



NETBALL
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ANNUAL REPORT

2024



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NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE

Netball Northern Zone is a regional sports organisation and one of the five netball zones in Aotearoa/New Zealand affiliated with Netball New Zealand. We manage the elite netball teams; the Northern Mystics in the ANZ Premiership, Mystics Men, and the development team, the Northern Marvels, competing in the National Netball League.

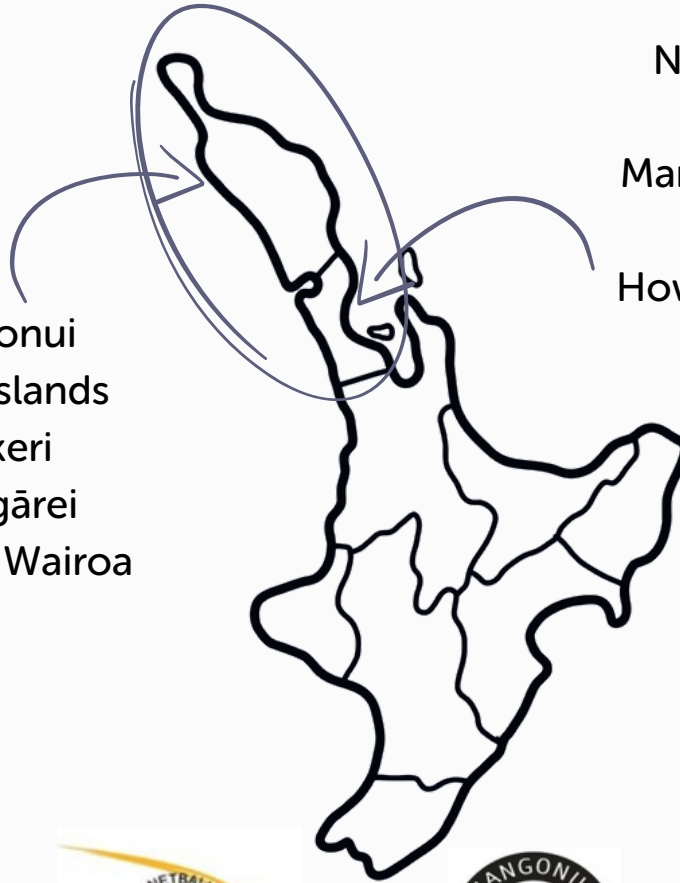
Our zone stretches from Kaitiāia in the north, to Waiuku in the south, encompassing 16 netball centres which deliver community netball events and competitions for over 48,000 registered players of all ages.



NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE

Rodney
Kaipara
North Harbour
Waitākere
Mangere Otahuhu
Auckland
Howick Pakuranga
Manurewa
Papakura
Pukekohe
Waiuku

Mangonui
Bay of Islands
Kerikeri
Whangārei
Northern Wairoa



OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE



59
NEW CCA 1&2
COACHES

#1

FEMALE
SPORT

MG MYSTICS WINNERS OF

- HOBBITON CUP
- BARFOOT & THOMPSON
NORTHERN CHALLENGE
- ANZ PREMIERSHIP



48,822

REGISTERED
COMMUNITY
NETBALL PLAYERS

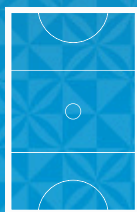
↑ 10%
GROWTH

VOP SURVEY



500% increase in the
number of responses
compared with 2022

18



PLAYERS FROM OUR
ZONE SELECTED FOR
NATIONAL SQUADS

MOST
FOLLOWERS
OF ANY
TEAM IN THE
LEAGUE



160,000
UNIQUE VIEWERS
ANZ GRAND
FINAL

Most watched game in
ANZ Premiership history

48%

TICKETING GROWTH
FOR MG MYSTICS
GAMES



54

UMPIRES ZONE
THEORY PASSES

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CHAIR & CEO MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa

As we reflect on the past year, we're incredibly proud of all that we've accomplished together. 2024 has been a year of growth, resilience, and meaningful progress for Netball Northern. There have been some significant highlights for our zone, most notably a 10% increase in participation numbers across the region and a second successive title for the Northern Mystics in the ANZ Premiership. From expanding our reach to enhancing the experiences of our players, coaches, and officials, every achievement is a testament to the dedication and passion of our community. We are excited to share the highlights of this journey and the impact we've made in 2024.

Participation

Over the past three years, our strategic plan has focused on growing our numbers, with a target of reaching 50,000 participants. Whilst we came up just short at 48,822 it's a significant lift, to where numbers were following the pandemic. Within these numbers, it's pleasing to note that secondary school netball continues to grow, and netball remains the most popular sport at secondary school level, holding the top spot since 2013.

These results are the dedication and hard work of the centres in our zone, who have been proactive in growing participation and creating enjoyable netball experiences to retain members. The mahi put in by staff and volunteers, though sometimes unnoticed, is crucial to the success of our sport. Thank you to each and every person that has helped to grow and strengthen netball in our zone!

Mystics – Back to Back Champions

The Mystics had a season full of ups and downs, with injuries and illness forcing several changes throughout the competition. However, they found their rhythm just in time for the crucial Finals Series, securing wins in both the Elimination Final and Grand Final to claim the title for the second season in a row. The Grand Final was a nail-biting affair, and an inspiring showcase for netball, with the Mystics emerging victorious in a dramatic 54-53 win over Pulse at a sold out TSB Arena in Wellington!

We are incredibly proud of the players and management team in overcoming the challenges of the season, and their ability to stay focused, adapt under pressure, and maintain belief in each other throughout the competition. Securing this back-to-back title, is a true testament to their hard work and dedication.

Financial Performance

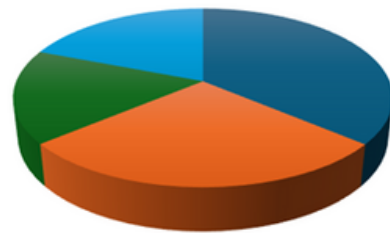
The 2024 financial performance was very pleasing given the underlying headwinds of the general economy. We were able to produce a surplus to continue our push towards our stated goal of \$215,000 in reserves. The net surplus for the year was \$49,526 (2023: \$2,065), improving our equity to \$208,229 (2023: \$158,703) as at 30 November 2024.

The Mystics pillar continues to be challenging from a financial viewpoint. The decision by MG Motor NZ not to renew their naming rights partnership for 2025 was very disappointing, but we are working hard to secure a replacement partner.

In 2024, overall revenue of \$2.81m (2023: \$2.73m) comprised of sponsorship and events of 36% (2023: 36%), grant funding of 17% (2023: 21%), Netball NZ funding of 28% (2023: 25%) and gross membership fees (including Netball NZ portion) of 19% (2023: 18%).

The major expense of the zone is personnel costs which makes up 56% (2023: 57%) of total expenses.

Income



■ Sponsorship and Events ■ NNZ Funding ■ Grant Funding ■ Membership Fees

Expenditure



■ Personnel ■ Event, Marketing and Sponsorship
 ■ Membership & Participation Fees ■ Travel and Transport
 ■ Administration ■ Sports Science
 ■ Accommodation & Meals ■ Uniforms & Equipment



Revenue

\$2.81



Surplus

\$49,526



Equity

\$208,229

Community

Collaboration has played a pivotal role in 2024 and the Centre Connect hui have been a great way for Netball Northern to connect with centres, and just as importantly for centres to connect with each other. Collaborating in this way has allowed for some great transfer of information, knowledge, and ability to work as a whole within our zone. As we move into 2025, collaboration will continue to be a key pillar of our efforts.

The Voice of the Participant survey, conducted in 2024, provided valuable insights that will guide our approach moving forward. It was fantastic to receive over 2,000 responses from across the zone, allowing all 16 centres to receive a bespoke report. Key findings from the survey highlighted that the areas people would like to see improve are; player development programmes, quality of officiating, more playing opportunities, and quality of coaching. Regrettably, the survey revealed that the frequency of inappropriate behaviour remains a concern both at the national level including within our zone, showing an increase since the 2022 survey. In response, our community team began centre-based professional development in partnership with Aktive. This followed the establishment of a working group charged with developing our zone's netball specific Good Sports plan for 2025 - that will work to prioritise Good Sports and embed it across our centres.

In 2024, a key focus has been to accelerate the number of individuals completing Coaching Awards. Many coaches were already partway through their respective levels, so it has been fantastic to see a record number of them go on and complete their qualifications. The Netball Northern Transition Coach Squad has developed well with many of the coaches taking the opportunity to enhance their skills, paving the way for entry to higher coaching qualifications.

With a significant update to the rules of netball in 2024, this became a focus for umpires. We have also been able to grow the number of Umpire Coach Developers and Umpire Coaches. These people greatly spread our ability to provide support and guidance to umpires.

Our NetballSmart Development officers continue to advance the NetballSmart programme with support from the NetballSmart Activators. Over 100 workshops were completed on a variety of topics, many delivered in collaboration with coach and umpire training.

In May, Netball Northern released the Auckland Region Netball Facility Plan 2024. Initiated through the Auckland Region Facilities Working Group, the plan was formulated by Visitor Solutions Ltd with input from Auckland Council, Aktive and netball centres within the Auckland Region. The Plan identifies the current and future demand for Auckland Region netball courts and outlines our Region wide priorities for netball facility investment for the next ten years. By providing robust analysis, the Plan acts as a collective voice and supports our netball centres when working with local boards, funders and communities. Our aim is to continue to ensure netball facilities are maintained and funded at least as well as any sport in the Auckland region.

On the tournament front a big thank you to Netball Waitākere and Papakura Netball Centre who successfully ran the Upper North Island Secondary Schools (UNISS) and Netball NZ Open Champs respectively. These events take months of planning and many staff and volunteers. Thank you to everyone involved. It is fantastic to have these high profile events held in our zone.

Acknowledgements

We extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible Netball Northern staff and Board, our centre staff and volunteers, and our generous funders for your commitment throughout 2024. Your dedication and passion have been crucial in delivering outstanding netball experiences across our zone. To all the volunteers who have given their time, we truly appreciate your efforts in making netball thrive at every level. Your contributions make a lasting impact, and we are grateful for everything you do to support our netball community. A special thanks to Karyne Ross who leaves our organisation in early 2025, for her outstanding service as Community Netball Manager over the past five and a half years.

Nāku iti nei, nā



PHIL VYVER
CEO



MARY GARDINER
Board Chair



MG MYSTICS PARTNERS

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Partners for their invaluable support. Their assistance made it possible for our MG Mystics to step onto the court and compete in the ANZ Premiership. We couldn't have done it without them.





NETBALL NORTHERN PARTNERS

We would like to express our gratitude to the organisations that have provided funding support in 2024. This crucial backing allows us to work alongside our netball centres and their communities to grow and strengthen netball within the Netball Northern zone.

A big thank you to the Regional Sport Trusts and Funders for helping us connect national strategies with grassroots netball. We'd also like to give a special mention to PIC Insurance for their generous support in insuring our community netball vehicle fleet.



OUR PEOPLE



OUR BOARD

Mary Gardiner

Board Chair - Elected

Michele Teague

Board Deputy Chair - Appointed

Sulu Fitzpatrick

Board Member - Elected

Anna Richards

Board Member - Elected

Sue Brewster

Board Member - Appointed

Rawinia Newton

Board Member - Appointed

Kurt Tyson

Board Member - Appointed

Simon Laphorne

Board Member - Co-opted

Anton Tyers

Board Member - Co-opted

Heidi Wilde

Board Member - Co-opted

OUR STAFF

Phil Vyver

Chief Executive Officer

Chris Tennant

Operations Manager

Trish Harkins

Admin & Finance
until Sep 2024

Vickie Ellis

Admin & Finance
from Nov 2024

Peter McInnes

Athlete Development and
Pathways Lead

Karyne Ross

Community Netball Manager

Tania Heap

Coach Lead

Sharleen Morrell

Umpire Lead

Leah Lazarus

Umpire Development Officer
until Sep 2024

Amelia Pasco

NetballSmart Officer

Katie Adamson

NetballSmart Officer

Michelle Spooner

Marketing & Comms
Coordinator
May - Nov 2024

Tia Winikerei

Mystics Head Coach

Rob Wright

Mystics Assistant Coach / High
Performance Coach
Development Lead

Meghan Robinson

Mystics Team Operations
Manager

Shaun Burrows

Mystics Strength & Conditioning
Coach

Pat Hunt

Mystics Physiotherapist
until August 2024



OUR STRATEGY

OUR PURPOSE

To grow and strengthen netball

WE SAID WE WOULD

GAME - COMMUNITY

Participation numbers grow to 5% above pre-covid levels - 50,000 participants



Coach and Umpire Coach Developers Active in minimum 14 Centres



Good Sports Programme active in minimum 14 Centres



PRESENCE

Increased satisfaction and engagement from our Mystics fans year on year



Year on year increase in stories told and shared through various media platforms



FINANCIAL

Minimum equity of \$150,000 and Mystics profitable



Growth in the amount of funding netball receives across the system (base to be agreed)



PARTNERSHIPS

Partners report greater satisfaction and engagement with the Zone year on year



Facilities Plan refreshed with key projects identified



GAME - PERFORMANCE

Mystics Win ANZP



Marvels players transition to higher level (2 per year)



Zone players represented in national squads (Min 60%)



WHAT WE ACHIEVED

Just short at 48,822 (10% growth 2023 to 2024).

16 Centres are serviced by 30 Coach Developers and 15 Umpire Coach Developers.

Three centres have own programme. Most centres shared NNZ/zone social media. Five centres are part of a working group for a 2025 project.

The 2024 ANZ Grand Final was the most watched game in ANZ Premiership history. 2024 saw a 48% ticketing growth for Mystics games. The Mystics have the most social media followers of any team in the league.

Social media followers have grown from 35,700 to 44,000 (a 23% increase).

Equity achieved, now at \$208,000.

Mystics have improved financial results and closing in on profitability.

Project not started.

Satisfaction Survey with centres rated 8/10. Centre Connects rated as highly valuable.

Plan complete and was communicated with our centres and other stakeholders. The plan was presented to the Council Policy and Planning Committee and was well received.

Claiming our first ever back-to-back title, the Mystics draw equal with the Pulse as the most successful ANZ Premiership franchise in history with three titles to their name – 2021, 2023 and 2024.

Since 2021 eight players have earned ANZP contracts.

Zone has been well represented across NZSS, U21's and Silver Ferns - 18 players in 2024.



NETBALL NZ AWARDS 2024



TIA WINIKEREI

ANZ Premiership Coach of the Year

Tia Winikerei's tactical brilliance led the MG Mystics to back-to-back ANZ Premiership titles, earning her the ANZ Premiership Coach of the Year award, Tia's second time holding the Robyn Broughton Trophy.



GRACE NWEKE

Silver Ferns Player of the Year

Grace Nweke's leadership and determination were pivotal in the Silver Ferns' historic Constellation Cup victory. Scoring 500 goals in 2024, she showcased remarkable consistency and skill in the shooting circle, earned her the ANZ Silver Ferns Player of the Year title.



SHAYLA NEPIA

Secondary Schools Player of the Year

Shayla Nepia's outstanding performances for Epsom Girls' Grammar School and representation in the NZ Secondary Schools and U21 squads earned her the Netball Smart Secondary Schools Player of the Year award. Congratulations, Shayla!



NETBALL NZ VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2024



MATHEW CHAMBERS

Volunteer Official of the Year

Matt Chamber's dedication to umpiring and umpire development earned him Volunteer Official of the year. Convenor, Matt has been a member of the Netball Manurewa Umpire Association for over 18 years and has spent more than 10 years on the Umpire Executive Committee. Matt has also devoted significant time to supporting the delivery of the umpire development programme at Mangere/Otahuhu Netball Centre.

Matt has embraced the umpire-centered coaching approach to umpire development. His efforts have contributed to the growth of a talented group of new umpires progressing through the umpire pathway at Netball Manurewa.



LEE MANAIA

Volunteer Administrator of the Year

Lee's selfless dedication and tireless contributions to Netball Manurewa have earned her the Volunteer Administrator of the Year award. As President since 2018, she dedicates countless hours to the Centre, both in and out of season, always leading by example with passion and commitment.

Lee is a vocal advocate for Netball Manurewa, building strong community networks and contacts through her strategic thinking and approachable personality. Lee has also driven key innovations, including the transition to a Governance Board and building refurbishments. Netball Manurewa thrives because of her ongoing support, guidance, and countless volunteer hours.



NETBALL NORTHERN SERVICE AWARDS 2024



LOUISE HOULTHAM

Netball Northern Bench Official

Louise has been a highly respected member of the Northern Zone Bench Officials team for many years and has held a national qualification as a bench official since 2002.

Louise has officiated for National League games, ANZ Premiership matches in and at National and Regional tournaments in our zone. She has also been at International Tests for Netball NZ where Netball Northern was responsible for volunteers. Louise has long been involvement with Netball North Harbour as an official and is well deserving of the 2024 Netball Northern Service Award.



CAROLLYNN FREW

Netball Northern Bench Official

Carollynn has been a highly respected member of the Northern Zone Bench Officials team for many years, and has held a national qualification as a bench official since 1998.

Carollynn has officiated for National League games, ANZ Premiership matches in and at National and Regional tournaments in our zone. At an international level, she has officiated two Netball World Cups and one Commonwealth Games (Manchester). Carollynn is a well deserving recipient of the 2024 Netball Northern Service Awards.

Images right: Celebrating Louise and Carollynn at the May Centre Connect with Netball Northern Board Chair, Mary Gardiner.





COMMUNITY NETBALL

COMMUNITY TEAM

NETBALLSMART

CENTRE CAPABILITY

CENTRE STORIES

FACILITIES

PARTICIPATION

GOOD SPORTS

ENGAGEMENT

COACH DEVELOPMENT

UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY TEAM

For 2024 our Community Team's primary focus was delivering our Community Operations Plan and providing support to centres. The team's commitment to netball was evident as they consistently went above and beyond, covering extensive geographical areas while collaborating with and supporting each other and the wider zone.

We welcomed Leah Lazarus on a short-term contract to support umpire convenors and coach developers in the Counties Manukau cluster, and to complete the Umpire Convenor Guide project from 2024.

Michelle Spooner also joined on a seven-month contract as Communications and Marketing Coordinator, making fantastic headway in improving our newsletter, website, and internal

communication processes.

Despite our best efforts, and many iterations of a Northland Coach Development Officer role, we were unable to fill this position this year, and coupled with Whangārei Netball Centre restructure, we were left short in coach support for Northland. Our Community Coach Lead, Auckland, Tania Heap, did an outstanding job of covering as much as possible, and we were pleased to deliver coach workshops in Northland mid-year.

After five and half years, Karyne Ross, our Community Netball Manager, gave notice that she would be leaving us in January 2025. Karyne delivered the Participation Lead role this year, alongside her Manager and Capability Lead roles.

CENTRE CAPABILITY



Our Capability Lead covers the governance and organisational aspects of netball. Below are the 2024 areas of focus.

Changes to the Incorporated Societies Act

A key focus for our Capability Lead for 2024 was supporting centres with the introduction of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and the requirement to revise their constitution and re-register.

The revision of constitutions has followed a top-down approach from Netball NZ, Netball Northern, and the centres, involving lawyers, accountants, and sports experts. As a result, the process has taken longer than expected.

The final version of the centre constitution template from Netball NZ is expected in December 2024. Centres will then use 2025 to work with the template, preparing to re-register before the April 2026 deadline.

Centre Operating Framework Resource

Understanding Centre Operating Models was a project

undertaken jointly by four Zone Relationship Managers and Netball NZ Community Manager, Ruth Southwood, this year. Identifying current models, facility impacts, ownership, and operational models and highlighting the significant range of sizes of centres across the country has provided insightful information. It also led to the creation of the Centre Operating Framework Resource.

Zone Relationship Managers are now able to use this tool in discussions with centres, who may be looking to different options for a sustainable future.

The Centre Reflection Tool, led by Leigh Ashton, Relationship Manager in Waikato Bay of Plenty, and co-designed by Relationship Managers and other lead staff from all zones, has proved a valuable tool for centres in planning and providing insights into what they do well and gaps in their provision. This is a tool that is highly recommended for centres of all sizes to complete, and so far has shown to be popular with many different sized centres.

FACILITIES

AUCKLAND REGION NETBALL FACILITY PLAN

In May 2024, Netball Northern released our Auckland Region Netball Facility Plan 2024. Initiated through the Auckland Region Facilities Working Group, the plan was formulated by Visitor Solutions Ltd with input from Auckland Council, Aktive and netball centres within the Auckland Region. A special thank-you to Anita Coy-Macken for her excellent work on this project.

The Plan works to identify the current and future demand for Auckland Region netball courts and outlines our priorities for netball facility investment over the next ten years. By providing robust analysis, the Plan acts as a collective voice, and supports our netball centres when working with local boards, funders and communities.

The plan comes after the 2015 Auckland Region Netball Facility Plan which was successful in supporting the delivery of \$5 million investment into Auckland Region netball facilities.

In September, CEO, Phil Vyver and Community Manager, Karyne Ross formally presented the Auckland Region Netball Facilities Plan to Auckland Council Planning, Environment and Parks Committee at Auckland Town Hall.

The presentation shared the direction for netball facility provision in Tāmaki Makaurau including the quantity, quality and sustainability of provision. In presenting the Plan, it showed the work completed by Netball Northern and aims to advocate for our netball centres in their applications to Council and the Facilities Investment Fund.



FACILITIES - AT CENTRES

Mangere Otahuhu Netball Centre

Mangere-Otahuhu netball Centre court rubberisation was undertaken in the off season with the completion of this work in April 2024.

Rodney Netball Centre

In August, Rodney Netball Centre received the news that Auckland Council would be deferring the court re-development at Wellsford's Centennial Park by another year. With the courts in dire condition, placing uncertainty on the 2025 netball season, the committee and their supporters took the issue to their Local Rodney Board for deputation in October. Soon after, Auckland Council committed to completing temporary works to the courts to ensure they are playable for the 2025 winter season.

North Harbour Netball Centre & Auckland Netball Centre

In August, two centres successfully received funding from Auckland Council's Planning, Environment and Parks

Committee. Netball Northern's CEO, Phil Vyver says these were big achievements and he commends those who were a part of the process. "I'd like to congratulate both Auckland Netball and Netball North Harbour on their successful applications to Auckland Council's Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant, seeing both centres secure operational funding for the next three years."

In addition to this, Netball North Harbour were also successful in their application to Auckland Council's Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund. This funding will be directed towards Netball North Harbour's exterior refurbishment which is due to commence late 2025.

Thank you, Auckland Council, for valuing netball in our community and for the investment this year in two of our largest netball facilities.

PARTICIPATION



10%

Growth in our 2024 community participation

PARTICIPATION INITIATIVES

2024 was an exciting year marked by growth across our Zone. Thank you to the many dedicated Northern zone centres that continued to challenge themselves to raise participation at their centres and to offer diverse opportunities that cater to the needs of their netball communities.

Give-it-a-Go Days

Give-it-a-Go Days are one tool to engage new-to-netball and return-to-netball for our junior age participants, and have proved successful.

Netball NZ targeted funding

Small participation projects supported by targeted funding from Netball NZ, included the Mangonui Netball Centre Walking Netball, and Northern Wairoa's Woolworths futureFERNs delivery in schools. Although the funding may not be large,

it can make the difference for smaller volunteer-run centres, helping them to try new initiatives.

Aktive Junior Participation Project

Netball Northern is grateful to Aktive for approving our Regional Fund application for a Junior Participation Project, which enabled four centres to develop specific initiatives aimed at engaging low or non-participating primary schools.

Through a combination of in-school tasters, Centre-based tasters, and support for schools to create netball opportunities, the outcomes of this project are expected to positively impact the 2025 junior season..

A big thank you to the four centres - Papakura, Manurewa, Auckland, and Waitākere for undertaking additional mahi to provide the environment and opportunity for these tamariki.

PARTICIPATION

CENTRE GIVE IT A GO DAYS

Waiuku Netball Centre

Hosted a “Netball is Back” day supported by Mystics players, Peta Toeava and Filda Vui, NetballSmart Development Officer, Amelia Pascoe, who led the players in warming-up and warming-down exercises. Thanks to futureFERNs Coordinator, Tyler Campbell for organising the event for Yr1-8 players.

Manurewa Netball Centre

Hosted a Give it a Go day with 52 young aspiring netballers attending and enjoying meeting ANZ Premiership players.

Thanks to Stars players Emma and Amorangi, and MG Mystics Phoenix & Carys who also had a ball!

Kaipara Netball Centre

Hosted a Give it a Go day with support from MG Mystics players Carys and Talya. A great day attracting many new futureFERNs players

Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre

Hosted a Give it a Go day. Thanks to MG Mystics and Stars players for delivering futureFERNs activities – our kids had a blast!

Auckland Netball Centre

Hosted a futureFERNs Festival Day with the aim of increasing participation and giving everyone the opportunity to give netball a go. Thanks to MG Mystics players Hannah and Catherine who took part. Auckland Netball Centre also undertook a marketing campaign on social media, through school newsletters and in collaboration with Sport Auckland

Kaipara Netball Centre



“Very well organised. Great to have professional netballers present and coaching. Excellent variety of activities for a range of ages.”

Parent at the Auckland Netball Centre Festival Day

Manurewa Netball Centre



Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre



Waiuku Netball Centre



Auckland Netball Centre



GOOD SPORTS

With Good Sports being a priority for centres but often becoming lost during the busy netball season, our Community Team took two opportunities this year to work with them on developing Good Sport strategies.

In March, our Community Netball Manager partnered with CLM Community Sport to deliver a Good Sports workshop for our south Auckland centres. Special thanks to Mack Cormack for his enthusiasm and dedication to supporting netball.

The second opportunity came in October, following feedback from our centres during the July Centre Connect sessions. Our Community Netball Manager held a Good Sports Professional Development session, facilitated by the fantastic Simone Spencer from Aktive. Simone provided an uplifting, engaging, and eye-opening session.

The session was aimed towards personnel working in centres, and Netball NZ Participation staff and Participation Leads from

the other four zones also joined, further strengthening in our collaboration.

Following the session, our Community Netball Manager established a working-group for the purpose of delivering a netball specific Good Sports project, aimed at creating practical implementation tools. This dedicated group met weekly for six weeks, exploring existing initiatives from RSTs, UNISS, Aktive, and Touch NZ, and working towards creating four priorities to deliver practical tools for centres.

Their commitment to the project will see them continue for another six weeks in 2025 to conclude the project and support a second professional development session in February 2025.

An outcome of this project will be strong collaboration and alignment with Netball NZ, as the group has provided valuable insights and innovative ideas that will contribute to the national Good Sports Strategy.



“The participants explored the differences between a ‘climate of performance’ and a ‘climate of development,’ noting how each impacts young players.

“Everyone agreed that a development-focused climate, rather than a fixation on winning, enhances players' enjoyment of the game.”

Netball Northern, Community Netball Manager, Karyne Ross

ENGAGEMENT

CENTRE CONNECT SERIES

For 2024 our Centre Connect Series brought together key personnel from centres across Netball Northern to collectively address priorities identified by centres, and create a platform for knowledge sharing and centre-to-centre networking.

For the year, our Community team held three Centre Connect in May, July and October. In July and October, sessions were held in both Te Tai Tokerau and Auckland to accommodate as many centres as possible, both volunteer or staff led.

The May Centre Connect fostered connection and collaboration with centres workshopping solutions to common challenges. It was an extra treat to get the inside story from MG Mystics Coaching Staff, Tia and Rob, on what game day looks like for them and the team.

The July Centre Connect focused on gathering insightful feedback, innovative ideas and aspirations to feed into Netball Northern's next Strategic Cycle, and Netball NZ's annual operating plans. The October Centre Connect was an opportunity for centres to *kanohi ki te kanohi*, to work together on collective ideas and solutions, and to hear from our team on some of the initiatives they can expect to see in 2025.

Results from our end-of-year 2024 Centre Satisfaction Survey saw the Series mostly rated as 'valuable' or 'very valuable'. Comments included that centres would like more opportunities to share information and ideas with each other and work together to support one another in areas of need. A key priority for Netball Northern in 2025 will be to provide the opportunity and environment for consistent and effective centre- to-centre collaboration.



VOICE OF PARTICIPANT

This year the Voice of Participant (VOP) survey was carried out by Netball NZ in conjunction with Sport NZ to gather insights into the experiences for those engaged in netball over the previous twelve months. Since 2016, Netball NZ has conducted the survey on six occasions, mostly on a two year cycle.

The 2024 Netball NZ Voice of Participant survey saw 6,424 responses –almost double the number of responses in the previous three surveys. For Netball Northern we saw over 2,200 responses within our zone - a significant improvement on the 2022 survey with only 367 responses. The 2024 survey also saw all 16 of the netball centres in our zone reach the response threshold to receive individual centre-based reports.

Positively, the 2024 results told us that 81% of respondents within our zone are likely to rejoin playing netball, and 82% said

their club/school/centre provides a supportive and encouraging environment.

The results also told us the main aspects people would like to see improved, and regrettably, it revealed that the frequency of inappropriate behaviour remains a concern, both at the national level and within our zone, showing an increase since the 2022 survey. These results have helped us to shape the direction of our 2025-2027 Strategic Plan.

NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE RESPONSES

2022 survey

367

2024 survey

↑ 2,259

COACH DEVELOPMENT

OVERVIEW FOR 2024

A key outcome for our zone is to ensure there are competent, capable Coach Developers to support on the ground delivery at their local centre. Our measure of success is to ensure there are 16 Coach Developers, and it is encouraging to see we have 30 Coach Developers to service our 16 centres.

2024 has seen an increase in CCA level qualifications with thanks to the centres who collaborated with us on providing a

targeted approach to identify these coaches and meet their needs.

Our thanks to Netball North Harbour for working with us as we trialed some new tools and plans to enhance coach development at centres. The 'coach planning calendar' was a great guideline, and identifying target areas was a successful tool for engaging coaches with initiatives that meet their needs

COMMUNITY COACH WORKSHOPS

Throughout the year, our Community Coach Developers held both CCA 1 and CCA2 workshops at the following centres:

Howick Pakuranga	Rodney
Papakura	Mangonui
North Harbour	Auckland,
Waitakere	Whangarei
Manurewa	Kerikeri
Waiuku	Pukekohe

With over 850 CCA attendees during 2024, this was our largest turnout in sometime, a fantastic achievement worth celebrating! A huge thank you to the centre coach connectors developers who made this possible.



Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre CCA1 Workshop

2024 COMMUNITY COACH AWARD LEVEL 1 PASSES

Danielle Meyer
Dayna Williams
Helen Perkins
Maria Schuster
Gilliam Williams
Serena Kafalava
Tayla Moyle
Stacey Rasmussen

Eseta Iese
Sandina Cameron
Tony Ah Chee
Brian Keepa
Julie Christensen
Nicky Maera
Sera Wright
Sala'a Lologa

Christina Nicholls
Alex Palacios
Eleanor Singh
Neha Singh
Krystal Jeffery
Jessie Singh
Richette Rodgers
Holly Leenen

Laurie McClintock
Rachel Wood
Lucy Pollack
Shaun Noick
Brenda Boxal
Megan Green
Peta Forrest
Katrina Grant

Kat Keelan
Micaela Ellis
Clare Gibson
Nicole Jackson
Kathryn Johnston
Rishi Kasireddy
Rose Gardner
Adele Ball

Rovena Arokianadan
Michelle Engelbrecht
Bridget Donovan
Ella-Rose Lawrence
Mel Gardner-Brown
Nicole Roughan
Stan Smith

2024 COMMUNITY COACH AWARD LEVEL 2 PASSES

Sandina Cameron
Denise Haulter
Danielle Martin

Tere Tere
Delwyn Hewson
Graeme Pulham

Theresa Cochrane
Nick Hanna
Ashleigh Cowan

Dr Michael Lauren
Mrinali Padigar
Rachel Browne-Cole

COACH DEVELOPMENT

TE TAI TOKERUA PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT WORKSHOP

Our Community Team ran workshops at Kerikeri and Whangārei netball centres this year, providing Northland coaches with new skills and the opportunity to connect with other coaches.

A highlight of the workshops was special guest Leigh Gibbs, Silver Ferns Selector and NNZ Community Coach Manager, who delivered the module 'Centre Pass' as part of the Netball NZ Community Coach Award 2.

To enhance workshop our Umpire Lead, Sharleen Morrell, shared valuable tips regarding the rules for each scenario.

Also involved was our NetballSmart Development Officers and Coach Lead facilitating the workshop 'Skills Analysis & Fundamental Movements' as part of the Netball NZ Community Coach Award 1.

The sessions attracted coaches from all over Te Tai Tokerau. Whangārei Girls High School year 9 coach, Rena Belcher, attended the Whangārei evening and says the two workshops were fantastic and something that everyone could take from.



"It was a great opportunity to share with others and build skills together."
"We very much appreciate the support to our local coaches in this environment."

Whangārei Girls High School year 9 coach, Rena Belcher

OBSERVER COACH PROGRAMME - NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAMP

"NDC exceeded my expectations on all accounts - the training sessions and facilitators were outstanding and they made my first experience at NDC a great learning opportunity."

Netball coach

The National Development Camps (NDC) are held annually in January 2024 - inviting players selected to attend by Netball NZ's Emerging Talent Selectors

An exciting addition to the camps for 2024, was the opportunity to include facilitated coach observations across the three days of the camp.

This new component invited Netball Northern coaches, and was facilitated by NNZ's Community Coaching Manager, Leigh Gibbs, the Assistant Mystics Coach Rob Wright and Northern Coach Lead Tania Heap.

The purpose was to provide coaches with facilitated observations of both on and off-court sessions, to show them a variety of coaching styles, the importance of quality and intensity in training, and introduce them to performance level netball.



"NDC has undoubtedly been the best experience in my netball coaching career so far. It has given me a renewed sense of purpose, a treasure trove of new knowledge, and a network of like-minded individuals who share my passion for the game."

Netball coach

COACH DEVELOPMENT

COACH DEVELOPMENT HUI

In March 2024 our Community Coach Lead ran a Coach Development Hui for a new group of Coach Developers ready to master workshop techniques for coaches. The day was filled with creativity with the group exploring the L.E.A.R.N.S. model, the Loch Ness Model. They also went through effective icebreakers, reflective practices, and questioning styles. The feedback was positive, and everyone felt energized to tackle the first module.



TEAMING UP ON MĀORI AND PASIFIKA COACHES

Māori and Pasifika players have a talent for netball, however when it comes to coaching, there is often a drop in Māori and Pasifika coaches at higher levels of the sport. To go from community coach to performance coaching you must complete Netball NZ's accreditation programme. With insights highlighting the need for experienced Māori and Pasifika facilitators and the introduction of culturally appropriate methodologies into the programme, this year Healthy Families Waitākere partnered with Netball Northern and Netball NZ to trial a new approach using te ao Māori principles. Our Coach Lead, Tania Heap says that by implementing whakawhanaungatanga it helped to create a sense of belonging and a safe space to share experiences. Rob Wright, High Performance Coach Lead, Netball Northern, says the programme has been transformative.



NORTHERN ZONE TRANSITION COACH SQUAD (NZTCS)

The Netball Northern Zone Transition Coach Squad began as a pilot in August 2023 to provide development opportunities for coaches in the zone with an interest in performance. This year, the squad were offered several development opportunities.

Early in the year they attended a Game Analysis workshop focused on an ANZ pre-season match between the MG Mystics and the Stars, offering a unique insight into the workings of netball coaching strategies.



In June they attended the 'What it takes to become a Performance Coach' workshop which included observing the MG Mystics training, followed with time spent with Rob Wright MG Mystics Assistant Coach, to discuss the attributes of high-performance coaches.

Members of the Coach Squad were also invited to attend Netball Northern's Development Day and the Summer Squad sessions as part Netball Northern's player Performance Pathway. The Coach Squad also stayed connected through a chat group where they could share thoughts and insights into the 2024 Silver Ferns test matches.

"Having conversations with the performance coaches in our zone has been a real privilege. There's a lot of information they're willing to impart with us and I think that's amazing and I'm really grateful for this."

Phillipa Wallace, community coach and Coach Squad member,

UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT

OVERVIEW FOR 2024

2024 was the year for rule changes! In December 2023 World Netball launched the Rules of Netball 2024 Edition. The new rules came into play for international matches from 1 January 2024 with the Netball NZ roll out to community netball at the beginning of 2024.

Many of our community volunteers went through training on the new rules to enable them to upskill members of their netball centres. It was great to see this play out on court throughout the season with everybody learning together.

A key outcome this year was to ensure there are competent, capable Umpire Coach Developers to support on the ground delivery at their local centre - with a measure of success of at least 14 of our centres with active developers. The mahi undertaken resulted in 15 developers across our zone, which in turn, allowed for more formal and informal development of our umpire coaches. It was great to see so many step outside of their comfort zone to continue to work on their skillset.

The Umpire Convenor Guide project started in 2023 was finalised through 2024 and is now ready to share with centres. This is a live resource that can be updated as required, and will prove invaluable for new Umpire Conveners at centres.

2024 NEW RULES

This year we supported centres in our zone to adopt the introduction of the new World Netball 2024 rules. Netball NZ trained facilitators to run workshops in netball centres and resources were provided by World Netball and Netball NZ to support the workshops. There were videos and PDFs that could be shared, as well as a downloadable, printable version of the rule book.

The New Rules workshops ran well throughout the zone with many players, coaches, umpire, umpire coaches and club delegates attending. It was great to see the mix of people attending to learn about the rule changes and clarifications.

The rules changes focus specifically on player safety and game management along with clarification and streamlining of existing rules such as contact and advantage.



31 WORKSHOPS

876 PARTICIPANTS

UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT STATS

	2023	2024
New Zone Award Umpires	19	31
Zone Award Endorsements	42	15
Total Zone Award Umpires	223	236
New NZ Award Umpires	7	6
NZ Endorsed Umpires	6	2
New NZ B Award Umpires	1	1
Total NZ Award Umpires	25	41
ITID Umpires		1
IUA Umpires	1	1
New Umpire Coaches	28	20
Total Umpire Coaches	147	161
Umpire Coach Observations	35	40
Umpire Coach Developers	11	15
Zone Theory Passes	54	57
NZ Theory Passes	16	21

UMPIRE COACH DEVELOPERS

In working to Strengthen and Grow Netball in our centres, we've continued to grow our Umpire Coach Developers (UCD) this year.

To have the greatest impact on developing community and performance umpires, our UCD focus on helping develop our umpire coaches to be effective in the coaching of umpires - making UCD an integral part of the umpire structure.

We have 15 UCD in the Netball Northern Zone. This year we trained four new UCD to continue to support our umpire coaches and providing development opportunities for our throughout the season.

This year, our UCD's worked hard to complete 40 umpire coach observations, alongside other informal sideline development of the coaches.

UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT

NETBALL NZ WATCHLIST UMPIRE COACH

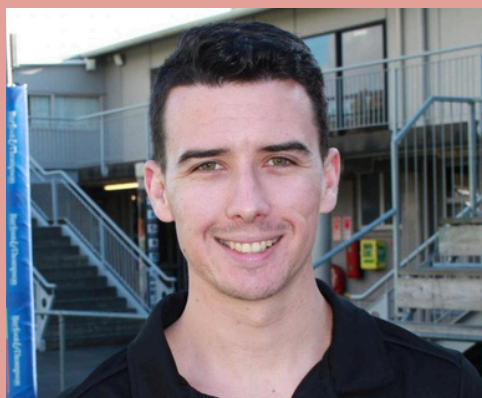
This year Netball Northern is pleased to see the appointment of Cory Nicholls as Northern Zone Watchlist Umpire Coach.

This role is critical to support umpires from our zone who are part of the Netball NZ Watchlist Group, in encouraging their pathway to Netball NZ's National Squad.

Cory has experience as an Umpire Coach Developer, is a Qualified Umpire Fitness Tester, a NZ Theory Tutor, a NZ Umpire Coach/Assessor and is part of the Netball NZ National Umpire Squad.



OUR UMPIRES AT A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL



CORY NICHOLLS

- National Squad Umpire
- ANZ Premiership Umpire
- NWYC Oceania Regional Qualifiers (Cook Islands)
- Fast5 Netball World Series – Men's Final appointment



ZAK MIDDLETON

- National Squad Umpire
- Synergy Hair NNL – Grand Final appointment
- ANZ Premiership Umpire
- NWYC Oceania Regional Qualifiers (Cook Islands)
- Trans Tasman Cup - NZMMNA v AMMNA
- World Netball International Talent Identified Umpire (ITID) – 2024

UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT

2024 UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Our Netball Northern umpire performance vision 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.

This year we had nine umpires join our Netball Northern Umpire Development Group.

Selection for the group is based on 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.

As a part of the programme, the group took part in NetballSmart workshops, attended a pre-season ANZ game with post-match discussions, have opportunities to umpire at the National Development Camp, and have developed individual performance plans.

Congratulations to the umpires selected by the Netball Northern Selector Group this year.



Gemma Groenewald – Netball North Harbour

Niamh Galligan Netball North Harbour

Kira Morrison – Netball North Harbour

Kian Manilal – Netball North Harbour

Al Fox – Auckland Netball Centre / Netball North Harbour

Caitlin Edwards – Netball North Harbour

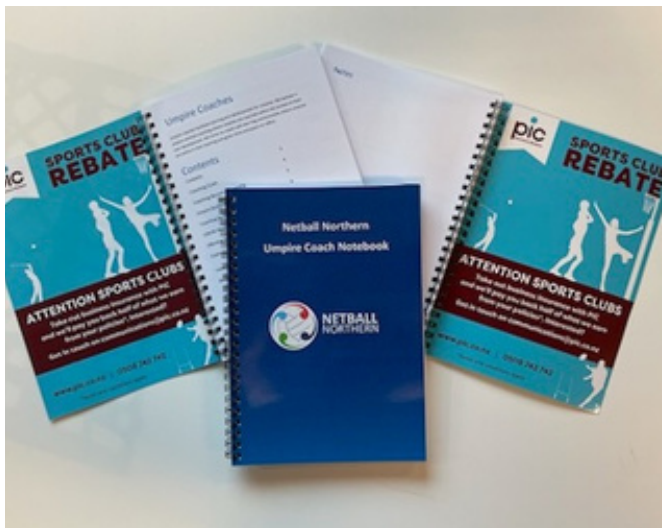
Greer Thomas – Netball North Harbour

Keyle Brown – Netball North Harbour

Maia Cavanagh – Netball North Harbour

RESOURCES

This year we received support from Netball Northern's official sponsor, PIC Insurance Brokers Ltd in providing sponsored t-shirts for this year's Netball Northern Umpire Development Group and the new umpire coach workbooks. The umpire coach workshops received some great feedback.



“All our umpire coaches love these books they find them a great size to carry around and very useful for writing notes everything in one place. The court is so helpful when explaining and showing umpires.”
Eleanor (Waiuku, Umpire Convenor)

UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT

2024 UMPIRE ZONE THEORY PASSES

Ruby Thomas
Payten Philipson
Sarah Jennings
Monique De Wet
Ashlee Sinclair
Marcia Tamuera
Madison Tamuera
Luca Rowbotham
Tikao McClutchie

Soane Veatupu
Sharlene Te Haara
Sage Twiss
Lorraine Wilson
Aimee Morris
Rikki Bennett
Bella Cochrane
Anna Pascoe
Emma Johnston

Jessy Flack
Kahu Dick
Katherine Biggelaar
Kim Fraser
Sanaa Sikri
Sienna hennessy
Piper Hayton
Monica Wade John
Sophie Chadwick

Lisa Bindoff
Toni Corby-Brown
Erica Vaafusaga
Pule Futilalo
Anne Finau
Hollie Johnson
Courtney Kavanagh
Dané da Rocha
Kirsten Dickison

Lucy Taylor
Nikayla Smith
Sophie Smith
Jenae Hampson
Tayla Matthews
Caitlin Scott
Jasmeet Kaur
Beryl Ehu
Clare Macleod

Dylan Wall
Felicity Searle
Janne Loots
KirstaLee Harris
Rangi Ehu
Lulu Wrightson-Lyons
Serenity Pask-Eggins
Tomairangi Waitere-Grace
Richard Murray-Te Rure

2024 UMPIRE NEW ZEALAND THEORY PASSES

Allison Crann
Amie Pooley
Becca Callaghan
Carmen Michie

Jane Rainey
Jeremie Atitua
Judith Feleti
Leon Rauwhero

Lesley Grima
Logan Assink
Louisa Emile
Matt Chambers

Nitesh Krishna
Olivia Wilson
Samantha Francis
Tracey Raututi

Emma Wilson
Sarah Jennings
Lyn Barr
Vania Maro

Nathaniel Fasitau



NETBALLSMART



EXPANDING OUTREACH

NetballSmart continues to be a priority in our zone with our NetballSmart Development Officers (NSDO) building and expanding their outreach.

This year, they increased their delivery of SmartHealth workshops - providing invaluable education on player welfare, female athletic health, nutrition and fitness, from youth through to our ANZ players. They also engaged with schools and centres through practical and theoretical workshops - supporting holistic player development and promoting injury prevention across all levels.

Our NSDO also attended the U18, UNISS and NZ Opens tournaments, providing a triage clinic and advice support to players coaches and manager.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement was high this year as our NSDO led numerous programmes - ranging from mass warm-ups and strength and conditioning, to recovery, preparation and player welfare. Across multiple events, our officers reached both new and returning players, parents, coaches and umpires. This included delivering pre-tournament workshops for centres and schools and supporting players through intensive training days and tournaments.



NETBALLSMART CENTRE ACTIVATORS

Within the Netball Northern Zone there are three NetballSmart Centre Activators positions. They are based at Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre, Papakura Netball Centre and Whangarei Netball Centre.

About the NetballSmart Centre Activators

Lydia Staples, at Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre, promotes and encourages NetballSmart at the centre. She is able to embed NetballSmart in all areas of the centre from futureFERNs to senior netball. - such as, running workshops at the centre, promoting warmups before games and running pre-season sessions to prepare for netball.

Serena, was based Papakura Netball Centre until she went on maternity leave and moved to the South Island with her family in August. She had great impact in her community being both a centre activator and a coach developer. Her exercise science background was very helpful in her role. She worked with schools, clubs and in general community programs to promote and educate in all things NetballSmart. Papakura recently filled this role ready for next season.

The Whangarei NetballSmart Centre Activator role has been vacant for most of the year, with the role recently filled in November 2024.

NETBALLSMART

NETBALLSMART 2024 ENGAGEMENT

ACHIEVED: 22

Secondary Schools
& Tournaments

TARGET: 6

ACHIEVED: 23

Zone Centre
Events

TARGET: 25

ACHIEVED: 15

yr 7&8 PDP and
warm-ups

TARGET: 14

ACHIEVED: 14

Umpire & Coach
co-delivery

TARGET: 6

ACHIEVED: 8

SmartHealth
Workshops

TARGET: 6

TOURNAMENTS

NETBALL NZ U18 CHAMPS - 15-19 JULY DUNEDIN

Several of our Netball Northern team took part in this year's NNZ U18 Champs. Our NetballSmart Development Officers led the way in engagement with active social media, a triage tent, injury surveillance, warmup observations, conversations with coaches, and medical managers' kits. Our Umpire Lead was a part of the umpire panel, as well as supporting the 11 umpires from Northern, selected to officiate the tournament.

We were also pleased with the great results for our zone with the following of our centres placed in the top six in the final standings.

WOMENS

- 1 AUCKLAND
- 2 WAITĀKERE 1
- 4 HOWICK PAKURANGA
- 6 NORTH HARBOUR

MENS

- 1 WAITĀKERE
- 6 HOWICK PAKURANGA



Netball Northern Umpires 2024 NNZ U18 Champs

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Niamh Galligan | Al Fox |
| Natasha Mouat | Caitlin Edwards |
| Greer Thomas | Zayna Patel |
| Ruth Christie | Kaitlyn Wade |
| Sarah Mead | Logan Assink |
| Liam Minhinnick | Keyle Brown (non-attend - injury) |

NORTH ISLAND JUNIOR NETBALL CHAMPS - JULY TARANAKI

Fifteen of our Netball Northern umpires attended the North Island Junior Netball Championships this year. They were:

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Emily Amey | Emma Wilson |
| Renee Walters | Kris Clyma |
| Neha Singh | Clara Bae |
| Ashley Edwards | Emma Edwards |
| Pauline Akauola | Leni Salamo |
| Jasmeet Kaur | Lauren Lockwood |
| Elle Rumbal | Ashleigh Gilmour |
| Kayla Sutton | |

Congratulations to:

- Ashley Edwards – U16 B Grade Final
- Emma Edwards - U16 A 3v4 game
- Renee Walters – U14 A Grade Final
- Ashleigh Gilmour – U14 A Grade Final
- Jasmeet Kaur – U14 B Grade Final
- Neha Singh – U14 B Grade Final



TOURNAMENTS

NETBALLSMART NNZ OPEN CHAMPS - 10-14 SEP PAPAURA

Thank you to Heather and the team at Papakura Netball Centre for their support of this event.

Also to those in our Netball Northern team who took part. Thank you to our Bench Officials, our Netball Northern Umpires, to our NetballSmart Development officers observing and supporting teams with good NetballSmart habits, and our Netball Northern Scouting team for attending.

With 17 teams involved, it was a hard-fought tournament. Congratulations to Counties Manukau Cluster, Auckland Netball Centre, North Harbour Netball Centre for coming in the top five.

Open Champs Umpires

Congratulations to the Netball Northern umpires selected by Netball NZ to officiate this year - Matt Davis, Kira Morrison, Kian Manilal and Gemma Groenewald. Special Congratulations to Kian Manilal who was upgraded to his NZ B Award at tournament.

Bench Officials

Congratulations to the Netball Northern Bench Officials a part of the 2024 NetballSmart NNZ Open Champs. It's great to see the high calibre of those from our zone representing within this Championship.

2024 OPEN CHAMP STANDINGS

- 2 COUNTIES MANUKAU CLUSTER
- 4 AUCKLAND
- 5 NORTH HARBOUR
- 9 WAITĀKERE



Netball Northern Bench Officials

- Adele Edmonds
- Bobby-Jo Buchanan
- Denise Neal
- Alison Tranter
- Carolynn Frew
- Tracey Raututi
- Rachael Smith – Bench Official Co-ordinator



NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS NETBALL CHAMPS

Congratulations to the Netball Northern umpires selected by Netball NZ to officiate at the 2024 NNZ Secondary Schools Tournament in Christchurch from 8-11 October.

Kiani Smith
Al Fox
Niamh Galligan



CENTRE STORIES

Sharing some of the many wonderful stories from our centres across the Netball Northern zone for 2024

WHANGĀREI COACHING PILOT



COUNTIES MANUKAU REGIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE



MANUREWA WERO PILOT



UMPIRE COACHING AT UNISS



MANGONUI TOURNAMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP



WAIUKU VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT



CENTRE STORIES

Sharing just some of the many wonderful stories from our centres across the Netball Northern zone for 2024

NORTHLAND CLUSTER TEAM



PUKEKOHE FUTURE FERNS FUN DAY



WHANGĀREI VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



HOWICK PAKURANGA 7V7 TRANSITION PROGRAMME



PAPAKURA OPENING PARADE



WAITĀKERE CORRECTS AND UPDATES NAME AND LOGO





MYSTICS

MG MYSTICS 2024 SQUAD

CELEBRATING MILESTONES

ANZ PREMIERSHIP

GRAND FINAL

MYSTICS AWARDS

MYSTICS IN THE COMMUNITY

MYSTICS MEN

NORTHERN MARVELS

MYSTICS

MG MYSTICS 2024 SQUAD

TEAM

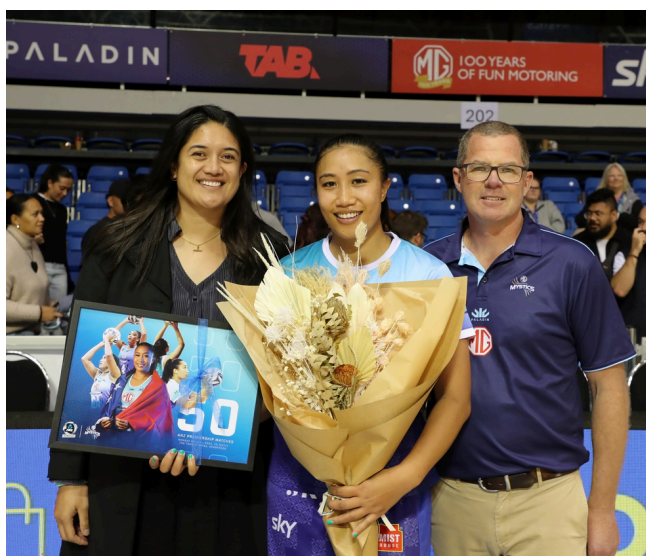
Grace Nweke
Filda Vui
Hannah Glen
Tayla Earle
Elsapeta Toeava
Katie Te Ao
Phoenix Karaka
Carys Stythe
Catherine Hall
Dani Binks
Kayla Johnson
Michaela Sokolich-Beatson (Captain)

TEAM MANAGEMENT

Tia Winikerei - Head Coach
Rob Wright - Assistant Coach
Meghan Robinson - Manager
Pat Hunt - Physiotherapist
Shaun Burrows - Strength & Conditioner
Kyle Hendricks - Analyst



CELEBRATED MILESTONES IN 2024



Mystics shooter, Filda Vui celebrated her 50th national league match, playing against the Tactix at The Trusts Arena the 29 April 2024.



Mystics Captain, Michaela Sokolich-Beatson celebrated her 100th national league match this season, playing against the Tactix at Wolfbrook Areana in Christchurch 27 July, in what was her ninth season in the blue dress.

ANZ PREMIERSHIP

In claiming our first ever back-to-back title, the Mystics now draw equal with the Pulse as the most successful ANZ Premiership franchise in history with three titles to their name – 2021, 2023 and now 2024.

Five players of the Mystics' 12-strong squad, have been part of every one of those three titles – Grace Nweke, Peta Toeava, Tayla Earle, Filda Vui and Phoenix Karaka (with Karaka taking time away in 2021 to have a baby).

The 2024 ANZ Premiership was arguably one of the most hotly contested seasons in history, with every team gunning to dethrone the Mystics from the beginning.

We sat inside the top three after every round, with the exception of rounds 10 and 11 when the Magic looked to be in pole position to pip the Mystics for an Elimination Final spot.



They encountered their first in a series of challenges when Grace Nweke went down with a knee injury, in what turned out to be a seven-week stint without their star-shooter.

In the games to come, Hannah Glen, stepped up, supplemented by Mystics training partner, Dani Binks, who would go on to become a fully-contracted member of the squad by the season's end.

The team had important wins over the Stars and the Magic to remain in the top three, but suffered a loss to the Steel in Dunedin to start what would be a three-game losing spiral midway through the season.

The Mystics then suffered the loss of Peta Toeava to an injury, which required Winikerei and Wright to call on the experience of Kayla Johnson to fill the gap in the midcourt.

In round 11, Nweke made her return in the third quarter of their match versus the Magic. Despite a loss to the Magic, that saw them fall outside of the top three, the Mystics looked hopeful.

2024 MG MYSTICS RESULTS

Round 1	Sat 13 Apr	MG Mystics 62	vs Magic 52
Round 2	Mon 22 Apr	MG Mystics 61	vs Steel 52
Round 3	Mon 29 Apr	MG Mystics 59	vs Tactix 62
Round 4	Sun 05 May	MG Mystics 47	vs Pulse 52
Round 5	Mon 13 May	MG Mystics 56	vs Stars 51
Round 6	Mon 20 May	MG Mystics 54	vs Magic 44
Round 7	Sun 26 May	MG Mystics 43	vs Steel 47
Round 8	Sun 02 Jun	MG Mystics 42	vs Tactix 56
Round 9	Mon 10 Jun	MG Mystics 38	vs Stars 54
Round 10	Sat 15 Jun	MG Mystics 51	vs Stars 49
Round 11	Mon 24 Jun	MG Mystics 42	vs Magic 54
Round 12	Sun 30 Jun	MG Mystics 61	vs Tactix 49
Round 13	Sun 07 Jul	MG Mystics 68	vs Steel 47
Round 14	Sat 13 Jul	MG Mystics 68	vs Pulse 58
Round 15	Sun 21 Jul	MG Mystics 63	vs Stars 55
Elimination final		MG Mystics 68	vs Tactix 64
Grand final		MG Mystics 54	vs Pulse 53

The following week saw Toeava return, which saw the Mystics come-back streak with a victory against the Tactix followed by wins against the Steel, the Pulse and the Stars en route to the Elimination Final. The team came against the Tactix for the Elimination Final showdown in Christchurch - and came away with a four-goal victory.

The Grand Final versus the Pulse in the capital all came down to the clock in the last stanza with both sides putting up a colossal fight to the very end. Our Mystics side found in possession of the ball with just seconds remaining when Nweke slotted a clutch shot on the buzzer to seal the win 54 – 53.



GRAND FINAL



The Grand Final versus the Pulse in the capital, proved to be one of the closest in ANZ Premiership history.

The lead changed multiple times, with neither side able to gain a foothold. With just seconds remaining the Mystics were in possession with the score tied at 53-all.

After playing the ball around in the shooting third, the Mystics' hopes rested in Nweke's hands who scored a clutch shot right on the buzzer to seal the win 54 – 53.

Emotions ran high as the back-to-back champions lifted the ANZ Premiership trophy once again.

“We’ve had our share of challenges and adversity - we’ve also enjoyed many celebrations. We’ve persevered, shown resilience, and the manaaki we show for each other has kept us together.”

“I am humbled and grateful to our staff, players, organisation, fans, friends and whānau for their unrelenting belief, effort and support. He Toa Takitini.”

Tia Winikerei, Mystics Head Coach,



MYSTICS

HOBBITON CUP



Our MG Mystics began their 2024 ANZ Premiership campaign with a strong comeback, defeating the AVIS Magic 64-52 to retain the Hobbiton Cup at GLOBOX Arena in Hamilton.

Despite a solid first half from the Magic, the Mystics gradually gained momentum in the second half. With impressive defensive turnovers and slick attacking play, the Mystics pulled ahead in the final quarter to seal a 12-goal victory.

BARFOOT & THOMPSON NORTHERN CHALLENGE 2024 WINNERS



MYSTICS AWARDS

The 16 August saw the Northern Mystics, Mystics Men and Northern Marvels Awards Night. It was such a special occasion to honour and celebrate everyone who made 2024 possible.

Invited to celebrate with us were; our 2024 Mystics sponsors, players and their whānau, our team management, and a special group of Mystics volunteers who gave many hours of their time to us make 'Game Day' possible.



MYSTICS IN THE COMMUNITY

2024 saw the Northern Mystics out and about in our communities, inspiring young players and running netball skill sessions. They visited 22 schools and 10 netball centres over the course of the year. Check out just some of the pictures below.



Grace and Tayla visiting Bruce McLaren Intermediate and running skills sessions with a group of students.



Carys and Tayla taking part at the Kaipara Netball Centre Give-it-a-Go Day



Hannah and Catherine taking part in the Auckland Netball Centre Give-it-a-Go Day



Peta and Filda visiting Henderson Intermediate and running skills sessions with a group of students.



Carys, Grace and Katie visiting Sylvia Park School, taking with them the ANZ Premiership trophy.

MYSTICS MEN



Team

Mikaira Raerino
Thompson Matuku
Elliot Clark
Quintin Gerber
Kevin Bell
Jonah Tan
Tanekohurangi Apaapa
Eriata Vercoe
Hikoirangi Paki
Troy Skipworth
Joh Tukaki
Dylan Bartels

Training Partners

Wiremu Britton-Rua
Liam Newton Kare Kare
Susnation Seta
James Brown
Liam Dalton

Team Management

Waana Araroa Head Coach
Sulu Fitzpatrick Assistant Coach
Mikayla Kooiman Manager
Emma Mackie Physio
Amelia Pascoe S&C

2024 RESULTS

Match #1: Sat 6 July Mystics Men 49 vs Stars Men 48

Match #2: Sat 13 July Mystics Men 66 vs Stars Men 41

Match #3: Sun 21 July Mystics Men 47 vs Stars Men 46

Most Valued Player Award

Throughout the series, players competed for the newly introduced Kruze Tangira MVP award, named in honor of men's netball legend Kruze Tangira. This award was presented to the most valuable player of the series after the final game. Congratulations to Elliot Clark of the Mystics Men (photographed below), this year's Kruze Tangira MVP award recipient, who also earned the MVP award for Games 1 and 2!

This year, our Mystics Men competed in a three-match series against the Stars Men. They dominated the series, securing a 3-0 victory, and became the first team to raise the brand-new series trophy, Te Taonga Manu Taki, also known as The Leadership Trophy.

Te Taonga Manu Taki Series

Now in its third year, the men's series provides exposure and development opportunities for men's netball, and this year served as a valuable testing ground for rules that could make their way into the 2025 ANZ Premiership.

The new rules allowed teams to net two points for the duration of the match from a designated zone in the shooting circle, call one 'captain's timeout' of 60-seconds at any point in the match after a goal is scored, and captains could request a review of goals scored at the end of each quarter - prompting umpires to review Sky TV footage to determine if the goal counts.



About Te Taonga Manu Taki

The name of the new trophy, Manu Taki, in te ao Māori, is a type of bird that represents qualities of leadership, integrity, passion and determination.



NORTHERN MARVEL 2024 SQUAD



Team

Stacey Ah Van
 Leila Atkins
 Dani Binks
 Kenza Taele
 Charli Foster
 Courtney Katters
 Anne Kirikiri
 Sophia Lafaiali'i
 Charlotte Manley
 Serina Danaukamakama
 Priscilla Rasmussen
 Jazmine Zanders
 Summer Parekura-Kingi
 Auteletoa Tanimō
 Alyssa-Jean Savelio

Training Partners

Addi Albert-Jones
 Storm Gilmer
 Milan Teinakore
 Stella Tia

Team Management

Ripeka Pire - Head Coach
 Melissa Bessell - Assistant Coach
 Claire Magness - Manager
 Julia Law - Physiotherapist
 Alex Yang - Strength & Conditioner
 Taahir Snyders - Analyst

2024 RESULTS

- ROUND 1 Waikato Bay of Plenty 49 - Northern Marvels 49
- ROUND 2 Southern Blast 44 - Northern Marvels 58
- ROUND 3 Northern Marvels 57 - Mainland 40
- ROUND 4 Northern Marvels 55 - Central Manawa 50
- ROUND 7 Southern Blast 52 - Northern Marvels 51
- ROUND 8 Northern Marvels 46 - Mainland 70
- ROUND 9 Comets 57 - Northern Marvels 54
- ROUND 10 Northern Marvels 55 - Comets 65

For 2024 the Northern Marvels had a competitive season, finishing with three wins, one draw, and four losses, ultimately securing fourth place overall.

The season began with a strong foundation, as the team-built cohesion through consistent twice weekly training as well as a team day camp and a preseason tournament in Cambridge. Both experiences were highly beneficial in fostering team connections and preparing for competition.

The Marvels started the season well, going unbeaten in the first half with a draw and three consecutive wins. However, challenges arose during the two-week bye period, as key roster changes impacted team cohesion. Serina Daunakamkama was

elevated to the ANZ Premiership as a full-time contracted player for the Southern Steel, while injuries to Sophia Lafaiali'i, Charli Foster and Stella Tia further disrupted the team's momentum. These setbacks affected performance, making it difficult to regain form in the short competition window.

Despite these challenges, the team showed resilience and improvement towards the latter part of the season. Notable highlights included the elevation of Serina Daunakamkama who is also a contracted ANZ player for 2025 season and Dani Binks success with the Mystics, as well as other Marvels athletes' involvement in Mystics training, reflecting the Marvels' continued success in player development.

NORTHERN MARVELS



While falling short of a top two finish, the season provided valuable growth opportunities and demonstrated the team's potential for future success. With continued investment in both players and staff, the Marvels can build on this foundation and push for even greater achievements in the seasons ahead.

Thank you to the team management for their commitment and dedication throughout the season. This year, the management team saw three new starters: Alex Yang (Strength & Conditioning Coach), Julia Law (Physio), and Melissa Bessel (Assistant Coach), along with returning Head Coach Ripeka Pirie and manager Claire Magness. While each faced challenges at times, they all performed their roles to a high standard, ensuring the team had the support needed to compete at its best.

Additionally, thank you to the Northern Mystics management team, for their support of the Northern Marvels this season.



Dani Binks playing in the 2024 Mystics





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TRANSITION TO PERFORMANCE

OVERVIEW FOR 2024

In 2024, our Netball Northern team continued to play a pivotal role in fostering the growth and development of athletes within our zone.

Throughout the year, they supported local centres by providing coaching, umpiring, and running NetballSmart workshops and initiatives, helping with Development and Representative programmes.

Additionally, our Athlete Development and Pathways Lead, alongside Mystics Team Operations Manager led the Netball Northern Elite Performance Programme (NZEPP) for 2024 as well as its transition to the new, 'Netball Northern Performance Pathway' in preparation for 2025.

2024 saw the selection and training of nine Netball Northern scouts, who attended centre competitions, zone events, and national tournaments throughout the season to identify standout players.

This was followed by two Development Days, held in September and October, where the scouted players had the opportunity to learn about off-season preparation, fitness training, NetballSmart, and received specialised coaching sessions.

We were also pleased this year to have the opportunity to provide an invitational team to the NZSS Camp and Quad tournament.

The Performance Pathway will continue in 2025 with the continuation of Summer Squad sessions and open trials to form a Performance Squad, which will provide further development and exposure for individuals aiming to excel in performance netball.

2024 NZEPP AND NZEPP SQUAD

The 2024 Netball Northern Elite Performance Programme (NZEPP) identified a group of players with the aspiration and potential to play high performance netball to be a part of the 2024 NZEPP Squad. These players were given support; including strength and conditioning programming, individual planning and skills sessions throughout 2024 coached by the MG Mystics coaches.

The aim is to prepare and transition these players into performance environments in netball and make national squads.

2024 NZEPP Squad

Danielle Binks

Serina Daunakamakama

Kenza Taele

Milan Teinakore

Addi Albert Jones

Priscilla Rasmussen

Anne Kirikiri

Leila Atkins

Stacey Ah Van

Sophia Lafaialili

PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

NETBALL NORTHERN 2024 SCOUTING GROUP

The 2024 Netball Northern Scouting Group was out and about across the zone - looking for the next cohort of standout players showing future potential for the National Netball League and ANZ Premiership.

Each year sees the appointment of the Netball Northern scouting group - led by Netball Northern Athlete Development Lead. Netball Northern seeks applications from experienced coaches across multiple centres, with a breadth of knowledge. This year nine were appointed and were provided with the tools and training and tools for the role

The role of the scouting group is to support the identification process of secondary school players who have the potential, through further development, to reach the National Netball League and the ANZ Premiership.

During the first few weeks, scouts are out at centres, building their lists, before attending representative tournaments, including NZ Secondary Schools Champs and UNISS.

The players identified by the scouting group this season will be offered further development opportunities, depending on age group, through the Netball Northern Performance Pathway



Netball Northern 2024 scouts

- Liz Page
- BJ Keepa
- Michele Wallace
- Rachel Rasmussen
- Jody McCourt
- Natalie Matthews
- Kelly Wieczorek
- Carla Gordon
- Melissa Bissell

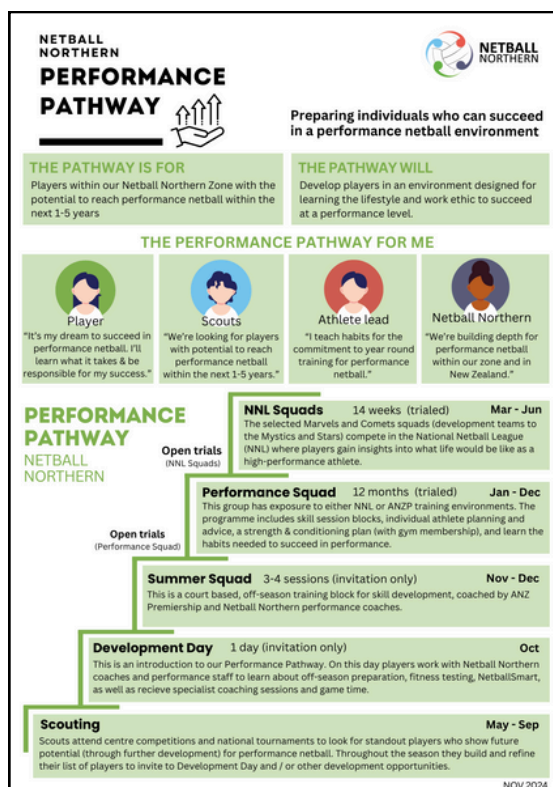
NETBALL NORTHERN PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

The Netball Northern Performance Pathway began being developed in September 2024, and works to replace the previous NZEPP.

It's designed for players within our zone who show potential to reach the performance level in netball. It aligns with the Netball New Zealand High Performance Pathway model, serving as the zone-based development stage.

The Pathway's goal is to prepare players who aspire to perform at a higher level. We emphasise individual development, providing an environment that teaches the lifestyle and work ethic needed for success at a performance level.

As a core element of the Netball Northern Performance Pathway, the Performance Squad, which will begin in 2025, focuses on personal growth in a setting that fosters the discipline and dedication essential for success at the performance level.



DEVELOPMENT DAYS

DEVELOPMENT DAYS - NORTHLAND AND AUCKLAND



Our Netball Northern team held two Development Days this year. One in Northland mid September and the other in Auckland mid October. The development event gathered talented players along with some of the zone's up-and-coming umpires and community coaches.

The day was packed with skill-building sessions, learning about fitness testing, NetballSmart workshops, specialised coaching sessions, and game time.

Thank you the following for supporting the events:

- Netball Northern Athlete Development Lead, Pete McInnes
- Northern Mystics Assistant Coach, Rob Wright
- Northern Marvels Assistant Coach, Melissa Bessell
- Northern Marvels Head Coach, Ripeka Pirie
- Netball Northern Coach Lead, Tania Heap
- NetballSmart Development Officer, Katie Adamson
- Netball Northern Umpire Lead, Sharleen Morrell
- Umpire Development Officer Leah Lazarus
- Netball NZ coach, Yvette McCausland-Durie
- Umpire, Cory Nicholls
- Umpire, Zak Middleton
- Administration support, Meghan Robinson,
- Administration support, Trish Harkin,
- Administration support, Jo Ghent

“It’s always cool getting invited to the Northern zone events where you get to experience new things that we wouldn’t normally get at our centres and you get to meet new people as well.”

Umpire attending the Auckland Development Day

HIGHER HONOURS

NETBALL NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS CAMP & QUAD TOURNAMENT

NETBALL NORTHERN PLAYERS SELECTED BY FOR THE NZSS TEAMS

Labour Weekend 2024 saw the Netball New Zealand's NZ Secondary Schools four-day camp and Quad tournament, selecting some of the best secondary school players from across the country to put their skills to the test. Netball Northern congratulate those from our zone selected to be a part of the 24-strong squad:

11 of the **24** squad
selected from Netball
Northern

NZ Secondary Schools Team:

Lata Holi - Northern (St Kentigern College)
Milla Senio - Northern (Marist College)
Shayla Nepia - Northern (Epsom Girls' Grammar School)
Charlie Lindsay - Northern (Howick College)
Lillian Henare-Vaihu - Northern (Avondale College)
Avah Sila - Northern (Howick College)
Anika Pihema - Northern (Orewa College)

NZ Secondary Schools 'A' Team

Zermahnia Manu - Northern (Howick College)
Priscilla Rasmussen - Northern (Avondale College)
Jonni-Rose Chamberlain - Northern (Avondale College)
Skylah Tainui-Takerei - Northern (Howick College)

NETBALL NORTHERN INVITATIONAL TEAM TO THE NZSS CAMP

As part of the NZ Secondary School Camp, Netball NZ hosted a Quad Tournament, featuring two invitation teams competing alongside the Secondary School teams. Netball Northern had the opportunity to provide one of the invitation teams, along with the Pacific Challenge Pearls side. Netball Northern Athlete Lead, highlights the valuable experience for the selected players to enhance their skills and compete against some of the best.

2024 Invitational Team

Sophia Lafaiali'i	Milan Teinakore
Stacey Ah Van	Jaz Zanders
Mali Taleafoa	Annie Kirikiri
Rileigh Campbell	Noelani Roberts
Mia Swann	Louise Makin
Sarah Manu	Montana Ma'aelopa
Kyel Anderson	Hannah McDonald

Invitational Team Management

Head Coach - Adelita Sotutu
Assistant Coach - Tia Winikerei
Manager Trish Harkins.

"It's great Netball Northern can provide these opportunities for players, coaches and managers. Any opportunities for the growth of netball within our zone is valuable."

Tia Winikerei, Mystics Head Coach,



HIGHER HONOURS

NETBALL NZ U21 TEAM FOR THE RISING STARS: FIJI U21 TOUR

A 14-strong squad travel to Fiji for the Rising Stars: Fiji U21 Tour played at Vodafone Arena in Suva 19-23 August where they met teams from the host country, Singapore and Australia.

6 of the **14** squad
selected from Netball
Northern

NZU21 Netball Northern players selected for Rising Stars Tournament:

Khanye-Lii Munro-Nonoa (Northern)
Charlotte Manley (Northern)
Serina Daunakamakama (Northern)
Lillian Henare-Vaihu (Northern)
Shayla Nepia (Northern)
Summer Temu (Northern)

SILVER FERNS SQUADS

SILVER FERNS SQUAD

Phoenix Karaka
Grace Nweke

SILVER FERNS DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Tayla Earle
Catherine Hall
Michaela Sokolich-Beatson
Carys Stythe
Peta Toeava



NZ FAST 5

Tayla Earle
Catherine Hall
Michaela Sokolich-Beatson

GOVERNANCE

Corporate Governance

Netball Northern is governed by a Board, made up of ten members, chaired by Mary Gardiner.

Responsibilities

Our Board is responsible for governing Netball Northern Zone Inc. 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 Netball Northern.

The Board will govern with emphasis on:

serving the legitimate collective interests of the members and other stakeholders of Netball Northern and accounting to them fully for the performance of Netball Northern 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 CE.

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

Michele Teague (Chair), Anna Richards, Anton Tyers and Mary Gardiner. The Committee met four times during the year - with the purpose of 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

Rawinia Newton (Chair), Sue Brewster, Heidi Wilde, Simon Laphorne and Kurt Tyson. The Committee met five times, with the purpose of supporting the development of the funding strategy, monitoring and reviewing its implementation and to supporting the Board to give sufficient focus to the funding strategy.

Appointments Committee

Mary Gardiner (Chair) and Sue Brewster. The Committee met once with the purpose of assisting the Board in planning the board's composition, assessing the competencies required, identify prospective board members and developing succession plans for the board.

DIRECTORS INTERESTS

Member	Organisation	Postition
Mary Gardiner	Orakei Tennis Club Inc	Treasurer & Life member
	Auckland Regional Indoor Court Facilities Working Group	Member
	Southern Cross Pet Insurance Ltd	Director
	Radius Residential Care Ltd	Independent Director
	Women in Sport Aotearoa	Board Member
	Unity Credit Union	Director
	Woods & Partners Consultants Ltd	Audit & Risk Committee Chair
Michele Teague	PPS Mutual Ltd	Director
	Child Fund	Board Member
	NZ Sock Co	Non-Excecutive Director
Kurt Tyson	Weave	Leadership Group Chair
	Essilor Luxottica	Commercial Sales Director
	The Spectable	Director
Rawinia Newton	Cartology	Head of Operations
	Auckland Rugby	Auckland Women's Player Development Manager
	Auckland Rugby / NZRU	Manager Auckland HUB (Black Fern contracted players)
Anna Richards	NZ Barbarian Rugby Club	Committee member
Sulu Fitzpatrick	NZNPA	Board Member
	HPSNZ	Performance Team Leader
Sue Brewter	Bethels Beach Surf Life Saving	President
Anton Tyers	Nexus Logistics Ltd	GM Safety & People
	NZ Culinary Arts Academy	Board member
	Fusion Netball Club	Coach coordinator & Exec member
Heidi Wilde	Well Foundation	Director of Fundraising, Partnerships & Comms
	Disability Sport Auckland	Board Member
Simon Laphorne	Ellerslie Football Inc	Exec Committee member
	Baradene College of the Sacred Heart Parent Teacher Assoc	Chair
	The Law Association	Employment Committee
	Human Resource Institute of NZ	South Auckland Committee
Phillip Vyer	Kiely Thompson Caisley	Partner
	Auckland Softball Foundation Charitable Trust	Chair

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE INCORPORATED
For the year ended 30 November 2024



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Netball Northern Zone Incorporated

RSM Hayes Audit

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Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of Netball Northern Zone Incorporated ('the Society'), which comprise:

- the special purpose statement of financial position as at 30 November 2024;
- the special purpose statement of financial performance for the year then ended;
- the special purpose statement of movements in equity for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the special purpose financial statements, including the basis of reporting and the significant and other accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying special purpose financial statements on pages 55 to 60 present fairly, in all material respects, the Society's special purpose statement of financial position, the special purpose statement of financial performance and the special purpose statement of movements in equity in accordance with basis of reporting accounting policies as set out by the Society for the year ended 30 November 2024.

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 *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 performed an assurance engagement on the Society's NZCT Grant Remittance. The performance of this service has not impaired our independence.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the special purpose financial statements, which describes the basis of reporting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 58 and 59. As a result, the special purpose financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Matter

The financial statements of the Society for the year ended 30 November 2023 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements on 14 March 2024.

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Other Information

Those Charged with Governance are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Society's annual report for the year ended 30 November 2024 (but does not include the special purpose financial statements and our auditor's report thereon).

Our opinion on the special purpose financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the special purpose financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the special purpose financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of those charged with governance of the Society 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 accounting policies as set out by the Society, 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 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 XRB's website at:

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

Who we report to

This report is made solely to the Society's Members. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state those matters which we are required to state to the Members 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 Society and the Society's Members for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.



NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE INCORPORATED

SPECIAL PURPOSE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the year ended 30 November 2024

		NNZI 2024 \$000	NNZI 2023 \$000
Operating Revenue	Note 3	2,812	2,733
Operating Expenses	3	(2,763)	(2,731)
Operating Surplus		49	2
Net Surplus for the year		49	2

NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE INCORPORATED

SPECIAL PURPOSE STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY *for the year ended 30 November 2024*

	NNZI 2024 \$000	NNZI 2023 \$000
Members Equity at beginning of year	159	157
Net Surplus for year	49	2
Members Equity at end of year	<u>208</u>	<u>159</u>

NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE INCORPORATED

SPECIAL PURPOSE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 November 2024

	Note	NNZI 2024 \$000	NNZI 2023 \$000
Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		367	402
Accounts Receivable		39	40
Prepayments		6	5
Total Current Assets		412	447
Plant and Equipment	5	9	7
Total Non Current Assets		9	7
Total Assets		421	454
Members Equity		208	159
Liabilities			
Creditors and Accruals	4	112	185
Income Received in Advance		91	154
GST Payable		10	(44)
Total Liabilities		213	295
Total Equity & Liabilities		421	454

Signed for and on behalf of the Board:



Mary Gardiner (Board Chair)

Date: 7. March 2025

NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE INCORPORATED

Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements
as at 30 November 2024

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
Team Equipment	2-5 years

Uniforms

Uniforms are expensed at the time of purchase.

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

	NNZI 2024 \$000	NNZI 2023 \$000
Commitments under non-cancellable operating leases		
Not later than one year	61	95
Later than one year and not later than five years	8	33
	<u>69</u>	<u>128</u>

3 Operating Surplus

	NNZI 2024 \$000	NNZI 2023 \$000
Operating surplus includes:		
<i>Income</i>		
Membership Fees	537	502
Sponsorship Cash	536	548
Sponsorship Contra	230	245
Gate/Hospitality	217	133
Grants	1,257	1,275
<i>Expenses</i>		
Audit Fees	-	-
Depreciation	7	11
Rental and operating lease expenses	97	116

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 \$150,001 (2023: \$138,778).

4 Creditors and Accruals

	NNZI 2024 \$000	NNZI 2023 \$000
Trade Creditors	27	78
Accruals/Other Creditors	85	107
	<u>112</u>	<u>185</u>

5 Plant & Equipment

	NNZI 2024				2023			
	\$000		\$000		\$000		\$000	
	Cost	Depn	Accum Depn	Book Value	Cost	Depn	Accum Depn	Book Value
Furniture & Fittings	4	-	3	1	4	-	3	1
IT Equipment	61	(7)	57	4	55	(11)	49	6
Team Equipment	4	-	-	4				
	69	(7)	60	9	59	(11)	52	7

6 Subsequent Events

There have been no events subsequent to balance date that would have a material impact on the special purpose financial statements (2023: nil).

7 Related Party Transactions

During the year the Zone recognised sponsorship of \$nil (2023: \$50,046) from an organisation where a board member has a management role.

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