

# Centre Connect - 9th May

## Males in Netball

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## Break Out Room 1 - Questions for Pia Taranaki

*do girls want to move from girls only to mixed? Pia feels they may like to play both...consider not fleecing one to fill other.*  
— KARYNEROSS

*Stigma of boys playing coming from the old guard, concerns over safety (size etc)...what did you do or messaging....Traditionalists had some pushback but werent many and didn't really impact age group with negative feedback came more to office rather than players*  
— KARYNEROSS

*Education piece to sec schools - how do get schools on board to keep boys engaged....Taranaki only has 9 sec schools, 2 are boys, so easier to get connected. The schools drove it. Auckland have bigger pool*  
— KARYNEROSS

*did you advertise as mixed grade...Pia boys play in our womens comp.*  
— KARYNEROSS

*no increase in injury so far*  
— KARYNEROSS

*concern over level of skill of players - could be taken out...hard to reassure people. Pia - give it a go, age restrictions to start with. see how it goes then form an opinion rather than pre-assumption.*  
— KARYNEROSS

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## Break Out Room 1 - Key Learnings

*NW - WASSC 10 mixed teams, boys only schools partnered with girls only schools. this year to use as feed into next years for clubs, plus lead into Fast Five comp at end of year align with NNZ FFive. first game was comical - boys had no training didnt know rules..umpires had to coach along way. half price fees. Yr9-11 mainly. Schools feedback was good opportunity for boys not into traditional sports - rugby, bball. Tuesday doesnt clash with bball nights.*  
— KARYNEROSS

*WNC Year 9's this year as a starting point - integrated into girls comp.*  
— KARYNEROSS

*ANC no more than half the team can be boys in Year1-8 grades. Offered Yr 7/8 boys grades only in winter but only had one team. dont have any boys in sec school team and havent offered again. ANC having mixed grades in rep tournaments. ANC need more males working in netball.*  
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## Break Out Room 2 - Questions for NNZ

*Is u17 boys going ahead this year at Nationals ?*  
— KARYNEROSS

*common theme on fees from survey... NW offered half price fees for boys mixed to get foot in door. ANC with fees it is the clubs and school add-ons as well as centre/zone fees. no need for dresses can wear school pe gear.*  
— KARYNEROSS

*Indoor netball - have we done any collaboration to link? hard to link as limited national body and all privately owned.*  
— KARYNEROSS

*NZMMA what are they doing...first step was to bring them into working group. continue to collaborate with NNZ and NZMMNA as lots of cross over and needs more work. Briar question - NZMMNA want mainstream netball to do the work and just come play - will they step up and do the mahi. integration a long way down the track - they want to retain their identity. ie/ for olympics push etc need to be part of nnz structure.*  
— KARYNEROSS

*how to change mindsets in sec school space - can we do a national campaign. Education of sports coordinators - promote through principals and right down to coal face. barrier NW came across with sports co-ords - finding volunteers to run the teams - NW went into schools to help them get teams up and running. need to tell our good stories.*  
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## Break Out Room 2 - Your Centre

*fear of males dominating our female sport - funding for female sport - will we lose it? should be able to overcome with collaboration*  
— KARYNEROSS

*good to see appetite but feel males wont dominate will always be a female sport. just give males a pathway*  
— KARYNEROSS