our RST partners, we had the expertise to deliver quality Good Sports workshops for our Centres.

Two workshops were planned, both of which had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. This was extremely disappointing given all our RST partners and Netball NZ were booked to facilitate and share knowledge. The Zone then provided the opportunity for individual Centres to host their own workshop with only Auckland Netball Centre taking up the offer.

In June 2022, Staff, Coaches and Administrators from Auckland and Howick Pakuranga Centres engaged in learning more about Good Sports. Applying the Good Sports spine and BIB philosophies into their Centres and competitions along with championing others and looking at what's next were all key topics covered. Both Centres gained significant learnings and were charged with connecting with Sport Auckland on their next steps.

It was a full-on session, with plenty of chatter and 'ah ha' moments and we thank Ben Wu from Aktive, Michael Halliday from Sport Auckland, and Alysha Jensen from Netball NZ for supporting Northern Zone in facilitating this workshop.



Good Sports will remain a key priority for 2024 where we hope Centres will fully engage with offerings available.



# UMPIRES

## 2023 – Northern Zone Umpire numbers

New Zone Award Umpires	19
Zone Award Endorsements	42
Total Zone Award Umpires	223
New NZ Award Umpires	7
NZ Endorsed Umpires	6
Total NZ Award Umpires	25
IUA Umpires	1
New Umpire Coaches	28
Total Umpire Coaches	147
Umpire Coach Observations	35
Umpire Coach Developers	11
Zone Theory Passes	54
NZ Theory Passes	16

2023 saw a drop in the number of new Zone Award umpires, but nearly double the number of Zone Endorsements which is great to see umpires keeping their practical awards up to date. We look forward to seeing these umpires progress further. There was also a big jump in the number of Zone Theory passes. With more Zone Assessors upgraded during the year we hope to see these assessments increase.

## Zone Theory Passes

Massive Congratulations to **Maia Hunter** who achieved **100%**!

Bridget Keen

Caron O’Grady

Logan Assink

Rishi Kasireddy

Chloe Hii

Daisy Taylor

Heather Cleghorn

Imogen Forrester

Margaret Hills

Nadija Davidson

Samantha Holdsworth

Sonja Heydenrych

Kelly Ayres

Stacey Benioni

Katharine Hamilton

Katy Taylor

Alanah Vinson

Pyper Buxton

Rebekah Smith

Louisa Emile

Sophie Theis

Lavinia Pile

Neha Singh

Nicole Jackson

Sophie Mander

Estelle Thompson

Mia Montgomerie

Alana Heswall

Dasha Galiyeva

Donna Kaipō

Keely Paul

Leanna Alhasheme

Summer Martin

Wiremu Te Rongomau

Atawhai Heta

Bridie McErlain

Cara Jackson

Saphron Rakete

Tracey Briggs

Aneta Kingi

June Ubritzky

Neve McErlain

Roxanne Adams

Sandy McGivern-Butler

Creole Wallace

Kayla Sutton

Lauren Lockwood

Sasha Bosch

Trish Harkins

Elysia Russell

Emma Wilson

Emma Mackrell

Juri Lee

Karen Poutai-Struginski

Keira Webster

Nicola Black

Rebecca Taupo

Daniel Bristol

Stevie-Raye Rawaho-Ball

Tina Ball

Anna Jung

Murray Gardiner

**Maia Hunter**

## New Zealand Theory Passes

Massive Congratulations to **Sean McGinity** who achieved **100%**!

Kylie Cox  
Eleanor Cato  
Hope Dufty  
Samantha George  
Serena Kafalava

Jade Jennings  
Emily Freestone  
Kim Marriner  
**Sean McGinity**

Amanda Johnson  
Emily Kershaw  
Pearl Neighbour  
Suzanne Joynt

Ashleigh Gilmour  
Emily Amey  
Saane Abbott  
Tania Lewis

## Tournaments – Northern Zone umpires appointed

### EnviroWaste North Island Junior Netball Championships

Northern had 22 umpires attend the North Island Junior Netball Championships held in Taranaki in July along with three umpire coaches on the coaching panel to support and develop the umpires at the tournament.

Bridget Keene  
Sarah Mead  
Lesley Grima  
Liam Makara  
Hine Komene  
Emily Freestone

Emma Edwards  
Dayna Williams  
Jodie Bennetto  
Tania Lewis  
Kaitlyn Wade  
Carmen Michie

Kate Ward  
Hannah Dodd  
Starla Krone  
Tomairangi Waitere  
Ruth Christie

Pauline Akauola  
Leni Salamo  
Pyper Buxton  
Kris Clyma  
Sean McGinty

It was an extremely wet weekend, well done to those that braved the weather and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity, and we are excited to see your continued development!

Many thanks to Briana Valgre, Arisa Parr-Whalley and Jennie Valgre for joining the Umpire Coach Panel, working on a panel is a great step in umpire coach development.



## NNZ U18 Champs

Congratulations to these Northern Umpires who travelled to Hamilton for the 2023 Celebration Box NNZ U18 Champs from 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Kian Manilal  
Taasha Clifton  
Laura Mallon

Kira Morrison  
Caitlin Edwards  
Greer Thomas

Ginny Peek  
Julia Lim  
Zayna Patel

Catherine Simpson  
Emily Stinger

A special **CONGRATULATIONS** to Kian Manilal and Kira Morrison from Netball North Harbour who were selected to umpire the U18 girls final! What an achievement!



## NNZ Selected - Tournament Umpires

These umpires were selected by NNZ to attend two other national tournaments.

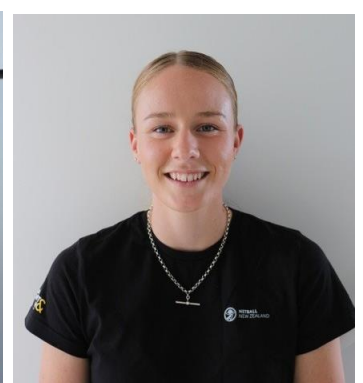
### NZ Open Champs

Congratulations to the Northern Umpires Zak Middleton and Kira Morrison who officiated at the 2023 NetballSmart NNZ Open Champs from 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September in Dunedin.



### NZ Secondary Schools Netball Champs

Congratulations to the Northern Umpires, McKynlee Breen, Kian Manilal and Kiani Smith who officiated at the 2023 NNZ Secondary Schools Tournament in Auckland from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.





## Umpire Achievements

### Netball Northern Umpire Development Group 2023

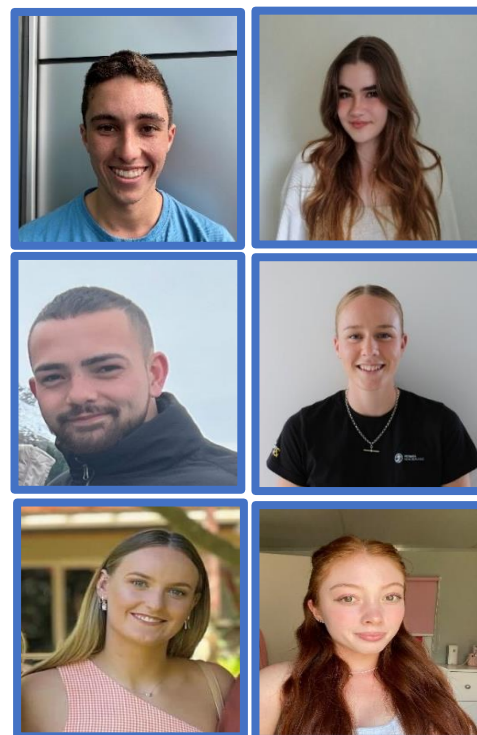
We were excited to announce the Netball Northern Umpire Development Group for 2023.

The umpire performance vision for Netball Northern is to continuously produce umpires that are capable of being selected for and performing well at Netball NZ national events; and to feed into Netball NZ High Performance Squads and Talent Identification programmes.

Selection is based on current performance and potential to develop, availability to attend National and Zone events and trainings, and a desire by the umpire to progress their umpiring into the performance space.

Congratulations to the following umpires that were selected by the Netball Northern Umpire Selector Group.

Mckynlee Breen – Auckland Netball Centre  
Kian Manilal – Netball North Harbour  
Kira Morrison – Netball North Harbour  
Brooklyn Mangakahia – Whangarei Netball Centre  
Caitlin Edwards – Netball North Harbour  
Mikayla McKenzie – Northern Wairoa Netball Centre



### Umpire Congratulations

The 17<sup>th</sup> Pacific Games also known as the 2023 Pacific Games and SOL2023 was hosted by Solomon Islands at the end of November 2023. World Netball announced the officials for this event.

Congratulations to Cory Nicholls who was selected to umpire and Fay Meiklejohn who was part of the umpire panel, both from Netball North Harbour.

World Netball also announced the officials selected for the FAST5 Netball World Series that was in Christchurch 2023 from the 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November. Congratulations again to Cory Nicholls who was selected to umpire.



### Umpire Coach Developers

Umpire Coach Developers (UCD) are an integral part of the umpire structure. To have the greatest impact on developing community and performance umpires they focus on helping develop our umpire coaches to be effective in the coaching of umpires.

We lost a couple of Umpire Coach Developers during the year but know that we will pick those numbers up with new training planned. We have 11 UCDs in Northern Zone and have training ready for new UCDs to come on board. They provided many development opportunities for our umpire coaches throughout the season and managed to complete 35 formal observations as well as numerous opportunities for courtside development.

## Development Day – Umpires & Umpire Coaches

### Preparing to Perform

Umpires and Umpire Coaches took part in the Development Day in Auckland on 29<sup>th</sup> October. It was great to see the group looking to develop in their off season. Those who seek development, make the most of opportunities and put what they learn into practice will generally progress well on their pathway.

Umpires took part in NetballSmart education, specifically around off season planning and preparation. They learnt about fitness training and testing, what we test, why we test and most importantly how to perform the test confidently.

Umpire Coaches took part in the new Zone Assessor workshop and then worked on their own development by coaching the umpires during the match play and working with our Umpire Coach Developers.

### Bench Officials

Our bench officials not only work hard throughout the year at the Synergy Hair Netball League, ANZ Premiership, local tournaments and in their local netball centres, they are also selected to go to national tournaments.

Congratulations to Alison Tranter and Bobby-Jo Buchanan who were selected to travel to the NNZ Open Champs in Dunedin from 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Congratulations to Adele Edmonds, Carollynn Frew, Louise Houltham, Susan Moke and Therese Dixon who were selected for the NNZ Secondary School Champs to be held at Trusts Arena, Auckland from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October. Also special mention of Rachael Smith who was the Bench Official Co-ordinator for NNZ Secondary School Champs.



# NetballSmart

NetballSmart was back in full force for 2023. With Covid restrictions behind us, it was great to get back into the community and connect with so many people again. Touching base with all centres and many schools in our region we have had a great year filled with lots of fun as well as spreading awareness and knowledge around NetballSmart.

Our development officers have been running a range of workshops, preparation programs, and player development programs as well as being involved in both Centre and Zone events. It is always great to see new netballers getting involved in “give it a go days” and seeing so many familiar faces returning to netball year after year. Some of the workshops we have run included but not limited to are:

- 52 Schools Attending AIMS pre-tournament workshops.
- 10 Player development and “give it a go days”
- 13 Tournament Preparation Workshops.
- 10 Mass warmups.

Our development officers had an outstanding year connecting with the community at all the netball tournaments this season. We saw so many great things happening, and it always puts a smile on our face when we can see players, coaches and parents putting into practice what they have learnt.

There were lots of excellent warm-ups happening this season and it is awesome to see NetballSmart being embedded into netball across all age groups. NetballSmart are also educating teams on nutrition, fitness, strength, and player welfare, to ensure players are becoming well-rounded athletes. We are continuing to develop new strategies to educate and inspire our players to be the best they can be while staying injury free.

We want to thank everyone for your continued support and for getting behind NetballSmart. We wouldn't have the impact we have if it wasn't for everyone trusting and believing in the program. We are having a positive impact because so many of you out there spreading the NetballSmart message far and wide.

We are excited to make 2024 even more successful and can't wait to share more knowledge and skills with the community. We are looking forward to working together to keep players performing at their best, enjoying the sport, and staying injury-free. Can't wait to see all of your faces out at the netball courts, if you want any help please don't hesitate to contact us!



## Amelia and Katie



# Coach Development

## Our Amazing Coach Developers supporting Coaches

We can almost boast having a coach developer at every centre, as well as having a good number of independent coach developers throughout the Zone. Our group of coach developers did an outstanding job supporting our coaches and can take credit for the number of coaches that achieved NNZ Awards! They embraced the 'Kotahitanga' concept, were united and worked together to deliver modules, welcoming coaches from all Centre's, they thought creatively - not only how to deliver a module but also on how to promote and attract coaches to them. It was their mantra to ensure the coaches had a wonderful experience while learning. They went above and beyond.

This year the Northern Zone offered 3 face to face Coach Developer Hui/Trainings, a Coach Developer Observation moderation with Leigh Gibbs, Tania Karauria and Rob Wright and there were also a number of online learnings opportunities as well as one on one support.

We are incredibly grateful to all our coach developers and look forward to working with them all next year!

***Kia u ki te pai, kia whai hua ai***  
***Hold on to what is good and good things will follow!***

Coach Learning and Development opportunities that took place in 2023		
	Total number of workshops held	Total number of coaches attending
NNZ futureFERNS Foundation Workshops Year 1 to 7	55	859
NNZ Community Coach Award Level 1	68	602
NNZ Community Coach Award Level 2	15	135
NNZ Composite Coach Qualification	1	12
Other Coach Development & Learning Opportunities	16	318
Practical Coach Observations		55



## Netball New Zealand Community Coach Awards

This year we had several coaches achieve their Netball New Zealand Community Coach Award level 1 and Level 2, and the Netball New Zealand Composite Coach Qualification.

To achieve your NNZ Community Coach Awards you are required to complete the Sport Tutor online modules as well as the practical components for each level usually at a workshop. For the CCA Level 1 awards they include Player Centered Coaching, Attack, Defence, Building Effective Relationships, Selecting, Skills Analysis, Shooting, Team Culture, Planning, Learning to Umpire and Netball Smart Modules. The CCA 2 awards include Game analysis, Tournament Planning, Mental Skills, Through Court on Attack and Defence, Centre Pass on Attack and Defence, Circle Work, Developing Physical Capacity and Practical Coach Observation.

The Composite Coaching Qualification (CCQ) was designed to cater for our elite players who remain in the game by transitioning successfully into coaching roles. In addition, our experienced coaches who have been supported by former coach development pathways, have the desire to continue upskilling, and being the best they can be. To achieve the CCQ you are required to complete the following modules: Philosophy of Coaching, Learning & Development Models, Blueprint to Success, Investment in Players, Skill Acquisition, Game Analysis, Coaching Networks – “cheerleaders”, Practical observations.

The programmes are designed to ensure we take a holistic approach to coaching and physical literacy and to enhance the understanding of what it means to be a player / athlete centred coach and to provide coaches with key tools to enable them to deliver meaningful player centred practices.

Congratulations to the following coaches:

Netball New Zealand Community Coach Award Level 1			
1	Maire Sands	Netball Waitakere	November 2023
2	Murray Gardiner	Netball Waitakere	November 2023
3	Natalie Moon	Whangarei Netball	November 2023
4	Anita Nowell	Rodney Netball	October 2023
5	Denise Hautler	Howick Pakuranga Netball	October 2023
6	Emily Amey	Howick Pakuranga Netball	October 2023
7	Mrinali Padyar	Auckland Netball	October 2023
8	Shante Cameron	Howick Pakuranga Netball	October 2023
9	Tere Tere	Papakura Netball	October 2023
10	Teresa Russell	Netball North Harbour	October 2023
11	Kylee Long	Howick Pakuranga	October 2023
12	Isabella Dunn	Howick Pakuranga	October 2023
13	Bunty Kani	Mangonui Netball	September 2023
14	Mil'e Matamua	Mangonui Netball	September 2023
15	Varna Bellas	Mangonui Netball	September 2023
16	Kew Rima	Papakura Netball	July 2023
17	Arielle Renata	Netball Waitakere	June 2023
18	Luke Gillies	Pukekohe Netball	May 2023
19	Katherine West	Pukekohe Netball	May 2023
20	Danielle Martin	Howick Pakuranga Netball	February 2023
21	Joanne Heinze	Netball Waitakere	January 2023

Netball New Zealand Community Coach Award Level 2			
1	Natalie Moon	Whangarei Netball	November 2023
2	Shante Cameron	Howick Pakuranga Netball	October 2023
3	Luke Gillies	Pukekohe Netball	August 2023
4	Jasmin Tukukino	Netball Manurewa	July 2023
5	Katherine West	Pukekohe Netball	June 2023

Netball New Zealand Composite Coach Qualification			
1	Anna Senio	Netball North Harbour	October 2023
2	Diane Pakau	Netball Waitakere	October 2023
3	Jennifer Mason	Netball Waitakere	October 2023
4	Jody McCort	Pukekohe Netball	October 2023
5	Junior Manapori	Auckland Netball	October 2023
6	Kevin Bell	Auckland Netball	October 2023
7	Ritua Aliiavaa	Netball North Harbour	October 2023

## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

### Netball Northern Zone Community Coaches observing the Mystics & Marvels Team Trainings

Invitations to observe 3 ‘Mystics Training’ & a Marvels Trainings were sent to coaches at the beginning of the year. We had a great uptake of this opportunity with around 90 coaches taking advantage.

Tia, Rob, and Natalie along with their teams were very accommodating, sharing how, and why they do what they do, they gave us an insight into their roles as the management team, and the workload and expectations of the players.

We observed a Team Building Fun Game at the beginning, the Netball Smart Warm Up in action, some speed testing, skill activities followed by Through court and Centre Pass on attack and defence.

This is what some of the coaches observing had to say.

*“We got an appreciation on the intensity that the Mystic Players train at. “*

*“It was interesting understanding the Northern Mystics Learning processes.”*

*“I enjoyed the valuable netball skill activities and will adapt them for my team trainings. “*

### Netball Student Coaches in Action - At Waitakere Netball Centre

In April, Sport Waitakere organised a Leadership Workshop with secondary schools in the Waitakere region.

In the netball space we had eight bright student coaches. On the day they were taught the NetballSmart Warm up and Recovery, they delivered a netball activity and learnt how to ADAPT it to meet the needs of their players. Emphasis was placed on understanding the purpose of the activity and how to provide feedback using questioning.

It is exciting to see that we have great talented young coaches involved in our sport.



## Yay! We are off to the Silver Ferns Observations

*'I am in heaven'. 'I am living my best life'. 'What an amazing opportunity'.* These were some of the comments from coaches and umpires that experienced the generosity of the Silver Ferns Team who allowed 40 plus enthusiastic attendees to observe their training, the second one for the day. Which gave us an appreciation of just how hard the players work.

It was a privilege to have access to the world-class coaching team of Dame Noeline Taurua, Debbie Fuller, Kiri Wells and the Silver Fern Psychologist Dr Rob Corban. They answered our questions, talked about mindset and provided insight into what their training consists of. The highlight was when Dame Noeline got us on the court with her; and she showed us how she gets her shooters to work in the circle.





## Netball New Zealand Under 18's Nationals - Court Side Korero

We did something a little different at the Netball New Zealand Under 18's National this year – *'The Court side Korero'*.

After a game, the umpires and the coaches from both teams would come together courtside and share their learning from the games, what surprised/challenged them and any ideas, tips, information.

The process took about 5-10 minutes. It was an opportunity to share self-reflection and in doing so build collective knowledge of the game; ***"A rising tides lifts all boats"***, and to grow relationships, collaboration, building capability and enhancing the experience for all.



# 2023 MG MYSTICS



## 2023 MG MYSTICS SQUAD

Player	Position	
Grace Nweke	GS	<b>Coach</b> Tia Winikerei
Filda Vui	GA GS	
Monica Falkner	GA GS	<b>Assistant Coach</b> Rob Wright
Tayla Earle	C WA	
Elisapeta Toeava	WA C	<b>Manager</b> Meghan Robinson
Katie Te Ao	WD C	
Michaela Sokolich-Beatson	GD WD	
Phoenix Karaka	GK GD	<b>Strength &amp; Conditioning</b> Pera Gibbs
Sulu Fitzpatrick (Captain)	GK GD	
Carys Stythe	GK GD	<b>Physio</b> Pat Hunt
Dani Binks	Training Partner	
Holly Mather	Training Partner	



## 2023 ANZ Premiership Results

Round	Game	Venue	Result
<b>Early-season</b>			
1	Steel	Trusts Auckland	64-38 Win
2	Tactix	Christchurch Arena	54-45 Win
3	Magic	Globox Hamilton	56-57 Loss (ET)
4	Stars	Trusts Auckland	62-59 Win
5	Steel	Edgar Centre Dunedin	64-48 Win
	Pulse	Te Rauparaha Arena Porirua	56-51 Win
<b>Mid-season</b>			
6	Magic	Energy Events Centre Rotorua	62-61 Win
7	Pulse	Trusts Auckland	53-55 Loss
8	Magic	Trusts Auckland	60-49 Win
	Stars	Trusts Auckland	77-79 Loss (ET x 2)
<b>End-season</b>			
9	Tactix	Christchurch Arena	74-50 Win
10	Steel	Trusts Auckland	65-55 Win
11	Pulse	TSB Wellington	56-62 Loss
12	Stars	Pulman Auckland	63-58 Win
	Tactix	North Shore Events Centre Auckland	64-61 Win (ET)

### Grand Final - Played Robinhood Northern Stars at Globox Arena Hamilton, 4 June

#### Overall Placing: CHAMPIONS (Score 74-56)

2023 was a year of collective vision, shared values, true team effort and overwhelming success. Our values of Unrelenting Strength, Energy and Manaaki guided us daily, and we continued to build our game-style, legacy and the connection with our people. People are at the heart of the MG Mystics and they are our greatest source of strength, and the success we experience.

Our early season performances were strong, and we won 5/6 matches. We learnt a lot during this period and our full squad managed to hit the court several times. The mid-season was dense with a number of back-to-back games and a lot of the squad were unavailable to play at different times. Tayla was ruled out for two rounds, Sulu and Monica were already unavailable, and we lost Miccy the morning before the painful loss against the Northern Stars in extra-extra time. Yet, this adversity gave us a genuine period of consolidation, bought us closer together and grew our collective desire to Win. There were many highlights during this time, such as Katie starting her first game at C, and Filda taking up the GA starting role for the remainder of the season.

Claire O'Brien, who was in our 2022 team, arrived from Australia to help cover the gaps and as we headed into Round 9 Tayla and Sulu returned to the court. It was in this game we had one of our best season performances beating the Tactix by 24 goals. This was closely followed by one of our worst performances when the Pulse in Wellington convincingly beat us. Yet, there is always a silver lining, and this loss was the jolt we needed to lift up a gear. As we entered the final round of the season we had to fight for the top spot on the ladder. We earned the minor premiership in our second to last game when we won against the Northern Stars in round 12.

From there the team was ready for the final, demonstrating a fierce yet calm mindset at training. In the final we delivered our most exceptional performance of 2023, winning 74 – 56 against the Northern Stars. This was the best gift we could give our retiring captain, leader and friend, Sulu Fitzpatrick. Sulu had already signalled this would be her final game for the MG Mystics after an exceptional career in Netball which spanned across two decades. Sulu has left an incredible legacy for the MG Mystics, a legacy which lives on through the current team, and she will always be part of our whānau.

## The MG Mystics celebrated the following milestones in 2023

- Sulu Fitzpatrick 150 games
- Rob Wright 200 games
- Meghan Robinson 100 games
- Patrick Hunt 50 games
- Tia Winikerei 50 games
- Katie Te Ao Debut
- Catherine Hall Debut
- Holly Mather Debut



# NATIONAL LEAGUE NETBALL



High level result was four wins and four losses finishing in 3rd place on the table. Very disappointing to not make the final as one more win would have seen the Northern Marvels take that finals spot.

The highlight was soundly beating Manawa (eventual winners) by 10 goals in the last game of the season, showing the squads growth and development.

Players developed strong relationships within their positional units and took personal and collective ownership to deliver results and positive outcomes. This ethic carried into the strength and conditioning programme, where good improvement has been delivered throughout the squad in both gym and fitness results.

## Overall Placing: 3rd

2023 NORTHERN MARVELS SQUAD		<b>Coach</b>
Alyssa-Jean Savelio	Catherine Hall	Natalie Milicich
Charlotte Manley	Christie Anderson	<b>Assistant Coach</b>
Danielle Binks	Grace Gatiu-Lui	Waana Ararao
Holly Mather	Jessie Taylor	<b>Manager</b>
Kenza Taele	Killarney Morey	Amanda Dyason
Priscilla Rasmussen	Storm Gilmer	<b>Physio</b>
<b>Training Partners:</b>		Stephanie Roberts
Jamie-Lee Binks	Jaz Zanders	<b>Strength &amp; Conditioner</b>
Le-Oxeayn Maiu'u	Serina Daunakamakama	Caleb Carey
Sophia Lafaiali'i	Summer van Gelder	

## Results:

Opposition	For	Against	Result	Comments
Mainland	62	45	Win	Won 3 of 4 quarters, drew 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter
Waikato	49	46	Win	Won 3 of 4 quarters
Comets	47	61	Loss	
Southern Blast	43	46	Loss	
Manawa	44	53	Loss	Won 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter
Waikato	58	50	Win	
Comets	38	53	Loss	Won 3 of 4 quarters, large last quarter loss
Manawa	56	46	Win	Won 2 quarters, drew 1 and lost one.



# 2023 MYSTICS MEN



## Mystics Men 2023 Squad

Quintin Gerber	Eriata Vercoe
Gert Higgins	Susnation Seta
Te Reiwhati Vercoe	Liam Dalton
James Brown	Joseph Tukaki
Jonah Tan	Troy Skipworth
Kevin Bell	Arama Jackson

**Head Coach:** Helene Wilson

**Assistant Coach:** Ripeka Pirie

**Manager:** Nikola Kemp

**Physio:** Rebecca Gatland

For the second year running the Mystics fielded a men's side in another step towards developing the men's game. Contesting a two-game series against cross town rivals the Stars Men. Both games were incredibly hard fought and in a repeat of 2022 the honours were once again shared. This will be rectified in 2024 with a three game series in the planning.

Fresh off the back of six years at the helm of the MG Mystics, including leading the team to the 2021 ANZ Premiership title, Helene Wilson took over the reigns from Tia Winikerei who coached the men in 2022. Helene says her biggest take away from working with the men is that "it's a lot of fun, there are a lot of characters".

The pathway for men in netball has come a long way, boosted by the addition of an open men's club league in 2023 at Netball Waitākere playing on Saturday afternoons.

### Saturday 6 May

Mystics Men 45 vs Stars Men 40

### Sunday 21 May

Mystics Men 37 vs Stars Men 41



# PERFORMANCE

## Northern Zone Scouting Programme

Following a successful pilot with Netball North Harbour in 2022, the Zone aimed to build on this and implement a new initiative for talent identification across our Zone. In 2023 the Netball Northern Scouting Group attended local and national tournaments, and used information provided by centres to ensure the scouting group had a good understanding of our athletes and to identify new talented players of potential and begin to track them through their local centres.

Our scouting group attended our local Auckland regional circuit tournaments, UNISS, and U18 national tournaments. The MG Mystics coaching staff and Athlete Development Lead attended NNZ Open Age Group and New Zealand Secondary Schools tournaments.

The Scouts prepare an athlete list, which is then ranked, and from which players are invited to Northern Zone Development Days. The athlete list also provides a base from which the Scouting Group make nominations to Netball NZ for attendance at National Development Camp. The Netball Northern Development Day for aspiring young players took place in October and was well received attracting 66 players from 32 schools.

The players had their work cut out for them, as they were taken through various sessions including off-season and pre-season training, fitness testing with players having a go at learning how to perform the tests in a learning environment led by our NetballSmart Development Officers, followed by game play.

Northern Zone were excited for the 25 players who attended the National Development Camp in January 2024.

## NZEPP 2023

Following Northern Marvels and NZEPP trials in December 2022 we identified a group of athletes with the aspiration and potential to play high performance netball. These players were offered places in our performance programme where they were given support including strength and conditioning programming, individual planning and skills sessions throughout 2023 coached by the MG Mystics coaches.

The aim is to prepare and transition athletes into performance environments in netball and make nationals squads and 2023 saw a number of our NZEPP athletes continue their journey along the HP pathway.

## 2023 NZEPP Squad

Christie Anderson

Dani Binks (MG Mystics Training Partner 2024)

Jamie-Lee Binks

Serina Danaukamakama (MG Mystics Apprentice Training Partner 2024)

Catherine Hall (MG Mystics 2024)

Sophia Lafail'i

Charlotte Manley (MG Mystics Training Partner 2024, NZU21 Squad 2024)

Holly Mather

Le'Oxeayn Mai'u (NZSS Squad 2023)

Priscilla Rasmussen (MG Mystics Apprentice Training Partner 2024, NZSS Squad 2023, NZU21 Squad 2024)

Kenza Taele

Jessie Taylor (WBoP Magic Training Partner 2024)

Summer van Gelder

Jaz Zanders

## Higher Honours

2023 was a successful year across the zone with the following players selected for the **NZ Secondary Schools** team who travelled to Canberra to play against the Australian U19 team. The following players from Netball Northern were selected to represent this team -

Le'Oxeayn Maiu'u - Avondale College  
Priscilla Rasmussen - Avondale College  
Summer Temu – Mt Albert Grammar  
Lili Tokaduadua – Howick College





# FACILITIES

## Auckland Regional Facilities Working Group

The Auckland Regional Facilities Working Group continued its mahi in 2023 with a focus on refreshing the Auckland Region Netball Facility Plan. The focus of the plan is to identify

- Right number of courts in the right place
- Quality of courts to support quality playing experience
- Ownership models

Centres have been consulted during the process along with being provided detailed summaries including but not limited to, membership catchments, demographic growth, age profile and current status of facility.

Interesting themes arising are the member overlaps which can be influenced by school or club competitions, and the geographic overlaps, identified through the member mapping exercise. This certainly provokes the need for further discussions amongst Centres to ensure we meet local needs and maximise the use of existing facilities.

Auckland Council Facilities Investment Funding approved in 2023 has seen significant headway on funded projects.

Mangere-Otahuhu Netball Centre court rubberisation was undertaken in the off season, with a completion date of early April 2024 – just in time for a slightly delayed start to their season.

Netball Rodney are working through their court redevelopment – a complex project that has morphed into two distinct projects. The temporary upgrade of four courts has once again been delayed and will see Rodney continuing to play across two banks of courts for the 2024 season. They however did an amazing job of navigating their juniors in 2023, safely crossing pedestrians across the carpark and involving many of their junior clubs as helpers.

The larger redevelopment project has been awarded to Visitor Solutions Ltd who are working with the collective codes at Centennial Park to further this long term project.

Waiuku Netball Centre facility is looking fabulous with new floor and window coverings, a fresh coat of paint and another two courts rubberised. With the final two courts planned for rubberisation by start of 2024 season Waiuku facility is in great shape.

This is testament to the committee who invested time to create a Long Term Asset Management plan and have duly worked their way through the priorities - well done Waiuku!



Mangonui Netball Centre officially opened their new courts and it was a moving and treasured day as the refurbished courts were blessed. As well as being a lovely sunny Northland day it was fantastic to hear the history of the Centre from Life Member Clare Stensness – the stories of volunteers over the years with their bake sales, dances and any variety of fundraising ideas resonates with many of our netball elders.



And the courts held up in the “sunny north” winter weather!



# GIVE IT A GO DAYS

## Participation – Give it a Go Days

Kaipara Netball Centre had a great turnout at their Give It A Go Day with over 40 kids attending! Netball superstars Sulu Fitzpatrick and Peta Toeava from the MG Mystics got involved with the futureFERNs activities.

Thanks to everyone who came along and supported the event to give the sport of netball a go! We can't wait to see them around the Kaipara Netball courts this year!



Friday 24th – Sunday 26th March saw Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre, Netball Manurewa, Northern Waiora and Netball Waitakere run their Give it a Go Days. How great to see a number of futureFERNs head along to their local netball centre to get involved and have fun playing netball.





# MYSTICS IN THE COMMUNITY



*Paladin Money Can't Buy Experience Winners at MG Mystics Captains Run*



*Barfoot & Thompson Young Authors Challenge Winners presentation at St Mary's Primary*



*DebtManagers Train with the Mystics for year 7 & 8 Glen Eden Intermediate students at Netball Waitakere*



*Fujifilm Netball Experience Day at Netball North Harbour*



# CENTRE STORIES

## Northland Centres Rep Cluster Working Group

Northland Netball Centres continued to work collaboratively, with the support of Netball Northern Zone, to field an U18 Team to attend the Netball NZ Celebration Box U18 Championships in Hamilton in July.

A massive thank you to the small, committed treasures of the Northland Netball Committee who put in countless hours of volunteer time to support this team to nationals. A few changes in the committee during the season however thank you to: Tanya Proctor, Rebecca Simper, Veronica Allen, Lynette Gubb, Sarah Hammond, Creole Wallace, Jo Hona and Natalie Moon for your contribution.



This year the working group/committee got together in person to review the season, the mission and vision for Northland Netball, and work on sustainable operating models. What is our Why was subsequently shared with Centres.

**WHAT IS OUR WHY?**  
@northlandnetball

Northland Netball is here to support emerging talent (Athlete, Umpire, Coaches, Management) in the netball journey. Our vision:

- Represent your province - Northland!**
- Provide a pathway & increase opportunity**
- Raise capabilities**
- Create & provide a safe environment**

Logos at the bottom: Northern Waikato Netball, Kerikeri Netball Centre, Rodney Netball Centre, New Lynn Netball Centre, Whangarei Netball Centre Inc.

What an amazing year it's been for Northland ... especially for our Under 18 Campaign ... with the appointment of Trina Henare (Lead) & Kristina Tipene (Assistant) as the Coaches. Jo Hona graciously stepped into the team manager role when sadly Jess Hita had to withdraw.

Trainings took place at the BOI College Gym in Kawakawa with a huge mihi to Nga Tai O Tokerau Mens our regular training partners & Whangarei NCU16's Team & Sophy Tua who joined us before they headed to the Taranaki Rep Tournament.

The team attended the Auckland Netball Centre Rep Tournament with an overnight stay cementing team values, goals, and expectations as well as having an opportunity to gel with each other. Games against Auckland 1 and Waitakere 1 allowed our team court time, experience out on court and set the benchmark.

Taking the court at Hamilton City Netball Centre for the Celebration Box NNZ Under 18 Champs was a proud moment, with the team leaving it all out on court every game and each day, playing with intent, purpose and for each other – the support from bench & whanau on the sideline was amazing. Final placing was 21st from 34 Centres.

## 2023 SQUAD

**Parehuia Allen** *Bay of Islands*

**Aisha Davies-Cooper** *Kerikeri*

**Mereana Huirama-Moore** *Kerikeri*

**Atea Rush** *Kerikeri*

**Shakana Tau** *Mangonui*

**Liliana Antonio (VC)** *Whangarei*

**Araha Subritzky** *Mangonui*

**Aramia Vause** *Bay of Islands*

**Leilani Dephoff** *Kerikeri*

**Moana Rush** *Kerikeri*

**Poshy Ngawati (C)** *Whangarei*

**Odyssey Travers** *Mangonui*

**Waiaria Frape** *Whangarei*



We look forward to the continued support of Northland Centres for this initiative ensuring the youth of Northland have the opportunity to represent Northland Netball at national tournament.

## Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre 60<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee

The HPCC Staff and Executive had the pleasure and honour to welcome past and present members to Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre's 60th Diamond Jubilee. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the sport within the Howick Pakuranga Netball Community and reconnect with the many staff, players and volunteers that have contributed to the Centre in so many ways.

From 1963 to 2023 the Centre has seen many changes both with facilities and the way we play our game. HPNC have a big variety of offerings of netball in the way of Walking netball, Boys netball, No Limits, futureFERNs, Player Development Programs, Representative Program, Summer League as well as the main league on a Saturday.

Covid hit and changed the world a few years ago and with the rising cost of living and lack of funding we are facing a hardship not seen in a very long time. The 60th celebration was a timely reminder to us all as we reminisced and shared our experiences and memories at HPNC as to why netball and our facility is important.

Centre President Amanda Dyason noted how she has met many new friends through playing and volunteering at the Centre and enjoyed reconnecting with old rivals on the court from back in her school days. The Centre gives many of us a sense of belonging, friendships and a lifelong love of the game. To uphold and continue the legacy that those before us have left is one that everyone of us should not take for granted.

A big thank you to all past and present staff, volunteers and clubs for their continued support, time and energy with everything that they give and do for Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre.





## Kaipara Netball Centre- Player Development Programme

The team at Kaipara Netball Centre ran their Player Development Program during the school holidays on the 20th and 21st April. There was lots of action with over 40 Year 7&8 players attending from surrounding schools and lots of valuable coaching on offer. Big thanks to all Kaipara CCA1 coaches, Netball Northern coach lead Tania Heap, MG Mystics player Michaela Sokolich-Beatson and Northern Marvels Training Partner, Jamie-Lee Binks.

It is fantastic to see upcoming player Jamie Lee Binks giving back to her local community as Kaipara Netball Centre was her home centre in her junior years of playing community netball.



## Waiuku Netball Centre – Opening Day

Waiuku Netball Centre started their winter season with an official opening of their latest two courts to be rubberised. The Centre is looking good with just two more courts to be done in the off-season along with new carpet and blinds in the pavilion. Many thanks to the committee who spent hours completing the funding applications and managing the contractors to complete these important renovations.

Netball is intergenerational with whanau following in their ancestors footsteps,

becoming or staying involved in the Centre at the heart of their community. Waiuku is no different and it was a pleasure to have Noeline Ramsey open the newly refurbished courts on Saturday.

Noeline is a Life Member of Waiuku and now Patron, just as her mother Jean, was before her. Below is the newspaper clipping from April 1992 showing Jean Seeger, Noeline's mother, officially opening the then new Waiuku Courts. Fast forward to April 2023, Noeline is shown cutting the ribbon on refurbished courts with Centre president, Rachel Browne-Cole.





## Northland Development Day

The Northern Zone team had a great day up at Kerikeri Netball Centre running the Northland Development Day (September 2023). Both coaches and players were invited to attend the day and the morning started with coaches and players split. NetballSmart educated the players practising different performance-based tests that they are likely to come across as they develop their netball. The players all got stuck in and had a go at participating in the testing as well as coaching each other on how to get the best score. They were an awesome group of players and were eager to know how they could best perform in fitness/strength testing.

MG Mystics Assistant Coach Rob Wright took coaches through the 5 principles of a successful training session. In groups, coaches developed 2 different activities which they then coached the players through in the afternoon session. All the coaches got involved and it was great to see their reflections and learnings at the end of each activity. The day finished off with some game play. It was an enjoyable day up north and even better it didn't rain!

Thanks to Northland Netball Cluster for organising the event, Kerikeri Netball Centre for hosting and Oxford Trust for funding to support development in the North.



## Auckland Development Day

The Netball Northern Development Day for aspiring young players took place in October at Netball Waitakere and was well received attracting 66 players from 32 schools – and from throughout the Zone.

The Northern Zone scouting team identified players following observations at local Centre games, Under 18 National tournament and UNISS. These players were then invited to attend the Development Day.

The players had their work cut out for them, as they were taken through various sessions including off-season and pre-season training, fitness testing with players having a go at learning how to perform the tests in a learning environment led by our NetballSmart Development Officers, followed by game play.

Northern Zone Coach Squad coaches explored Teaching Games for Understanding (TGFU) and the Principles of a Great Training Session led by MG Mystics Head Coach Tia Winikerei & Zone Coach Lead Tania Heap.



# GOVERNANCE

## Corporate Governance

The Board is responsible for governing Netball Northern Zone Incorporated and carrying out the objectives, responsibilities and obligations as described in our Constitution. The Board is responsible for determining strategies, policies and financial arrangements for the Northern Zone.

The Board will govern Netball Northern Zone with emphasis on:

- serving the legitimate collective interests of the members and other stakeholders of Netball Northern Zone Inc. and accounting to them fully for the performance of Netball Northern Zone and for the Board's stewardship;
- remaining up to date in terms of key stakeholders' concerns, needs and aspirations;
- developing a future focus;
- providing leadership in the exploration of strategic issues rather than administrative detail;
- behaving proactively rather than reacting to events and others' initiatives;
- bringing a diversity of opinions and views to bear on its decisions;
- expressing collective responsibility for all aspects of the business of netball in the Northern Zone; and
- ensuring there are positive conditions for the motivation and conduct of the Chief Executive.

## Committees

The Board has three standing Committees described below. Each Committee has a terms of reference describing how it is to operate and its responsibilities.

### Finance and Risk Committee

The Committee comprises four Directors, one of whom is appointed Chair. The Chair of this Committee may not be the Board Chair. The Chief Executive attends meetings and the external auditors may attend by invitation of the Chair. The Committee currently comprises Michele Teague (Chair), Rawinia Newton, Maria Sopoaga and Mary Gardiner. The Committee met 4 times during the year.

The purpose of this Committee is to assist the Board with its responsibilities with respect to overseeing all aspects of financial reporting, control and audit functions and organisational risk.

### Funding and Sponsorship Committee

The Committee comprises at least two Directors, one of whom is appointed Chair and up to three independent advisors. The Chief Executive and Operations Manager along with a representative of Netball NZ attend meetings. The Committee currently comprises Rawinia Newton (Chair), Sue Brewster, Michele Teague and Kurt Tyson. The Committee met 5 times during the year.

The purpose of this Committee is to support the development of the funding strategy, monitor and review its implementation and to support the Board to give sufficient focus to the funding strategy.

### Appointments Committee

The Committee comprises two Directors, one of whom is appointed Chair. The Committee currently comprises Mary Gardiner (Chair) and Sue Brewster. The Committee met once during the year.

The purpose of this Committee is to assist the Board in planning the board's composition, assess the competencies required, identify prospective board members and develop succession plans for the board.

## Directors Interests

Organisation	Position
<b>Member: Sue Brewster</b>	
Bethels Beach Surf Life Saving	President
<b>Member: Mary Gardiner</b>	
Mangere Mountain Education Trust	Trustee
Orakei Tennis Club Inc	Treasurer & Life Member
Auckland Regional Indoor Court Facilities Working Group	Member
Southern Cross Pet Insurance Limited	Independent Director
Radius Residential Care Ltd	Independent Director
Women in Sport Aotearoa	Board Member
Unity Credit Union	Director
Woods and Partners Consultants Ltd	Audit and Risk Committee Chair
<b>Member: Lynette Gubb</b>	
Netball Rodney Centre	Vice President
Tomarata Netball Club	President
Wellsford Districts Sport & Recreation Collective	Coordinator
Wellsford A&P Society	Coordinator
Port Albert Church Preservation Society	President
Tomarata Public Hall	Treasurer
<b>Member: Michele Teague</b>	
NZ Sock Co	Non-Executive Director
Child Fund	Board Member
<b>Member: Maria Sopoaga</b>	
Harbour Sport (RST)	Trustee
MinterEllisonRuddWatts	Solicitor
Pacific Lawyers Association	Executive Committee
<b>Member: Kurt Tyson</b>	
SkyCity	Marketing Manager (until April 2023)
EssilorLuxottica	Commercial Sales Director (from May 2023)
<b>Member: Rawinia Newton</b>	
Cartology	Head of Operations
<b>Member: Anna Richards</b>	
Auckland Rugby	Auckland Women's Player Development Manager
Auckland Rugby / NZRU	Manager Auckland HUB (Black Fern contracted players)
New Zealand Barbarian Rugby Club	Committee Member



# SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE INCORPORATED  
For the year ended 30 November 2023



# NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE INCORPORATED ('NNZI')

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### To the Members of Netball Northern Zone Incorporated

#### Report on the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Statements

##### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Netball Northern Zone Incorporated ('the Society') on pages 4 to 8, which comprise the special purpose statement of financial position as at 30 November 2023, and the special purpose statement of financial performance and special purpose statement of movements in equity for the year then ended, and the special purpose notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying special purpose financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at 30 November 2023, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Basis of Reporting per Note 1.

Our report is made solely to the Members of the Society. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Members of the Society those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Members of the Society as a body, for our audit work, for our report or for the opinions we have formed.

##### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) ('ISAs (NZ)'). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Society in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand)* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* ('IESBA Code'), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, Netball Northern Zone Incorporated.

##### Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

We draw attention to Note 1 of the special purpose financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The special purpose financial statements are prepared at the request for Board of Members of the Society for presentation to the Members of the Society. As a result, the special purpose financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Members of the Society and should not be distributed to parties other than the Members of the Society. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### **Responsibilities of Those Charged with Governance for the Special Purpose Financial Statements**

Those Charged with Governance are responsible on behalf of the Society for the preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial statements in accordance with the Basis of Reporting per Note 1, and for such internal control as Those Charged with Governance determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the special purpose financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the special purpose financial statements, Those Charged with Governance are responsible on behalf of the Society for assessing the Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Those Charged with Governance either intend to liquidate the Society or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the special purpose financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these special purpose financial statements.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the special purpose financial statements is located at the External Reporting Board's website at:

<https://www.xrb.govt.nz/assurance-standards/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-8/>

*Baker Tilly Staples Rodway*

**BAKER TILLY STAPLES RODWAY AUCKLAND**

**Auckland, New Zealand**

14 March 2024



# NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE INCORPORATED

## SPECIAL PURPOSE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

*for the year ended 30 November 2023*

		NNZI 2023 \$000	NNZI 2022 \$000
Operating Revenue	Note 3	2,733	2,705
Operating Expenses	3	2,731	2,619
<b>Operating Surplus</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Net Surplus for the year</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>86</b>

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of, and should be read in conjunction with these special purpose financial statements.

# NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE INCORPORATED

## SPECIAL PURPOSE STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 November 2023

	<b>NNZI 2023 \$000</b>	<b>NNZI 2022 \$000</b>
<b>Members Equity at beginning of year</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>71</b>
Net Surplus for year	2	86
<b>Members Equity at end of year</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>157</b>

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# NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE INCORPORATED

## SPECIAL PURPOSE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 November 2023

	Note	NNZI 2023 \$000	NNZI 2022 \$000
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		402	403
Accounts Receivable		40	29
Prepayments		5	23
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>447</b>	<b>455</b>
Plant and Equipment	5	7	16
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>454</b>	<b>471</b>
<b>Members Equity</b>		<b>159</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors and Accruals	4	185	141
Income Received in Advance		154	165
GST Payable		(44)	8
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>295</b>	<b>314</b>
<b>Total Equity &amp; Liabilities</b>		<b>454</b>	<b>471</b>

Signed for and on behalf of the Board:



Mary Gardiner (Board Chair)

Date: 14 March 2024

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## 1 Accounting Policies

### *Reporting Entity*

Netball Northern Zone Incorporated (NNZI) is an Incorporated Society in New Zealand, incorporated in November 2012. NNZI is a Public Benefit Entity. The special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with s23(i) of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted in the preparation and presentation of the special purpose financial statements. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated:

### *Basis of Reporting*

The special purpose financial statements have been prepared applying the accounting principles of accrual accounting. The special purpose financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost.

The special purpose financial statements comprise of Special Purpose Statements of Financial Position, Financial Performance, Movements in Equity and Accounting Policies as well as the Notes to these statements. The special purpose financial statements are presented in New Zealand Dollars (NZ\$).

### *Going Concern*

The special purpose financial statements have been prepared on a going-concern basis, which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business. The Board consider it appropriate for these special purpose financial statements to be prepared on a going concern basis.

### *Goods & Services Tax*

Figures shown in these special purpose financial statements are exclusive of GST, with the exception of accounts receivable and accounts payable.

### *Revenue Recognition*

The revenue from Sponsorship contracts is allocated over the term of the contract. Where the Sponsorship relates to a specific event the revenue is recognised when the event occurs.

The revenue from Grants that are project specific is recognised when the project occurs.

### *Contra*

Contra received is to recognise in-kind contributions. They are recognised as sponsorship revenue when amounts are quantifiable in terms of the sponsorship contract.

### *Accounts Receivable*

Accounts receivable are recognised at net realisable value.

### *Plant, Equipment and Depreciation*

Plant & Equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Plant & Equipment have been written off over their estimated useful lives on a straight line basis to calculate the depreciation charge for the year as follows:

IT Equipment	2-5 years
Furniture & Fittings	2-15 years

### *Uniforms*

Uniforms are expensed at the time of purchase, unless purchased for future squads.

### *Taxation*

NNZI is a Non-profit body for taxation purposes under section CW 46 of the Income Tax Act 2007 and as such no taxation is payable on the surplus for the year.

### *Cash and Cash Equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and at banks.

### *Changes in Accounting Policies*

There has been no change in accounting policies during the year and they have been applied on a consistent basis.

## 2 Contingent Liabilities and Commitments

Commitments under non-cancellable operating leases

Not later than one year  
Later than one year and not later than five years

NNZI 2023 \$000	NNZI 2022 \$000
95	69
33	56
<b>128</b>	<b>125</b>



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**3 Operating Surplus**

**Operating surplus includes:**

**Income**

	NNZI 2023 \$000	NNZI 2022 \$000
Membership Fees	502	492
Sponsorship Cash	548	472
Sponsorship Contra	245	221
Gate/Hospitality	133	100
Funding	1,275	1,393

**Expenses**

Audit Fees	-	-
Depreciation	11	11
Rental and operating lease expenses	116	109

Audit Fees for the audit of these special purpose financial statements have been paid for by Netball New Zealand.

Membership Fees income includes Membership Fees passed through to Netball New Zealand of \$138,778 (2022: \$137,706).

**4 Creditors and Accruals**

	NNZI 2023 \$000	NNZI 2022 \$000
Trade Creditors	78	38
Accruals/Other Creditors	107	103
	<b>185</b>	<b>141</b>

**5 Plant & Equipment**

	NNZI 2023 \$000				NNZI 2022 \$000			
	Cost	Deprn	Accum Deprn	Book Value	Cost	Deprn	Accum Deprn	Book Value
Furniture & Fittings	4	-	3	1	3	-	3	-
IT Equipment	55	11	49	6	55	11	39	16
	<b>59</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>16</b>

**6 Subsequent Events**

There have been no events subsequent to balance date that would have a material impact on the special purpose financial statements (2022: nil).

**7 Related Party Transactions**

During the year the Zone recognised sponsorship of \$50,046 (2022: \$63,729) from an organisation where a board member had a management role.



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