

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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For many of us, this time of year is all about reviewing the recently completed netball season and planning for the next 12 months – as well as continuing with the business of the day! It is also an opportunity to take stock and reflect on the many achievements.

With Covid-19 playing such a prominent role over the past couple of years, being able to get through a full season of largely uninterrupted netball feels like a fantastic achievement in itself!

At the recent Netball New Zealand Connections Conference, we heard from a number of great speakers. Sport NZ CEO, Raelene Castle noted that levels of participation in New Zealand have been declining. This was repeated at the InterActive Live Workshop this week, where it was noted that on average Aucklanders in particular, are less active than the rest of the country. One of the key barriers to participation for young women is uniforms, and not feeling comfortable in having to wear certain clothing.

A question for our netball community is whether we are providing an environment where our participants feel comfortable? The main reason for uniforms is to distinguish one team from the other. If we can do this with bibs in netball, can we be more flexible with what is worn underneath?

I encourage each of our Centres to consider this issue and decide if your current uniform rules are fit for purpose. Look out for Netball NZ's new uniform guidelines coming out to Centres before Christmas. If the research says that uniforms are a barrier to participation, can we make changes so that this barrier is removed?

We also heard about the importance of the youth voice in the decision-making process – a “no decision about us without us” mentality. At the zone we are looking at ways we can hear from our young people more often and in an authentic way. I would encourage each Centre to consider this as well, and I know many already do, which is great.

Finally, a reminder that season memberships are now on sale for both the MG Mystics and Robinhood Stars. Get in behind and support your favourite ANZ Premiership team with a season membership – makes for a great Christmas present as well!

Phil Vyver

CEO

FROM OUR BOARD

Strategy refreshed for impact

As we head towards the end of our financial year, we have spent some time with our CEO, Phil at our last two board meetings refreshing our strategy and annual plan along with setting assumptions for our 2023 budget. These are critical tasks for Board and CEO as we reflect on our purpose: **to grow and strengthen netball**; what worked well and what didn't this year and what truly makes a difference rather than what keeps us busy.

The Zone strategy refresh has incorporated centre input and feedback through centre engagement workshops in August, along with collaboration with Netball NZ Community team during October. Both these steps provided critical and useful inputs, which we then prioritised for impact, based on our current resourcing and business model.

We look forward to sharing the updated strategy and key areas of focus in due course.

We hope your own review and planning processes are progressing well.

Opportunities rather than challenges

Fellow board member, Michele Teague and I attended the Netball NZ Connections conference along with Phil and our Zone staff teams last Friday. There were several thoughtful and inspiring speakers, and it was a terrific chance to catch up with netball friends we have not seen for a while. Thanks to Netball NZ for putting together such a great conference and the fabulous Fast Five tournament.

One of the many key messages which stuck with me, from Sir Ian Taylor – to **reframe challenges as opportunities**. By changing the way, we view a situation an alternative approach or solution may emerge.

Take care everyone, noho ora mai,

Mary
Board Chair

Coach Developer Hui – December 2022

A blue poster for the Coach Developer Hui 2022. At the top, it says 'Recruit, Reignite, Reconnect' in yellow and white text, with a white cloud on the left and a smiling sun on the right. Below this, the title 'Coach Developer Hui 2022' is written in white. The main text in white says: 'After our first full year back coaching, join us to reconnect with why we love developing coaches and reignite our brand as coach developers.' This is followed by: 'This hui is about refreshing all things coach development for our coaching communities for the upcoming seasons.' A yellow speech bubble contains the text 'SAVE THE DATE'. Below this, the date 'Saturday, 3 December' and time '9:30am - 3:30pm' are listed. The location 'Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre' is also provided. Contact information for Tania Heap is given: 'auckland.coach@netballnorthern.co.nz'. At the bottom is the Netball Northern logo, which features a stylized netball and the text 'NETBALL NORTHERN Integrity, Unity, Loyalty, Excellence'.

The link to register: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/217546>

2022 Workshop Calendar

Coach, Umpire and Netball Smart Modules that are taking place during the remainder of the year. Please contact the personnel at the relevant netball centre for further information.

Online modules require you to log on to Sport Tutor. If you need help with this, please contact your local centre

Date	Start Time	Category	Module/s	Centre	Notes
Sat, 29 th Oct 22	10am	CCA1	Attack & Defence	Auckland Netball	Sport Tutor: Online Pre-requisite – Attack & Defence
Mon, 21 st Sep 22	6.30pm	CCA 1	Selecting	Waiuku Netball	Sport Tutor: Online Pre-requisite – Selecting
Sat, 10 th Dec 22	9am	CCA 1	Attack & Defence	Netball Waitakere	Sport Tutor: Online Pre-requisite – Attack & Defence
Sat, 10 th Dec 22	1pm	CCA 1	Shooting	Netball Waitakere	Sport Tutor: Online Pre-requisite - Shooting
Sat, 10 th Dec 22	3.30pm	CCA 1	Skills Analysis	Netball Waitakere	Sport Tutor: Online Pre-requisite – Skills Analysis
Sun, 11 th Dec 22	9am	CCA 1	Planning & Selecting	Netball Waitakere	Sport Tutor: Online Pre-requisite – Planning & Selecting
Sun, 12 th Dec 22	12.30pm	CCA 1	Team Culture & Building Effective Relationships	Netball Waitakere	Sport Tutor: Online pre-requisite – Team Culture & Building Effective Relationships

2023 Marvels Trials

Registrations for the 2023 Northern Marvels trials will be open till Wednesday 30th November.

There will be one open trial be held - Saturday 10th December

Call back trials will then be held on Monday 12th December and a final trial game Saturday 17th December

Northern Marvels 2023 Squad to be named by Monday 19th December

Final team selection completed in February 2023.

Northern Marvels trainings will be held on Mondays/Wednesday's nights and Saturday mornings, Times and Venues to be confirmed.

<https://www.netballnorthern.co.nz/zones/northern/nnl.html>



NETBALLSMART

Netball Northern Zone Community Team are excited to welcome Amelia Pasco as our NetballSmart Development Officer joining us on Wednesday 9th November 2022.

Amelia Pasco

Amelia hails from Central Otago where growing up she participated in every form of physical activity offered, thriving on the enjoyment of playing sports and being part of a team environment. She has played netball from 5 years old as well as coaching through her College and University years. Amelia also enjoys water skiing, snowboarding and the great outdoors.

At the University of Otago, she completed a Bachelor of Physical Education, followed by a Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Science and ASCA Strength and Conditioning Accreditation. Amelia has been working with performance athletes at EIT Institute of Sport and Health in Hawkes Bay and as a Fitness Coach at community gym Royston Health and Fitness Centre.

Amelia brings Strength and Conditioning expertise to the NetballSmart team, and we are excited to have her join us at Northern Zone.



UMPIRES

Umpire Theory & Practical Assessment Results 2022

It's been a busy year with the first full season in a while. Our umpires got back into the swing of things with sitting theory exams and passing practical assessments. Congratulations to all the umpires, we look forward to seeing you continue your journey.

Zone Theory exam passes – 34

Zone Award, practical – 45

Zone Endorsement, practical - 24

NZ Theory exam passes – 21

NZ C Award, practical – 7

NZ C Endorsement, practical – 2

NZ B Endorsement, practical – 1

NZ A Endorsement, practical – 1

IUA, practical award - 1

Umpire Congratulations

World Netball announced the officials selected for the FAST5 Netball World Series, Christchurch 2022, that just took place from the 5th – 6th November.

Congratulations to Cory Nicholls who was selected to umpire and Fay Meiklejohn that was part of the umpire panel. Zak Middleton was also selected to umpire the men's games that were part of the FAST5 tournament.

Extra Congratulations to Cory Nicholls who was selected to umpire the Grand Final. Well deserved!



MG MYSTICS MEMBERSHIPS – ON SALE NOW

Do you want to be amongst the action, sitting in the best seats in the house, at EVERY MG Mystics home game? We would love for you be part of our Mystics family and join the Mystics Nation for 2023!



GOLD Membership allows you to secure your seat for the entire season in the only reserved seating area in the venue, at the best price and includes member only benefits.

New for 2023 is our BLUE Season Membership – which gives you member only benefits with General Admission seating, so you can decide where you want to sit on a game-by-game basis.

If you can't make every home game but still want to join our Mystics Nation and enjoy many of the member only benefits, our 3 GAME FLEXI PASS is the perfect solution. Simply choose the three (3) MG Mystics home games you want to attend at The Trusts Arena, and you'll receive match tickets along with a Flexi Pass card for member only entry and other perks.

Our Mystics Nation members are the ultimate fans, and we want YOU there to support us and be part of the action. Secure your MG Mystics membership and 'Be the Crowd' – we look forward to seeing you there!

Buy now: <https://www.northernmystics.co.nz/season-membership-2023/>



ADULT: \$210 CHILD: \$75

Package Includes:

- Reserved seating in the Gold Zone (behind team benches) – select your seat for the season
- Membership card & lanyard
- Members only VIP entrance at home games – open 15mins earlier than main doors
- Members only concession at main food & beverage outlet at home games
- Discount on MG Mystics Merchandise
- Invitation to pre season match/es – closed to the public
- Regular updates, competitions & special offer



ADULT: \$175 CHILD: \$65

Package Includes:

- General Admission Seating
- Membership card & lanyard
- Members only VIP entrance at home games – open 15mins earlier than main doors
- Members only concession at main food & beverage outlet at home games
- Discount on MG Mystics Merchandise
- Invitation to pre season match/es – closed to the public
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ADULT: \$75 CHILD: \$30

Package Includes:

- General Admission Seating for three (3) MG Mystics home games – at The Trusts Area only
- Membership card & lanyard
- Members only VIP entrance at home games – open 15mins earlier than main doors
- Members only concession at main food & beverage outlet at home games
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ROBINHOOD STARS MEMBERSHIP

Kia Ora Stars Fans!

The ANZ Premiership returns March 2023 and it's set to be better than ever. After earning a place in the Grand Final in a fiercely contested 2022 season, the team are excited to return and take things up a notch and bring home that trophy at their home stomping ground at Pulman Arena.

Robinhood Stars season memberships are now on sale \$220 for adults and \$130 for children (3-14years)

See below membership package for 2023:

- Access to 8 round robin games
- Invitation to pre-season game v Mystics
- Members only meet and greet with the team
- 20% off merchandise
- VIP members lanyard
- Member's gift
- Dedicated reserved seating area courtside
- In season updates from coach Kiri Wills
- Pre-game glass of wine/beer and nibbles on 1 x home game

To access memberships, and find out more about our non-ticketed memberships click the below link:

<https://www.starsnetball.co.nz/stars/memberships.html>



WITH THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS...

