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Community Newsletter

Kia Ora Everyone

As we head into December and with Christmas just a few weeks away, I have been reflecting on the 2021 year. A year which started with Covid-19 seemingly almost behind us and ended with Covid-19 once again at the forefront of everyone's mind.

Titles have largely eluded the Northern Zone up until this year. Congratulations to both our Mystics and Marvels teams for their historic wins in the ANZ Premiership and National Netball League respectively. Built off the back of a multi-year plan, it was fantastic to see all the hard work pay off in such a big way. It is a credit to the current teams but also those that have gone before them to set the platform for success. The strength and depth of our Zone was further emphasised with the Northern Comets a close second to the Marvels in the NNL. A great reflection of the work undertaken throughout our Centres to prepare the next generation of elite players.

With limited opportunity for home Mystics matches in 2020, it was great to welcome back crowds to Trusts Arena in 2021. Off the back of some great on court performances by the team we were able to put the sold out signs up for our final home match against the Stars. Thanks to our #MysticsNation for their fantastic support!

It was disappointing to lose the last few weeks of the community season due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Many in our sport were looking forward to events such as AIMS Games, UNISS, Open and Secondary School Championships as well as the end of the Club season – which for most Centres only had a couple of weeks to finish. Thank you to everyone involved, who put so much effort into these events and throughout the rest of the season. We will all come back stronger in 2022!

Active Sport and Recreation do a great job keeping the industry up to date on Covid-19 related matters – if you have not already done so then bookmark this page to keep up to date with the latest:

<https://active.org.nz/covid-19-resource-hub/covid-19/>

Netball NZ are also hosting an upcoming meeting - A placeholder invitation for an online meeting will be sent to all Zones and Centres for 6pm Thursday 9th December (directly from Netball NZ). It is intended that Netball NZ will assist to interpret the guidance for Centres and Zones and ensure we are clear around the areas of responsibility at the various traffic light settings.

Thank you to all the Centre staff, committees, and other volunteers for your commitment and work throughout 2021. The sport is truly blessed to have such a dedicated group of people that are committed to making sure everyone has a great time playing the sport they love.

On behalf of the Zone, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy New Year!

Nga mihi nui

Phil Vyver
CEO

ZONE NEWS FROM OUR BOARD

It seems like a very busy time of year as the deadline of Christmas and summer holidays looms. All the best with everything you are all working on and for a relaxing break when the time comes.

The Zone Board meets this week to receive the refreshed Zone strategy and 2022 budget. We have tried to listen to the input from centres plus consider Poipoia, existing partnership commitments with Netball NZ and the key challenges of sport in a COVID uncertain and disrupted environment. Phil will be in touch with details about the communication of the refreshed Zone strategy, priorities and initiatives.

Continuity of funding and funding diversification are key topics for all our organisations. We are excited and delighted to announce today (29 November) our new naming rights sponsor: MG. So our ANZ Premiership champion team is now the MG Mystics. This partnership is the result of a lot of conversations and meetings and I congratulate our CEO Phil for his tenacity and commitment and in particular for seeking the mutual benefit for MG and the Mystics, which resulted in getting this across the line. We also sincerely appreciate the support of Netball NZ in this process.

Diversification of funding is critical to sustainability and there are various funding opportunities canvassed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thank you for all you do for netball and all the best for a well earned break and hopefully a change in scenery to rest and recharge, ready for seeing netball back out on court next year.

Nga mihi nui

Mary
Board Chair

NETBALL NORTHERN ZONE AGM – SAVE THE DATE

Netball Northern Zone will hold their annual AGM on Sunday 27th March 2022, 10.30am, at Trusts Arena, Henderson.

This will be followed by Marvels vs Central in the NNL and Mystics vs Pulse in the ANZ Premiership, with guests invited to stay and watch both matches at the conclusion of the AGM. A formal notice for the meeting and further details to be sent in due course.

COACH DEVELOPER HUI POSTPONEMENT

We are disappointed to announce the postponement of our Annual Coach Developer Hui. Routinely held in November each year, the impact of Covid Lockdown and Online fatigue this year, has forced us to move our date out to February 2022.

We appreciate Centre personnel and volunteers including Coach Developers are doing it tough right now so a postponement ensures we can deliver in the best quality environment providing a fantastic learning experience for all.



The plan for CD Hui Version 2, is to have a one-day event in Auckland and one day event in Northland, kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face). The Northern Zone Coach and Umpire team are excited to plan a great session of development and connection for our Coach Developers, as collectively we grow and strengthen netball across our Zone.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

BOOSTEDSPORT

BoostedSport is Aotearoa's only crowdfunding platform dedicated to getting homegrown play, active recreation and sport off the ground. Their crowdfunding whizzes will help mould your project into a fully-fledged crowdfunding campaign guiding you in how to get your community to rally around making activity happen.

<https://boostedsport.org.nz/about>



CommUnity generates money for Kiwi CommUnity Groups by uniting merchants, community groups and everyday shoppers (like yourself) to support and strengthen one another.

Every time a CommUnity Member shops at a participating CommUnity Merchant, a small percentage of each transaction is passed onto the CommUnity Groups or charities of that Member's choosing. It's that simple.

<https://comm-unity.kiwi/>

Auckland Council Facilities Investment Fund

Auckland Council will launch a new contestable funding round for the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund on 15 November 2021.

\$15.3 million will be available for planning and development of sport and recreation facilities which will help to:

- Address sport and recreation infrastructure shortfalls
- Respond to changing participation preferences
- Deliver value-for-money by leveraging third party investment
- Get Aucklanders more active
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Eligibility criteria and funding priorities are explained in the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund Guidelines, see link <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/grants-community-support-housing/grants/regional-grants/Documents/sport-recreation-facilities-investment-fund-guidelines.pdf>

The funding round will be open for Expressions of Interest between 15 November 2021 and 12 December 2021, with stage two applications to be invited in February 2022. Funding decisions will be made by the Parks, Arts, Community and Events Committee in September 2022.

We strongly encourage any Centre considering lodging an EOI to discuss your intentions with Northern Zone and the Regional Facilities Working Group whom are working collaboratively across the Auckland region to ensure best outcomes for netball.

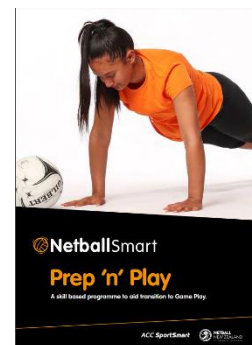
NETBALLSMART

As we wind down for the end of the year and look forward to 2022, the NetballSmart team has been busy working on new and fun ways to deliver our resources to the community.

While a lot of competitions couldn't finish and finals weren't played, staying active and looking after our bodies is still very important. Have a look at our Prep n Play resource for different ideas to help you stay active and prepare for next season as well as keeping an eye out on our social media for new and exciting content.

<https://netballsmart.co.nz/images/netball-smart/pdf/NetballSmart-Prep-n-Play-Resource-web.pdf>

Instagram & Facebook: @NetballSmart.



HPNC

Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre (HPNC) held their Representative Prizegiving for 2021 online on Wednesday 10th November. Although via zoom, the team at HPNC managed to bring their community together for a wonderful evening.

It was great to see their awesome players, coaches, managers, parents, staff, umpires, cooks, and executive committee all rewarded and acknowledged for a successful and enjoyable representative season. Congratulations to the following players receiving awards for their respective teams.

U14 B

Player of the Season – Lataliah Tito

U14 A

Player of the Tournament – Sierra Lau'ese
Player of the Season – Charlie Lindsay

U16 B

Player of the Tournament – Maia Murray
Player of the Season – Georgia Barnett

U16 A

Player of the Tournament – Eseta Waqaira
Player of the Season – Shalah-Maye Jackson

U18

Player of the Tournament – Kelly McKinnon
Player of the Season – Bethel-Rose Lameta



All the best for the 2022 season!



Northern Mystics Announce New Naming Rights Partnership

The Northern Mystics have signed an exciting new naming rights partnership with motor company MG Motors.

The multi-year naming rights agreement will see the team renamed the MG Mystics, their playing kit adorned with the new MG logo and extensive courtside branding at all home games, as well as multiple integration and engagement opportunities.

A fleet of MG Mystics branded MGs will be the driving force behind our team, providing our players with a full suite of MG pilot active safety technology.

MG Mystics CEO, Phil Vyver, said the team was delighted to have a dynamic and forward-thinking new partner for the 2022 season and beyond. "It's fantastic to have MG New Zealand step-up and become involved with the franchise, we're certainly very grateful for their support and involvement," said Vyver.

"We look forward to performing at our best and doing everything in our power to continue our championship-winning ways."

MG Motor's support of the current 2021 ANZ Premiership champion team is complementary to a strong desire to engage with a wide variety of groups and organisations at a grassroots level.

"The MG Mystics are the defending 2021 ANZ Premiership champions, and they represent many of the same qualities held by MG; they play with passion and integrity, and constantly take their game to the next level," said Peter Ciao, CEO, MG Motor Australia and New Zealand.

"MG Motor has an expanding presence throughout New Zealand and dealer-driven partnerships are an important opportunity for us to become a part of Kiwi communities," said Mr Ciao. "We are excited to stand alongside such a champion organisation as they defend their crown in 2022 and beyond."

The Mystics will begin their title defence against the Magic in Hamilton when the 2022 ANZ Premiership whistles blow on 13 March.



Mystics Sign New Partnership Deal With Paladin Sports

The Northern Mystics are delighted to announce a new multi-year deal with Paladin Sports as its official apparel partner. The three-year deal begins next month and will see Paladin design and supply on and off court apparel wear for both the Mystics and their fans for the 2022 ANZ Premiership. Paladin Sports is a leading sports apparel company in New Zealand with key operations also in Australia and the USA.



Mystics CEO Phil Vyver said he was delighted Paladin Sports was joining the Mystics family, becoming their official apparel provider. “The Mystics and Paladin Sports have a shared vision when it comes to quality and supporting community and this is an exciting partnership moving forward,” he said. “We are both passionate about empowering women and girls in sport and we hope to continue supporting the growth of the game in New Zealand.”

Vyver said the design process had already started with Paladin Sports who were collaborating closely with the Mystics management and senior staff to prepare a new look for the 2022 ANZ Premiership. A new supporters’ range would also be launched for the coming season.

Ed Harman, Co-Owner and CEO of Paladin NZ says “Paladin Sports is passionate about supporting and encouraging athletes of all abilities across the sporting landscape and is delighted to be entering into this partnership with the Northern Mystics. It provides our company with an opportunity to continue working with forward-thinking organisations dedicated to empowering athletes of all ages to play netball and through our partner teams in the ANZ Premiership, we hope to help inspire a whole new generation of netballers in New Zealand”

With thanks to our funding partners



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