

# Netball Northern Zone Annual Report 2019

**NETBALL** NORTHERN

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## **Netball Northern Zone Map**



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## Chair & CEO Message

Kia Ora e te whanau!

We are pleased to present the 2019 Annual Report to you. The 2019 year was as always, a busy and productive year in the Northern Zone. As you are aware it was a challenging year financially, but from an operational perspective we were able to continue our delivery in partnership with our 17 Centres largely without interruption, along with delivery of the Marvels and Mystics programmes.

#### **Finances**

We signaled to all Centres that the Zone was working in extremely challenged circumstances through the year. This was largely the result of not having a naming rights sponsor in place for the Mystics, and a lower level of successful applications for community funding in the early part of the year. After a massive effort from the Zone management team and Board, the result was a \$17k surplus. This was achieved through the delivery of two fundraising events by the Board, disciplined application to community funders, and cost reduction through the generosity of staff members in taking reduced hours, and we thank Tia Winikerei and Chris Tennant for their willingness to make that sacrifice. We were also able to save the cost of the CEO role for 3.5 months and received a contribution from Netball New Zealand towards our development programme. We finetuned every possible cost area to save where we could. We would like to thank Netball New Zealand's Board and management team for their support over the past year.

Our major revenue lines are comprised of Community Funders 32%, Franchise Sponsorship and Event income 21%, Netball New Zealand 26% and Membership Fees 12%. The major expenses are related to community netball programme delivery (playing, coaching and umpiring) with personnel expenditures and those expenses related to the franchise in athlete/coach/management payments and event staging.

We are pleased to report that the Budget for 2020 looks very strong and delivers a surplus, which is vital to rebuilding our member equity. However, at the time of writing the potential impact of Covid19 (corona virus) on our ability to host ANZ Premiership events is unknown and is a risk to our income.

## **Funding Partners**

Netball Northern would like to acknowledge the funding support received from the following organisations. Without this support we would be unable to partner with our Netball Centres and their communities in assisting with **quality netball experiences** across our Zone. Our Regional Sport Trusts and Funders appreciate the value in the netball system and the role that the Zone plays in linking the strategies from Netball New Zealand and the delivery of quality experiences to our members and schools. We are also very appreciative of support from PIC Insurance, who provide the insurance for all of our Community Netball vehicle fleet.



Our Mystics squad cannot take the court without the support of our sponsors. Our thanks go to our principal partner Barfoot and Thompson, Bhana Family Farms, Stonewood Homes, and Hart Sport for their continued support. Thanks also to The Trusts Arena, West City Suzuki, Go Media, ISC Sportwear, More FM, Benefitz, as well as our match day sponsors who help us bring the game to our members and fans.



#### Acknowledgements

The Board salutes the massive efforts you all make in delivering netball in your individual communities. We all believe deeply in the importance of sport to the fabric of a happy and healthy community.

The Board would like to acknowledge and thank our team at Netball Northern for their dedication to the sport. The team works with the best interest of netball in mind and put their heart and soul into working in the netball community.

Thank you to our Board and all other volunteers in our community who help ensure that our sport continues to provide positive sport experiences in the Northern Zone.

Dianne Williams Acting CEO Murray Lockwood Chair







| Murray Lockwood                  | Board Chair (since April 2018)                      | Appointed |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------|
| Sue Brewster                     | Board Deputy Chair (since April 2018)               | Appointed |
| Dianne Williams (nee<br>McAteer) | Board Member (was chair until April Appointed 2018) |           |
| Diana Puketapu                   | Board Member (until May 2019)                       | Appointed |
| Mary Gardiner                    | Board Member (from June 2019)                       | Appointed |
| Lynette Gubb                     | Board Member Elected                                |           |
| David Ronaldson                  | Board Member Elected                                |           |
| Raewyn Henry                     | Board Member Elected                                |           |
| Brad Walker                      | Board Member Co-opted                               |           |

## **Netball Northern Zone Board**

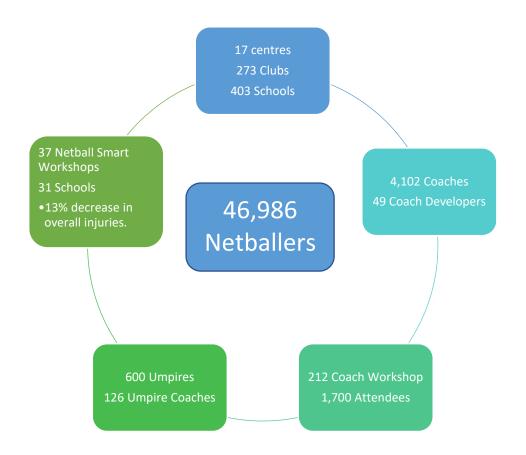
## Netball Northern Zone Staff

| Nicole Spratt          | Chief Executive Officer             | Finished August 2019                                |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Dianne Williams        | Acting Chief Executive Officer      | August 2019-February 2020                           |
| Chris Tennant          | Operations Manager                  |   |
| Carin Oelofse          | Admin & Finance                     | Finished May 2019                                   |
| Trish Harkins          | Admin & Finance                     | Joined May 2019                                     |
| Community Netball Team | 1                                   |   |
| Anita Coy-Macken       | Community Netball Manager           | Finished April 2019                                 |
| Karyne Ross            | Community Netball Manager           | Joined June 2019                                    |
| Chonaire Huriwai       | Coach Lead – Auckland               | Joined July 2018                                    |
| lrene Gubb             | Junior Development Officer          | Finished September 2019                             |
| Melanie Kemp           | Netball Smart Officer               | Maternity leave August 2019                         |
| Rhonda Martin-Raharuhi | Far North Coach Development Officer | Joined Aug 2018                                     |
| Sharleen Morrell       | Umpire Lead                         | Joined March 2018                                   |
| Sophie Tua             | North Coach and Umpire Development  | Joined July 2018 – Maternity<br>Leave November 2019 |
| Suzie Belcher          | Netball Smart Officer               |   |
| Trina Henare           | Team Leader – North                 | Finished August 2019                                |
| Vicki Morgan           | Team Leader – Auckland              |   |
| Performance            |                                     |   |
| Tia Winikerei          | Performance Manager                 |   |
| Helene Wilson          | Mystics Head Coach                  |   |
| Meghan Robinson        | Team Operations Manager             |   |

## **Community Netball**

Our Zone membership in the 2019 year was 46,986 participants, a 1% increase in total membership, and the only Zone to grow membership over 2019. However, this growth was driven by increases in Senior (+12%) and Recreational (+28%) netball participants, with worrying declines in Years 1-8 and Secondary Schools. We experienced an 11% decrease across all age groups. With increasing time pressures on already busy lives, and so many other sport and recreational activities for our children and youth to choose from, we must remain urgent and energized in our efforts to keep our communities engaged in netball. There are real opportunities to grow the appeal of netball with evolving game formats, and welcoming a more diverse participant base, whether that is by gender, ethnicity or physical capability.

The Zone was very active in the Regional Facilities space with Mary Gardiner (Board Member), Karyne Ross (Community Netball Manager) and Anita Coy-Macken (our previous Community Netball Manager) members of Auckland Netball Regional Facilities Working Group, who are challenged with identifying and advocating for the future needs of netball in our region.



## **Netball Membership**

Based on the membership numbers provided by netball centres, the overall 2019 netball membership in the Northern Zone increased **by 1%** compared to 2018 (46,986 up from 46,541). Reasons for the change:

- There was a decrease overall in Year 1-8 membership.
- There was an increase in senior netball membership trend seen across zones.
- Overall recreational membership increased which may potentially be due to introduction of walking netball.

## **Stories from our Community**

A Children's Fun Day was held at Centennial Park delivered by the Wellsford Districts Sport and Recreation Collective. Community groups provided activity stations around Centennial Park for children to try different sports.

Netball Northern Zone supported Netball Rodney in delivering netball stations for all ages and stages. Buckets for the babies, varying goals for children 3 years and up. The theme for the day was "Everyone have a go".



Children's Fun Day at Netball Rodney

#### Waiuku Netball Centre Open Day

On 16<sup>th</sup> February, the Northern Mystics and Zone Community Team spent a wonderful morning with Waiuku Netball Centre showcasing the Mother Earth FutureFerns programme and the modified netball games as part of their Open Day. It was a great day to experience different parts of the junior netball programme and we had several new to netball participants. Everyone had a fantastic time developing their skills and playing the modified games. The Mystics players really enjoyed getting to interact with the Waiuku members.



#### Netball Sessions delivered on Great Barrier Island

Thanks to Great Barrier Local Board Funding Netball Northern Zone in partnership with Papakura Netball Centre were able to provide equipment and netball sessions at 3 Schools on the island. The children, teachers and parents absolutely loved the opportunity to learn skills and modified games, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of all schools coming together for a final Festival Day.



#### Netball Leaders at Botany Downs Secondary College

Netball Northern Zone in collaboration with Auckland Netball Centre delivered the Netball Leaders course to 21 students from Botany Downs Secondary College. The two-day leadership course provided deep learning about leadership and how the students can influence and give back to netball.

It was impressive to see the students learn more about themselves, develop their confidence and take ownership of their netball experience. Through the course, the students provided a Youth Voice and are advocating for netball at their school. All students are committed to giving back to netball through Youth Voice, coaching or umpiring.



## Junior Netball – Future Ferns

#### Hibiscus Coast Netball Centre Year 1 & 2 Festival Day.

The Festival Day was a great success with approximately 30 children attending. It was heartwarming to see a lot of smiling faces having fun participating in the skill activities and playing the 4v4 game. Basil made a special appearance and was a huge hit - thanks Basil! The children loved their treat of Mother Earth fruit sticks. Thank you to the HBNC Committee & Junior team for assisting our Zone staff to make this such a special occasion.





#### Northern Wairoa Netball Centre

Now in their fantastic new home at Sportsville, Dargaville, Saturday mornings junior netball is a hive of activity and fabulous place to be. Northern Wairoa run an excellent MotherEarth FutureFerns programme for their Year 1-4's. It is wonderful to see so many parents getting in and helping with teaching the children skill activities and modified game play.





#### Netball Aktive – Aktive Year 3&4 Collaborative Project 2019

2019 was the final year of this 3-year Aktive KiwiSport funding project, that has provided more than 10,222 children the opportunity to try netball and develop their confidence and capability in physical activity. In 2019, the programme reached 3,172 children across 28 schools, and we extend our congratulations to the centres involved in this project. Outcomes of the project include raising the capability of teachers and involved parents to continue supporting children's' participation in netball, either in an informal capacity at school or formal capacity in a netball programme. It has highlighted and raised awareness of the opportunities to participate in organised sport within each local community where the project was delivered and created great links between schools and their local netball centre. It was fantastic to see the collaboration between Zone and Centres that consolidates our relationships through better communication and sharing of our respective strengths. Zone staff provided support in delivering Professional Development sessions, training Centre staff in administering the project itself, assisted with running the Festival Days, which all builds the capability of the netball centre officers in a supportive environment.

#### National Age – Group Representative Tournaments

The zone performed well at Under 19 Nationals with Auckland placing 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Under 17's, hosted fantastically by Netball Waitakere saw them take home the winning trophy, a special success when playing on home soil.

The New Zealand Secondary Schools in Palmerston North saw all five Northern Zone teams finishing in the top eight with St Kentigern's College making finals.



#### **UNISS 2019**



Netball North Harbour were the wonderful hosts of UNISS 2019, which is one of the largest netball tournaments in New Zealand, with 121 Secondary school teams from the Upper North Island playing two games each day for five days, in all weather. It is a gigantic effort to organize UNISS so big shout out to Lynette Brady and staff of Netball North Harbour along with the UNISS committee for running such a well-oiled event. To top it off this year Netball North Harbour organised each grades final play off to be live streamed, reaching 37,136 viewers.

## Northland Cluster Emerging & Performance Programme 2019

The geographical spread of Northland led to the creation of a Northland Cluster that provided opportunities for both the mid and far North communities to be involved in a performance programme. This programme was run weekly early in the season, and included camps leading into the representative season. The programme attracted 50 Athletes, 17 Coaches, four Managers and three Umpires.

The programme was underpinned by an action learning philosophy with theory sessions held on Monday nights informing delivery on the following Wednesday. Some key highlights from the programme were:

- •Collaboration creating a "community of learners"
- •First time coaches getting involved in the NNZ Coaching framework
- •Seasoned coaches advancing their theoretical learning
- •Established the programme and experience consistent attendance
- •Creating a learning environment to inform better training and performance readiness practice





## **Netball Smart**

This is the second year of major investment from ACC into the Netball NZ injury prevention program 'NetballSmart'. Again, our two Northern Zone Development Officers have been travelling around the area to help support centres, schools and clubs, to learn how to prepare their players for the game and educate coaches in the community. These education programs included:

- 26 NetballSmart Warm-up and landing skills workshops
- 16 workshops for secondary schools
- 30 intermediate school sessions
- 10 UmpireSmart workshops

More importantly Development Officers got to have some fun, helping the community learn and develop at 23 zone events throughout the year. Special thanks must go out to Northland again, who are always welcoming and eager to learn with the NetballSmart team. Also, we would like to thank the 5 Northern schools who offered their support and took part in important national research for NNZ and AUT this year: Diocesan, Whangarei Girls High School, Rodney College, Westlake Girls and Rangitoto College. These schools help will lead to significant new knowledge for injury prevention and performance for netball players here in New Zealand.

This year we were very fortunate to have the wonderful Debbie Christian join the NetballSmart team for the end of the season. Her knowledge in player welfare, nutrition and much more was greatly appreciated, and we are happy that she has now joined us as part of the 'NetballSmart family'. We can't thank her enough and I know the Northern Zone community and players really enjoyed spending time with her and learning from her endless source of knowledge.

One of NetballSmart's big wins this year was the adaptions AIMS made to their draw and registration process. This was in part due to the forward thinking and success of some of the country's netball centres, such as our own Auckland Netball Centre who changed their draw, allowing time for the teams to safely warm-up on their playing court. This, along with support from ACC showed the AIMS group the benefits of allowing a designated warm-up space and time as part of the draw, they then went one step further and made attending a

NetballSmart workshop part of the registration process. As a group NetballSmart were excited to see the positive effect of the changes the AIMs group made to the tournament. The results were that most of the intermediate school teams warmed up safely throughout the tournament, following the NetballSmart Power Warm-up. Well done too all involved for a such a successful national community netball team effort.

NetballSmart looks forward to spending the next season sharing the latest research, knowledge and learning with our community to keep our players safe, available and performing at their best. More importantly they are looking forward to being back out in the community having fun at workshops, helping the zone. See you next season.

### **Coach Development**

Coach Development in 2019 saw a focus on recruiting and training Coach Developers as we continue to build capability across our netball centres. Two Coach Developer Hui's were held – one in February followed by our combined Coach and Umpire Developer Hui in November. This Spooks n Sparks themed 2 action packed day event was an amazing experience attracted over 40 attendees from across our Zone. The forum is designed to provide upskilling opportunities, new tools & fresh ideas for delivering workshops and assisting in developing people.

This Hui saw amazing cross-code, cross-region & cross-country collaboration. A special thank you to ALL the Coach & Umpire Developers who took time from their weekend to commit to learning and supporting the netball system. To our special guest trainers, hosts, & sponsors:

Dan Keepa (NZ Rugby League); Katie Horne (Sport Waikato); Mitch Hayde (Auckland Cricket); Netball Waitakere (Hosts); our NEW Netball family from Netball Fiji, Netball Samoa, Tonga Netball & Netball Cook Islands; HART Sport NZ for the awesome netball clipboards; Our fabulous Guest Speaker Bernice Mene; Sport NZ for supporting our dream team of trainers; NZCT and Four Winds Foundation for funding support; and lastly our Netball New Zealand whanau for their kotahitanga.

The weekend was best summed up with the following poem penned by our super creative team lead Vicki Morgan...

So team thanks for the learning You have helped keep the fire burning Special memories have now been created The brain has also been totally saturated Everyone played an integral part We aced it right from the start

Thanks for helping to create the amazing atmosphere New friends, new learning & laughter we did share Rock On Witches, Wizards & Scissorhead Keep leaving Netball in good stead



|            | Modules | Attendees | Awards |
|------------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Foundation | 93      | 950       |        |
| CCA 1      | 83      | 615       | 17     |
| CCA 2      | 34      | 170       | 6      |
| Informal   | 21      | 271       |        |

#### **Coaching Courses delivered in 2019**



#### Netball Manurewa revive their coaching passion

After a wee absence of CCA workshops, the amazing team at Netball Manurewa put in the hard yards to connect with their coaching whanau. On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June their hard work paid off with 24 coaches in attendance at their "How to connect with your players / Player-Centred Coaching" workshop.

The workshop was incredible with great conversations, free food, practical activities, held in the wonderful stadium and if the coaches couldn't find a babysitter, they could bring them along to Netball Manurewa's "babysitter club." With the goal of getting as many coaches completing their CCA Level 1 this year, Netball Manurewa are now holding weekly workshops on Monday's.

#### **Umpire Development**

2019 was a busy year with a focus on establishing Umpire Development Plans for al our 17 Centres, to enable them to identify their priorities, and how the Zone can support them in delivering on the key outcomes of their plans. Umpire leads across the five Zones saw a shift in focus to identifying umpire Coach Developers, and working through the potential of establishing a developer pathway similar to the Coach Development Framework. The highlight of this being an extremely successful combined Coach and Umpire Developer Hui in November.

The Zone made available the updated Umpiring Modules which are facilitated by our new Umpire Coach Developers. It was heartening to see the uptake of Introduction to Umpiring modules across our Centres, and the time and energy Centres are expending on growing their Junior umpires.



#### 2019 – Northern Zone Umpire numbers

| New Zone Award Umpires          | 38  |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Total Zone Award Umpires        | 205 |
| New NZ Award Umpires            | 9   |
| Total NZ Award Umpires          | 48  |
| Total Umpire Coaches            | 127 |
| Umpire Coach Developers         | 6   |
| Centre Umpire Development Plans | 14  |

#### Umpire Exams – Northern Zone achievements

| Zone Theory Passes | 60 |
|--------------------|----|
| NZ Theory Passes   | 26 |

#### Tournaments – Northern Zone umpires appointed

| U15 tournament       | 19 |
|----------------------|----|
| U17 tournament       | 10 |
| U19 tournament       | 5  |
| NZ Secondary Schools | 2  |

## **Player Development**

Netball New Zealand's Year 7 & 8 Player Development Program (PDP) continues to be a huge success as it further rolls out around our Zone. This initiative on the back of removing representative teams at this age has increased the number of players of this age having access to, and thoroughly enjoying, netball specific development. The non-selection philosophy, and development for all, has provided more players with the opportunity to participate in one-day tournaments, play with girls from different schools and clubs and overall is building happier and more skilled participants in our code. Snippets from some of our Centres are highlighted below:

Great work from Auckland Netball Centre who held a PDP festival day for 80 keen netballers where each team was coached by a member of the Northern Comets or Northern Marvels (Beko League teams). The mini tournament culminated in prizes for "Best Spirit" and "Most Hard-working" players from each team.

Papakura Netball Centre hosted their first session of the PDP with 21 enthusiastic Yr7 & Yr8 girls. The session was delivered by 3 local coaches and a member of the Northern Comets BEKO team.



Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre



Howick Pakuranga had an amazing start to their PDP programme that was led efficiently by Paulette Devane the Centre's new Junior Development Officer. Over 62 participants and 9 Coaches worked through the programme come rain or shine (and rain it did) with lots of smiles, laughter and learning happening. Some of the positive feedback from participants and parents:

One mother mentioned at breakfast her daughter was talking about space – mum asked "what are you talking about" and daughter promptly replied "Netball & creating space".

#### Performance

#### Northern Zone Performance Programme (NZPP)

2019 was the second year of the NZPP and we operated three hubs; one in Northland, and two in Auckland; one in the North/West and another in the South. The hubs offered early season netball skill development, where the zone's emerging, pre-elite and elite athletes, coaches, managers and umpires experienced training alongside one another, with the focus on learning about high-performance; and individual development within a team environment.

NZPP applications increased by 37% and we retained 83% of the Year 1 coaches, managers and athletes, and 72% of umpires.

A major highlight was the growth in the strength and conditioning (S&C) programme. Before the NZPP one athlete trained consistently over a 12 month period. This has since grown to 16. This training investment is critical to build the physical capacity required to successfully compete in the ANZ Premiership and beyond.

Former Silver Ferns coach and player Yvonne Willering, and Former National Badminton coach and High-Performance coach developer Graeme Robson contributed to the coach development programme. Three zone coaches were selected to attend two week-long coach observations in the Northern Mystics program and ANZ Premiership (ANZP) coaches Helene Wilson, Linda Vagana and Sonya Hardcastle coached alongside the zone coaches in early season sessions. International umpires Fay Mieklejohn and Lisa McPhail; and National squad umpire Cory Nicholls supported the emerging umpire group.

The annual home and away exchange with Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone (WBOP) was hosted by Northern on day one and a couple of months later we travelled to WBOP for day two. These exchanges offer the zone's emerging group combined skill sessions and game play with another zone. Northern won 67-63 at home and lost by 10 when we travelled away.

We would like to thank the Northern Mystics Team and Staff, Graeme Robson, and Sharleen and the Zone Umpire Development Group for their continued support and leadership of the NZPP.

West Hub Gym

South Hub Gym

WBOP Exchange







## **National League Netball (BEKO)**

#### **Northern Marvels**

The **Northern Marvels** was led for the second year by Head Coach, **Ripeka Pirie**. Leading a national league team has significant challenges, which involves the Head Coach working tirelessly to support the development of both staff and players. The team was fortunate to have the 2018 team manager Claire Magness return, the specialist and elite playing knowledge of Anna Harrison, and the strength and conditioning expertise of Stephen Hill-Haas who has previously worked with the NZ U/21s and the Southern Steel. While some players entered the training environment underprepared, their transition to learn how to train for performance improved and the team was consistently connected on and off-court.

Northern Marvels experienced significant player movement throughout the campaign. They successfully transitioned Samon Nathan to Tactix and Grace Nweke to the Northern Mystics. Early playing opportunities for Tayla Earle meant she quickly earnt a starting bib in the Northern Mystics, and Nanise Waqaira and Filda Vui both secured ANZ Premiership training and game opportunities. This meant development athletes were exposed to national league netball earlier than expected. Whilst this was challenging (Marvels lost 7/8 games), the team remained strong through connection and by celebrating the success of those who transitioned to ANZP.

#### **Overall placing 6th**





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|                   | Coach              |                        |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Georgia Bodle     | Grace Nweke        | Ripeka Pirie           |
| Samon Nathan      | Jessie Taylor      | Specialist Coach       |
| Armani Lam        | Renee Te Riini     | Anna Harrison          |
| Courtney Katterns | Filda Vui          | Manager                |
| Tayla Foster      | Hannah Ward        | Claire Magness         |
| Shekynah Clarke   | Nani Waqaira       | Physio                 |
| Danielle Binks    | Maine-Crystal Maro | Alisha McKeown         |
| Aisha Bower       | · · ·              | Strength & Conditioner |
|                   |                    | Stephen Hill-Haas      |



| Results          |    |   |    |                       |
|------------------|----|---|----|-----------------------|
| Northern Marvels | 57 | V | 61 | Southern Blast        |
| Northern Marvels | 63 | V | 59 | Northern Comets       |
| Northern Marvels | 54 | V | 68 | Waikato Bay of Plenty |
| Northern Marvels | 50 | V | 66 | Hellers Mainland      |
| Northern Marvels | 32 | V | 64 | Central Manawa        |
| Northern Marvels | 56 | V | 58 | Northern Comets       |
| Northern Marvels | 54 | V | 60 | Southern Blast        |
| Northern Marvels | 44 | V | 70 | Waikato Bay of Plenty |

## **Northern Comets**

The **Northern Comets** were led by 2018 assistance coach **Katherine Henry**. Together with experienced team manager, Jill Clapcott, assistant coach Tania Cargo and the support of Dwayne McNeil, Angad Marwah and Talia Kipa the team established consistent performances mid-way through the competition. They finished strongly, narrowly losing to WBOP in their fourth game and then racing home with three wins in the final rounds. They also prepared midcourters Nadia Loveday and Tori Kolose for time in the ANZP with the Northern Stars. Learning how to win and the confidence that comes with winning was key to their third-place finish and setting the foundations for the future. **Overall placing 3rd** 

| Com               | nets Squad            |                                     |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Christie Anderson | Oceane Maihi          | Coach Katherine Henry               |
| Chanelle Campbell | Kirsten Dicksen       | Assistant Coach Tania Cargo         |
| Chonaire Huriwai  | Tori Kolose           | Manager Jill Clapcott               |
| Vika Koloto       | Tamara Leoni          | <b>Physio</b> Talia Kipa            |
| Nadia Loveday     | Ivana Rowland         | Strength & Conditioner Angad Marwah |
| Leehava Savelio   | Teuila Sotutu         |                                     |
| Kristina Tipene   | Halaevalu Toutaiolepo |                                     |
| Jasmin Tufuga     | Rahnee Wakefield      |                                     |



| Results         |      |   |      |                       |
|-----------------|------|---|------|-----------------------|
| Northern Comets | 40   | V | 60   | Central Manawa        |
| Northern Comets | 59   | V | 63   | Northern Marvels      |
| Northern Comets | Draw | V | Draw | Hellers Mainland      |
| Northern Comets | 40   | V | 51   | Central Manawa        |
| Northern Comets | 50   | V | 53   | Waikato Bay of Plenty |
| Northern Comets | 57   | V | 44   | Southern Blast        |
| Northern Comets | 56   | V | 54   | Hellers Mainland      |
| Northern Comets | 58   | V | 56   | Northern Marvels      |
|                 |      |   |      |                       |

At the end of the 2019 campaigns the zone handed governance and operations of the Northern Comets to the Northern Stars. This hand-over is designed to create better alignment between the ANZ premiership team with their national league team.



### **Northern Mystics**

Our year can be summed up with some amazing comeback wins; an ability to overcome adversity and perform, unearthing some Northern Zone talent, rebuilding the future of Northern Mystics, and an ability to compete and win against each ANZ Premiership team in the country. 2019 had many challenges and some small victories which have set the platform for a successful 2020 with the majority of the team returning.

#### **Overall Placing: 6th**



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| MYSTICS SQUAD             |          |   |  |  |
|---------------------------|----------|---|--|--|
| Player                    | Position | Coach                                     |  |  |
| Grace Nweke               | GS       | Helene Wilson                             |  |  |
| Jamie Hume                | GA GS WA | Assistant Coaches                         |  |  |
| Kristina Brice            | GS       | Linda Vagana & Sonya Hardcastle           |  |  |
| Bailey Mes                | GA GS    | Manager                                   |  |  |
| Emma lversen              | WA C     | Meghan Robinson                           |  |  |
| Phoenix Karaka            | GK GD    | Strength & Conditioning<br>Guy Mothersole |  |  |
| Grace Kukutai             | C WD     | Physio                                    |  |  |
| Michaela Sokolich-Beatson | GD WD    | Itabera Otumuli                           |  |  |
| Elisapeta Toeava          | WA C     |   |  |  |
| Phoenix Karaka            | GD GK    |   |  |  |
| Erena Mikaere             | GK WD GD |   |  |  |



| Results          |    |   |    |        |
|------------------|----|---|----|--------|
| Northern Mystics | 39 | v | 62 | Pulse  |
| Northern Mystics | 48 | v | 67 | Steel  |
| Northern Mystics | 49 | v | 55 | Stars  |
| Northern Mystics | 34 | v | 42 | Magic  |
| Northern Mystics | 48 | v | 52 | Tactix |
| Northern Mystics | 50 | v | 64 | Stars  |
| Northern Mystics | 54 | v | 44 | Magic  |
| Northern Mystics | 64 | v | 54 | Tactix |
| Northern Mystics | 49 | v | 59 | Pulse  |
| Northern Mystics | 60 | v | 66 | Steel  |
| Northern Mystics | 52 | v | 53 | Stars  |
| Northern Mystics | 58 | v | 69 | Steel  |
| Northern Mystics | 69 | v | 57 | Tactix |
| Northern Mystics | 52 | v | 61 | Magic  |
| Northern Mystics | 60 | v | 54 | Pulse  |