



MAY 2021



Community Newsletter

Kia Ora Everyone

What a difference a year makes! While covid-19 is still in our minds and we need to be careful, it has been great to see netball back in full swing across the Zone. Congratulations to Papakura on officially opening the upgraded courts - the club parade and all the colour of the participants dressing up was great to see. I know a number of other centres have held such opening day events. If your centre doesn't do this then perhaps have a chat to the centres that do – the likes of Papakura, Manurewa, Pukekohe – and find out what a great event it can be!

The anecdotal evidence suggests participation at Centre level is back to around 2019 levels. The introduction of a number of boys / men's competitions is also great to see and will further boost participation. We look forward to receiving your membership returns soon and then we will be able to confirm the participation numbers across the Zone.

At the elite end of the game how fantastic to see the Mystics, Stars, Marvels and Comets all performing well on court and being the teams to beat in both the ANZ Premiership and the National Netball League. There are a few home games left this season, so get your tickets while you can! We are also hosting the National Netball League Final on the 4th July which we hope will be between the Marvels and Comets – time will tell!

Barfoot and Thompson who sponsor netball at many levels across our Zone are the proud sponsors of the Barfoot and Thompson Northern Challenge between the Mystics and Stars. This is shaping up to be a tightly contested three game series over the next month.

Poipoia, the Netball New Zealand strategy, encourages all of us in netball to be innovative, to experiment, all with the aim of growing and improving our great game. If you are trying new ideas at your centre, no matter how big or small, please let us know! We are keen to hear about all the great initiatives that are happening across the zone. We will then share the information so we can all learn and improve. Contact either Karyne or Vicki and tell them the awesome changes you are testing out.

Phil Vyver, CEO Netball Northern Zone

UNISS

HPNC are hosting the Upper North Island Secondary Schools tournament (UNISS) this year between 30 August and 3 September and they're looking for volunteers to help with a range of roles leading up to and during the tournament. If you think that this sounds like something you or someone at your centre might be interested in follow the link through to their website for more info. <http://www.hpnc.org.nz/Volunteering-1>

TEAM ENTRIES for UNISS 2021 are now open via EnterNow <https://enternow.co.nz/enternow-app/uniss> and close on 9th July 2021.

CADBURY NNZ VOLUNTEER PARTNER

2020 saw the Waiuku Netball Centre named as one of the top 5 most engaged Centres in New Zealand for Cadbury sponsored volunteering initiatives. To recognise this achievement, the Centre was gifted a framed, signed Silver Fern dress. Rachel Browne-Cole & Kim Voigt were presented with the gift from Cadbury.

Waiuku members submitted about 30 nominations in July, August & September. It was an added bonus and extra special, when Jo Morriss, a volunteer at the Centre, was named Netball New Zealand Volunteer Administrator of the Year for 2020



MYSTICS CENTRE VISITS

The Mystics visited 10 of our Centres on Thursday 20th and Saturday 22nd May and were greeted with some very excited young netball players. It was a great opportunity for the kids to get up close and personal with the netballers they look up to and the Mystics were certainly kept busy signing autographs and posing for photos.

Thanks to the Mystics for taking the time out of their schedule so these kids get to meet their netball heroes!



CADBURY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Cadbury Volunteer of the Month is well underway here are the key dates for the remaining months:

	June	July	August
Nominations cut-off for the month	Sunday 13 June	Sunday 11 July	Sunday 15 August
NNZ to send Centres their nominations	Monday 14 June	Monday 12 July	Monday 16 August



A couple of our winners from 2020, Wiremu Britton-Rua from Mangonui Netball Centre and Linda Vane from Netball North Harbour.

HIBISCUS COAST NETBALL CENTRE – KINGSWAY SCHOOL

Player Centred Coaching

18 volunteer coaches attended a Player Centred Workshop at Kingsway School – they delivered a NetballSmart Warm Up and gained valuable insight into functional movement. Coaches got to share current coaching challenges they were facing, and then were provided with tools to enable them to create a fun, inviting session to build skills and adapt to what they are seeing. This delivery was part of a funded project thanks to Harbour Sport.



NETBALL WAITAKERE – PINK WEEK

Netball Waitakere held a “Pink Week” from the 24th – 29th May raising funds for Breast Cancer Foundation NZ.

The whole centre got behind this with teams, umpires, coaches and volunteers coming all pinked out, raffles, shooting competitions, pimp my bra competitions and a pink drinks and nibbles afternoon for all members. A Pink Caravan was on site on Saturday where ladies could pop in and get free breast health advice which is invaluable in catching cancer early and saving lives.

What a great way to raise funds and awareness for such an important cause.



NETBALL SUCCESS THANKS TO JUNIOR PLAYERS TAMAKI MAKAUROU FUND

Congratulations to all our netball clubs and Centres who were successful with their applications to the Junior Players Tamaki Makaurau Fund. The fund was truly over-subscribed with a total of 149 applications across 30 codes requesting more than \$2 million. We celebrate the 51 organisations that received financial support that will impact around 10,000 participants across Auckland. The full list of recipients can be found on Aktives Website [Funding | Active – Auckland Sport & Recreation - Aktive](#). Netball received a total of \$87,720 being 16% of the total funds available.

Netball Waitakere’s funds are directed to lower demographic schools and clubs with children who would otherwise not be able to participate. Their funds are being used to purchase netballs and shoes ensuring these children can enjoy being active in netball.



CALENDARS

REPRESENTATIVE TOURNAMENTS AND FESTIVAL DAYS	
30 May	Pukekohe Netball Centre
13 June	Auckland Netball Centre
20 June	Netball North Harbour
27 June	Netball Waitakere / Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre (TBC)
4 July	Papakura Netball Centre
1 August	Counties Manukau Inter City Day – hosted by Pukekohe
Northland Centres	
4 July	Kerikeri Rep / Festival Day
1 August	Whangarei Field Days
8 August	Northern Wairoa Field Days
15 August	BOI Field Days



TOURNAMENT TIPS

ZOOM WEBINAR

21st June 2021
7 - 8pm

We have an amazing opportunity for you to get some top tips from our panel of experts in the lead up to tournament season with this 1 hour Zoom session.

There will be four segments, each with their own topic with opportunities for questions at the end of each presentation.

<p>Umpire Zak Middleton</p> <p>Zak started umpiring in 2011 and first made the National Umpire Squad at the end of 2015. He is one of two umpires from the Northern Zone in the Squad and is currently involved in both NZ Premiership and National Netball League (formerly Beko) competitions.</p>	<p>Manager Meghan Robinson</p> <p>Meghan has been manager for the Northern Mystics for 5 seasons and was involved in the first Beko Netball League season of 2015. Meghan has been managing age group representative teams since 2014.</p>
<p>Coach Rob Wright</p> <p>Rob is in his first year as Mystics Assistant Coach. The last 10 years he has coached at Suncoast Super Netball and ANZ Championship level in Australia. Rob was a Coach at the NSW Institute of Sport for 8 years and has over 13 years experience coaching Age group Representative teams and ANZ.</p>	<p>NetballSmart Suzie Belcher</p> <p>Suzie is an accredited high performance and Olympic NSC Physio, who specialises in Biomechanical movement analysis and injury prevention. She has spent the last 4 years working with NZI on the national Netball Smart Injury prevention programme.</p>
<p>Coach Tia Winikerei</p> <p>Tia is a ASCA accredited S&C Coach and has been with Mystics and Marvels for 4 seasons in long term athlete development, performance and campaign planning, individual athlete planning and management, funds on coaching and coach development. Tia has coached at regional & national Secondary Schools & Representative Tournaments.</p>	

Please register via Sporty for the Zoom link
www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/165907



UMPIRE

New Umpire Coaches

Do you have anyone new who would like to become an umpire coach? Is there anyone involved with their club or school that could mentor and coach their own umpires?

The Introduction to Umpire Coaching module is the first step on the coaching journey and the foundation on which umpire coaching is based. It is aimed at new umpire coaches, or umpire coaches who would like to refresh or better understand the principles of coaching. The module includes philosophies that underpin how we coach.

The Introduction to Umpire Coaching module has been refreshed and updated with registrations now available for our series of workshops for 2021. We will hold this workshop online and over two separate nights for 1 ½ hours each time on these dates (participants must attend workshop 1 & 2):

- Wednesday 9th June, 6.30 – 8pm – Workshop 1
- Wednesday 16th June, 6.30 – 8pm – Workshop 2
- Monday 14th June, 6.30 – 8pm – Workshop 1
- Monday 21st June, 6.30 – 8pm – Workshop 2

Please use this link to register for workshop 1 & 2 - <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/165909>

Umpire Coach Update Workshops

The last workshop planned is at Auckland Netball Centre, Thursday 3rd June, 7pm.

Please register here - <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/164225>



Facilitation Workshop

We had a great Facilitation Workshop at Howick on 10th May. Everyone stretched themselves to look at and understand different approaches to facilitation and which is the optimal environment to operate in. They also challenged themselves to deliver their own mini workshop at the end. Nice work team!

We will be organising a date to deliver this for our north centres soon, watch out for further information.



NNL Observation

One of our national squad umpires, Zak Middleton, offered his time for our developing umpires to come and observe the NNL Marvels vs WBOP game on 16th May at Auckland Netball Centre. The umpires were given an understanding of how a game day works. They then observed the game with some thought provoking questions to answer and observed the post-match discussion between Zak and his national coach, Fay Meiklejohn.



Zone Theory Results

Congratulations to these umpires who have passed their NNZ Zone Theory exam:

Adele Baker	Megan Topia
Jennie Valgre	Paige Bell
Julia Lim	Stacey Beattie
Kiri Anderson	Sarah Waters
Leilani Kwan-Him	Phillippa Kingi
Molly Rapana	Pattie Schruer

NNL

The Marvels have had a great start to the season with 3 wins from the 4 games played so far which is a massive achievement! Their next game is on 6th June at The Trusts Arena as a curtain raiser to the Mystics so be sure to get along and show the girls your support.



MYSTICS

SUNDAY 6 JUNE VS STARS



The Northern Mystics are up against the Robinhood Stars in the first match of the Barfoot & Thompson Northern Challenge on Sunday 6 June. Tickets include the curtain raiser match which sees the Northern Marvels take on the Comets in the National Netball League at 4pm.

Doors Open: 3.30pm

Marvels vs Comets Centre Pass: 4pm

Mystics vs Stars Centre Pass: 6pm

Tickets on sale now at:

<https://www.ticketfairy.com/event/northern-mystics-mystics-vs-stars-6jun2021/>

SUNDAY 20 JUNE VS PULSE



We are up against last years champions Te Wananga o Raukawa Pulse which is set to be a great match up.

Tickets include the curtain raiser match between the Northern Marvels and Central in the National Netball League match at 2pm.

Doors Open: 1.30pm

Northern Marvels vs Central, centre pass: 2pm

Northern Mystics vs Central Pulse, centre pass: 4pm

Tickets on sale now at:

<https://www.ticketfairy.com/event/northern-mystics-mystics-vs-pulse-20jun2021/>

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