

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2022



It has been such a busy end to the winter season! Congratulations to the organising committee of the UNISS Tournament, and to the Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre for hosting a fantastic event. The weather played its part, which certainly made a massive difference when compared to the U18's in Christchurch!

Congratulations to the six school teams that qualified for the FujiFilm Business Innovation NZ Secondary School Netball Championships which start next week. Go well and represent your zone, centre, school, and whanau with pride.

As part of the above tournaments, it is great to see our up and coming umpires gain further experience and knowledge at these tournaments. Good luck to those selected for the National Secondary Schools next week.

NetballSmart staff were also out in force at UNISS, watching to see if the teams warmed up as they should! Importantly being able to work with teams and coaches to point them in the right direction if they weren't quite there.

As you will read in this newsletter there are some great learning opportunities coming up. I certainly encourage Centres to be represented at the Netball NZ Connections Conference in Christchurch in early November. It is not too late to register, and you can watch some great Fast5 Netball while you are there!

Northern Zone is offering a player development day in November to some players who have been identified through our scouting group. Meghan Robinson, MG Mystics Team Manager is currently collecting contact information for these players from Centres and schools and we appreciate your assistance in this process.

Our annual Coach Developer Hui is coming up in early December, with information coming out to Centres and direct to Coach Developers very soon so keep an eye out for this!

It was great to see a number of our Centres recently receive funding to upgrade facilities from their local council. Many hours of hard work have been put in to get to this point, so well done and congratulations to those Centres.

Phil Vyver, CEO

FROM OUR BOARD

When we commit to a board or committee role with a centre or netball organisation we also commit to keeping up to date and developing our skills in order to carry out the role with care and diligence. Some of this work developing skills and knowledge can be done collectively as a board group e.g. receiving technical updates such as on the new Incorporated Societies Act, provided in this newsletter last month and some is individually focussed, to enhance your own skills, whether through reading, webinars or attending conferences or in person training.

There are a couple of great opportunities coming up that I wanted to highlight:

Netball NZ Connections Conference being held in Christchurch 4-6 November.

The programme on Friday, 4 November is excellent with a range of thoughtful topics and top class speakers. I encourage you to consider the programme and participate. See further in the newsletter for links to funding support letters for Centres wishing to attend.

<https://www.netballnz.co.nz/netball-nz/news/2022-connections-conference.html>

IWG World Conference being held in Auckland 14-17 November

This will be the largest gathering in the world dedicated to advancing gender equity and equality in sport and physical activity. The purpose of the conference is to share research, case studies, toolkits and ideas that can be practically applied to ensure women and girls gain equity of opportunity to participate, compete and build careers in sport. The program and speakers are inspiring. Virtual and in person options are available. More information about how to participate can be found:

<https://www.iwgworldconference.org>

I hope to see you there.

Take care everyone, noho ora mai,

Mary
Board Chair

AUCKLAND REGIONAL FACILITIES WORKING GROUP

Auckland Council published the results of applications made to the 2022/2023 Facilities Investment Fund and we are absolutely thrilled with the approvals for netball.

Centres, Northern Zone, and the Regional Facilities Working Group took considerable time and effort to submit detailed, worthy applications that have the best chance of success. The two-stage application process is intense, complex and time consuming – so a huge amount of gratitude and respect to the Centres involved. We are forever grateful to the services of members of the Regional Facilities Working Group whose expertise has been invaluable in actively supporting these applications.

From the 103 initial expressions of interest, only 36 were approved for stage two from which 34 applicants were granted funding.

Netball Projects successful are:

Mangere-Otahuhu Netball Centre	\$545,000 for court rubberisation
Rodney Netball Centre	\$100,000 for court redevelopment
Waiuku Netball Centre	\$230,000 for facilities upgrade

For Rodney Netball Centre the court redevelopment has been many years of council lobbying, and with only three of six courts left playable extremely relieving to know new courts are on the horizon.

Mangere-Otahuhu will relish a new rubberised surface, and Waiuku continue to upgrade their courts and facilities implementing their long term asset management and improvement plan.

The Regional Facilities Working Group along with Zone Community Netball Manager, Karyne Ross, provide support to these Centres through the implementation phase to bring their projects to life.

In Northland facilities news Far North District Council have confirmed funding has been approved to upgrade Mangonui Netball Centre courts including fencing and lights. This is a huge relief for this Centre as courts became near unplayable this season. Thank you to Far North District Council for your continued support of netball.



NETBALLSMART

NetballSmart had a great week at AIMs where it was great to see all teams not only performing the NetballSmart Power Warm-Up but also all the great recovery strategies. There was plenty of great stretching, rolling, rehydrating and refuelling done by all! Our NetballSmart Development Officer in the Central Zone also attended the 2022 Opens Tournament where there were some adaptations to the NetballSmart Warm-Up that still prepared the players well for the game. We were also very pleased to see a Northern Zone Team come out on top!

As the season winds down its important that players earn a well-deserved rest although make sure you are still warming up for any summer sports that you are playing. NetballSmart hardly has an off season though with the introduction of the Twilight Season – just because its ‘warmer’ outside doesn’t mean that we don’t need to warm-up! Our NetballSmart Development Officer is still available for any workshops.

Check out the NetballSmart Website for the condensed Social version of the NetballSmart Dynamic Warm-Up [NetballSmart Social Warm-Up.pdf](#) to ensure that you stay injury free over the summer period!



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Social NetballSmart Power Warm-Up

- > Confined space and restricted time can interfere with a good warm-up.
- > The Power Warm-up can be done in a confined space (on the sideline) and in 5 minutes. A short netball specific warm-up is better than no warm-up at all. It helps to decrease injury and gets you primed and ready to play.
- > For tips on technique and to watch the videos head to the NetballSmart website www.netballsmart.co.nz

 **NETBALL**
NEW ZEALAND

MG MYSTICS FAREWELL CLAIRE O'BRIEN and WELCOME KATIE TE AO

The MG Mystics will farewell Claire O'Brien who has asked for a release from her contract so she can remain in Australia.

Talented mid-courter Katie Te Ao will take O'Brien's spot in the 2023 MG Mystics. O'Brien, who joined the MG Mystics as a training partner in 2021 and made her debut at centre that year, returned to Australia in July. The Sydney-born O'Brien has since informed the MG Mystics she would prefer to remain there to be closer to family and friends, and to pursue career opportunities in Australia.



MG Mystics vice-captain Michaela Sokolich-Beatson says it will be sad to lose O'Brien who had become a big part of the team, on and off the court. "We support her decision to stay in Australia and just want whatever is best for her. We will miss her but she will always be part of the MG Mystics whanau. Head Coach Tia Winikerei said O'Brien had been a valued part of the MG Mystics and wished her well.

O'Brien thanked her team and the MG Mystics fans for their support over the past two years. "It has been an honour to be a part of the Mystics whanau and one I will be cherishing forever. I know my teammates and coaches will do us proud in season 2023 and I can't wait to see it.

Te Ao, aged 21, was a training partner for the 2021 Splice Construction Magic and a member of the 2020 and 2021 Waikato Bay of Plenty National Netball League teams. She was selected for the New Zealand under 21s team to play in the 2021 Cadbury series (which was cancelled for this team, due to Covid). Te Ao returned home to Auckland this year and played for Counties Manukau in the recent Netball NZ Open Championships, where her explosive athleticism and competitive nature were obvious.

Winikerei says Te Ao will be a good fit for the MG Mystics and comes with elite level training and game experience. "This will be a new opportunity for Katie to build on what she learnt from her time with Magic. She has great athleticism and is fiercely competitive. It is this competitive nature that we think will fit superbly at MG Mystics".

Te Ao was born in New Zealand and raised in Western Australia until Year 12. She returned to her home town of Tuakau in 2018, completing her secondary school education at St Peter's Cambridge in 2019 where her team won the New Zealand Secondary School netball title.

MG MYSTICS 2023 HOME DRAW



Opponent	Date & Time	Venue
VS STEEL	Saturday 4 March 7pm	The Trusts Arena, Auckland
VS STARS	Sunday 26 March 4pm	The Trusts Arena, Auckland
VS PULSE	Saturday 15 April 4pm	The Trusts Arena, Auckland
VS MAGIC	Sunday 23 April 4pm	The Trusts Arena, Auckland
VS STARS	Monday 24 April 7pm	The Trusts Arena, Auckland
VS STEEL	Saturday 6 May 7pm	The Trusts Arena, Auckland
VS TACTIX	Monday 22 May 7pm	Eventfinda Stadium, Auckland

ROBINHOOD STARS 2023 HOME DRAW



Round	Opponent	Date & Time	Venue
ROUND 1	VS TACTIX	Monday 6th March 7.00PM	Pulman Arena, Papakura
ROUND 2	VS STEEL	Monday 13th March 7.00PM	Pulman Arena, Papakura
ROUND 3	VS PULSE	Sunday 19th March 2.00PM	Pulman Arena, Papakura
ROUND 5	VS TACTIX	Sunday 2nd April 4.00PM	Pulman Arena, Papakura
ROUND 6	VS PULSE	Saturday 8th April 7.00PM	Pulman Arena, Papakura
ROUND 7	VS STEEL	Saturday 15th April 7.00PM	Pulman Arena, Papakura
ROUND 9	VS MAGIC	Sunday 30th April 7.00PM	Pulman Arena, Papakura
ROUND 12	VS MYSTICS	Sunday 21st May 2.00PM	Pulman Arena, Papakura



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UMPIRES

UNISS

UNISS this year saw over 120 umpires from Northern and WBOP Zones officiating 1,100 games for 113 schools. The beautiful weather meant umpires were able to showcase their skills and develop their techniques while enjoying the sun. Congratulations to all umpires who attended this years' UNISS and we hope to see everyone back next year!

Big thanks to the umpire coaching panel for supporting the umpires in developing their skills and techniques across the tournament. The umpire coaches also received coach development supporting their own learning and coaching goals throughout the week. It was great to see everyone step out of their comfort zone and build their coaching skills.

Congratulations to those umpires appointed to umpire a finals game:

A Grade Final: Brooklyn Fisher, Melanie Twyford and reserve Kian Manilal

B Grade Final: Keni Kingi, Mikayla Mckenzie and reserve Kayla Conover

C Grade Final: Caitlin Forrest, Renee Smit and reserve Jess Beck

D Grade Final: Julia Lim, Ashley Edwards and reserve Emma Brandt



NNZ TOURNAMENT UMPIRES

Congratulations to these umpires that were selected by NNZ to attend two national tournaments recently. We are excited that these tournaments have taken place (11-14th October for NZSS) as the umpires for these pathway events missed out after a difficult 2020 and 2021.

NZ Opens Champs:

Scott Bailey
Roger Rota
Glendon Carter
Shaz Papesch
Kiani Smith (injury)
Matt Davis

FUJIFILM Business Innovation NZ Secondary Schools Netball Champs:

Scott Bailey
Mckynlee Breen
Kian Manilal
Kira Morrison



BENCH OFFICIALS

Our bench officials not only work hard throughout the year at the Synergy Hair Netball League, ANZ Premiership, local tournaments and in their local netball centres, they are also selected to go to national tournaments.



Congratulations to Bobby-Jo Buchanan (unable to attend), Carollynn Frew, Darren Beattie and Denise Neal who were selected to the NZ Open Champs and Maree Wallace who will travel to NZ Secondary School Champs.

NORTHERN ZONE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT DAY

As part of the 2022 Zone scouting pilot, we are offering a player development day to some players who have been identified from Regional and National Age-Group Representative tournaments, Netball Centre competitions, and the 2022 UNISS tournament. The zone has ranked the players who have been identified using a 3-Tiered ranking system which is described below.

Tier 1	At NNL level or 1 year away from trialling – Potential for National Development Camp
Tier 2	2-3 years away from NNL level – Potential for National Development Camp
Tier 3	Future potential– keep tracking

For this development day we are targeting the players in Tier 1. For players who have been identified in Tier 1 and 2 the zone scouting group will consider their potential for the National Development Camp in 2023 and make nominations to NNZ on behalf of these players. For players identified in all Tiers we will continue to track them throughout 2023, to observe their progress. MG Mystics Team Manager Meghan Robinson will be in contact with netball centres, schools and/or coaches in an attempt to collate contact details for the Tier 1 players.

The Development Day will be held on Sunday 27 November and all players in Tier 1 will be sent an invite with full details, hence the importance of Zone having direct contact details for these players. We appreciate Centres and Schools assistance in collecting this information.

NETBALL NZ – CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE



The 2022 Netball Connections Conference will take place on Friday 4th, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th November at Te Pae Christchurch Convention Centre. Click [here](#) to register. The official programme can be found on our website [here](#). We understand that cost can be a barrier for you being able to attend. We encourage you to seek support from local funders. Please find a funding letter [here](#) to support your application

WITH THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS...

