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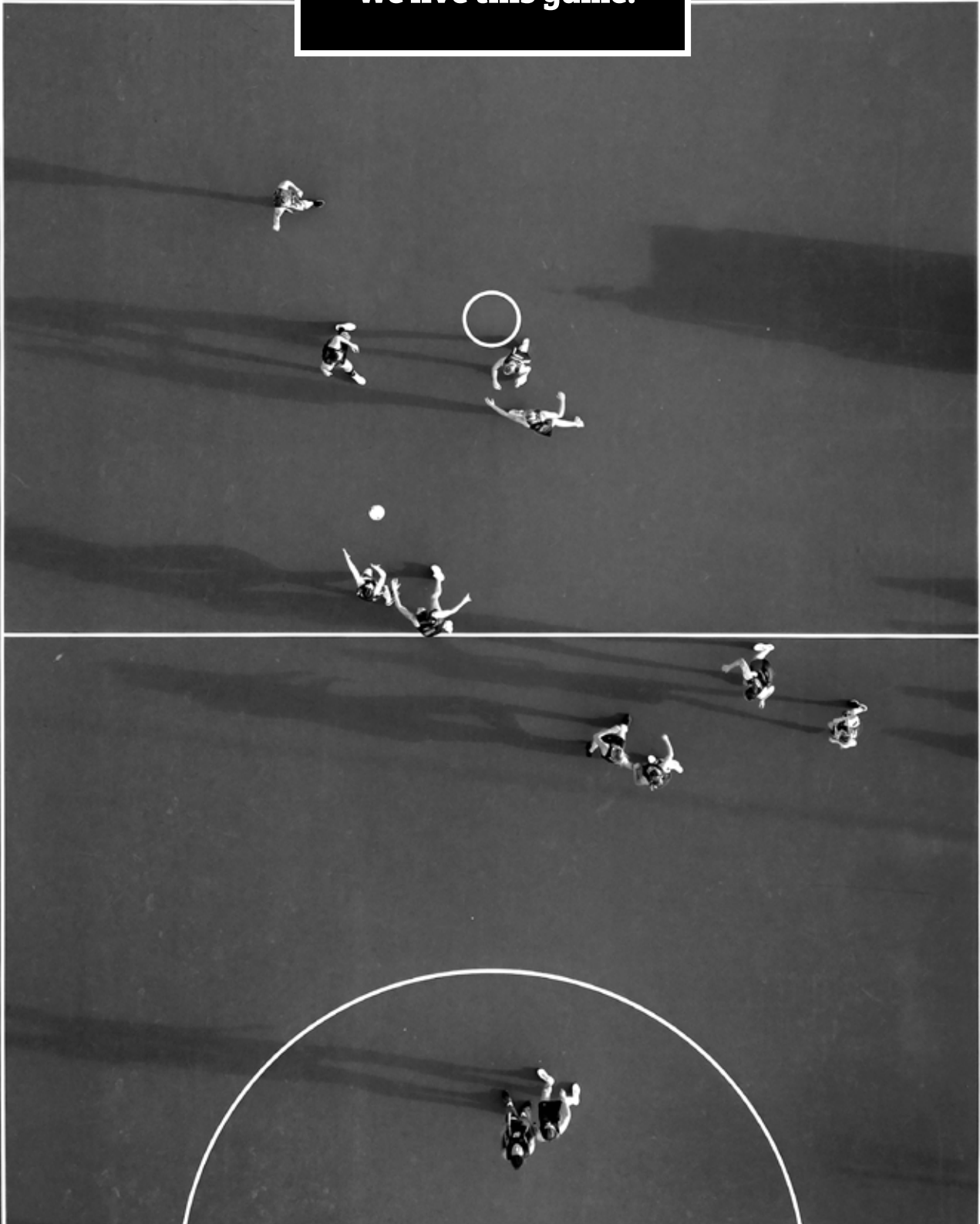
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**Ninety-ninth  
Annual Report**

# **2023**

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**We live this game.**



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The Annual Report and these Financial Statements will be presented to the 97th Council Meeting of Netball New Zealand to be held on 24 February 2024.

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# Board Chair and Chief Executive's Report

Mai I Te Manukura,  
Mai I Tumu Whakarae

**He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata.**  
Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure.

**In a year when Aotearoa New Zealand celebrated the rise of women's sport, Netball has continued to flourish, particularly in our most vital space – grassroots.**

In our first full season without COVID-19 interruptions, the participation numbers at the community level of our game have grown, from 132,400 in 2022 to 138,200 in 2023 [four per cent growth].

We are now seeing the rewards of our manākitanga, our care for people and communities over the last few challenging seasons, and so much of that has to do with the tireless mahi of our Netball Centres and Zones and their Boards throughout the country.

We must give special kudos to those who work and volunteer at our Netball Centres, clubs and in schools. You are the lifeblood of our communities; without you, the game would not happen.

On the back of this growth, we are not resting on our laurels. We have projects ready to launch in 2024 that will further improve the Netball experience.

Some of that mahi is with our junior Netball programme, Woolworths futureFERNs. While this initiative is already successful, with a new major partner, Tip Top Bakery, and naming rights partner, Woolworths, we know it can be even better, and are ensuring it is future proofed.

Woolworths futureFERNs is the first programme to go through the customer experience methodology. This sees us putting the participant [player, parent, volunteer] at the heart of our decision-making. This is an example of Poipoia, our Netball strategy, coming to life. Connecting communities and making sure they exist in a safe and happy environment that is what Poipoia is all about. Our initiatives are tied to the overarching vision of Netball in New Zealand.

During the difficult times of the last few years – through a pandemic, lockdowns and severe weather events – our community team have done an exceptional job, reassuring and providing resources and support to our Netball communities so they feel strong enough to follow their own direction to do what's right.

These are things Kiwis have been seeking for some time. We know our Netball community show determination to authentically care for their people. Our alignment with our Netball Zones and Centres have solidified and are

stronger than ever, and we're all working in the same direction. We're branching out, and exploring different ways of involving more people in our game – like No Limits Netball, an exciting initiative giving disabled participants the chance to engage in inclusive netball activities, which has expanded to six pilot centres throughout Aotearoa.

We also rolled out a safeguarding programme this year, ensuring we have trained child safeguarding representatives wherever the game is played. This has had incredible uptake, and it again connects with Poipoia by providing a fun, safe and welcoming environment.

In the immediate wake of Cyclone Gabrielle wreaking havoc on the North Island, we asked what we could do to support our Netball Centres in Northland, the Coromandel and Hawke's Bay. How could we ensure there were still playing opportunities for people when every bridge in their town had washed away? Poipoia was our reference point, allowing us to connect with

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people and understand their individual circumstances. In some situations, we were able to go into areas badly affected with our partner, ANZ, support them financially and give them uniforms and playing gear. We needed to help to make a difference.

We're forever grateful for the massive contributions our volunteers make to Netball, and we're endeavouring to make their hard work more enjoyable and rewarding. We're putting the tools into the hands of people on the front-line. Over the last year, we've put Sporty digital systems into more than 90 per cent of our Centres and clubs, to improve administration and communication and free up time for volunteers to do what they love. They must be acknowledged and valued, and we saw that happen through the 1,200 nominations for the Cadbury Volunteer of the Month and the Volunteer of the Year awards during 2023.

The ANZ Premiership continued to engage and thrill fans, with the MG Mystics crowned champions for a second time. Their grand final victory over the Robinhood Stars was played at a sold-out GLOBOX Arena in Hamilton, proving Netball fans will travel to support their teams. It was special to see the first-up success of MG Mystics' coach Tia Winikerei, after her journey from community Netball manager to MG Mystics apprentice, assistant and now head coach.

Wellington won the Margaret Forsyth Cup at the Celebration Box Netball NZ U18 Champs, also played in Hamilton - with Margaret's mother and son present to hand over the trophy. In another milestone, the first male U17 tournament was played simultaneously, with Waitākere winning the inaugural title.

Auckland became the NetballSmart Netball NZ Open Champs in Dunedin, while the Rachel Rasmussen-coached Avondale College took out the NZ Secondary Schools Netball Champs in



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a 38-37 grand-final thriller from Saint Kentigern College.

At the pinnacle of the sport, the Silver Ferns had a challenging Netball World Cup campaign in Cape Town. While the history books will show we finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place, losing the bronze-medal match to Jamaica, it was still a well-considered campaign for our team. They went in prepared to the best of their ability and were mere moments away from reaching the final in their semi-final with England. Kate Heffernan came into her own, and was named midcourter of the tournament.

The Silver Ferns were well supported by a fanatical legion of fans which included the House of Travel contingent, lead by Irene van Dyk . It was great to see the first all-female broadcasting crew, and our own Kate Agnew supporting World Netball and running the cutter across the tournament. New Zealand was also well represented with five umpires at the World Cup, led by the experienced Umpire Appointment Panel Member David Pala'amo.

We were proud to see Todd Miller and Leigh Gibbs receiving World Netball Service Awards. Yvette McCausland-

Durie and Reinga Bloxham were appointed in assistant coaching roles for Fiji and Wales at the tournament – an agreement with Netball NZ that we see as incredibly important to ensuring our coaching depth remains strong for the future.

To their credit, the Silver Ferns immediately bounced back from their disappointment, beating England, 2-1, in the Taini Jamison Trophy, then finished their international season strongly against the new world champions, Australia. It was the Ferns' moment of redemption tying up the



Constellation Cup with two victories at home. This was a true measure of their tenacity and a reminder that we continue to be Australia's nemesis. To provide consistency for players and management, Silver Ferns' coach Dame Noeline Taurua's contract was extended to include the Nations Cup in England in January 2024.

The FAST5 Netball World Series was once again loud, colourful, exciting and entertaining. Hosted brilliantly by Christchurch for a second consecutive year, it was fantastic

to have our women and men playing alongside each other; the NZ Net Blacks retaining their men's world title and the FAST5 Ferns going one better than 2022 and winning silver.

Three Silver Ferns – Bailey Mes, Claire Kersten and Sulu Fitzpatrick – wrapped up stellar careers in 2023, and we appreciate all they've given to Netball, as role models and leaders.

Netball lost four significant mana wāhine in our community in 2023. We were able to fittingly honour the memory of world-champion Silver Ferns' coach, Taini Jamison, during the series that bears her name, against England in September. One of Taini's exceptional shooters in the 1967 World Cup winning side, Mirth Solomon – who succeeded Taini as president of Netball Rotorua – passed away. We also pay tribute to Silver Fern #18 Thelma Turner from the 1948 Silver Ferns team who passed away this year. And the tremendous influence and impact of legendary coach Robyn Broughton on Netball in the south was recognised when the stadium in Invercargill was named in her honour for the Silver Ferns' test against the Diamonds in October.

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for the Silver Ferns' test against the Diamonds in October.

Once again, we are grateful to our commercial partners, High Performance Sport NZ and Sport NZ and our broadcast partners for their valued involvement in our game. ACC have renewed their

contract with us until 2026 to continue to deliver the highly successful NetballSmart programme, thanks to the work of Sharon Kearney and her NetballSmart team.

Thanks, also, to our Youth Board, leading the way by actively engaging with various

sporting organisations and initiatives – like Taekwondo NZ and the NZ Police in the disability space – to share their knowledge and amplify their influence on the country's sporting landscape. Thanks to Board member Ciccone Hakaraia-Turner who sits in on our Netball NZ board meetings as well.

There were some memorable moments on our Board in 2023. Allison Ferguson finished her term as Netball New Zealand Board Chair. We are so grateful for her nine years of outstanding service in bringing her legal expertise and strong Netball knowledge to the Board. An incredible leader, we're fortunate Allison continues to serve Netball in so many ways.

Matt Whineray became Allison's more-than-capable successor as Chair in August, and Tina Karaitiana was elected as the new Netball NZ President at the 2023 AGM, and Julie Coney to the Netball NZ Board. We are grateful to the support of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei in guiding us beautifully through a pōwhiri to welcome Tina, new Board Members and Julie Coney, and new Netball NZ staff. We also welcomed Aliasha Staples to the Netball NZ board in October.

And finally, to our NNZ staff: it's been a colossal year, both at home and away, as we – and you – handled it with dedication and care; thank you.

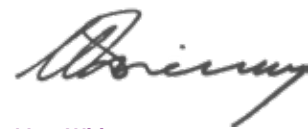
While we may have returned to normal, 'normal' continues to change. We face challenges in terms of competition for players with other sports/pastimes, as well as in terms of the economic environment which is increasing costs while revenue is under pressure. How we reach our players, volunteers and fans continues to change.

We will continue to adapt how we deliver the different forms of the game to deal with the changes in the world around us. We do this always with the Poipoia statement of purpose front of mind – "Connecting and inspiring communities through Netball" – reminding us why we are here.

The strength of our Netball communities truly demonstrates the health of our game in Aotearoa. This is so essential as we head into a special milestone year – commemorating the centenary of Netball in New Zealand. It's wonderful we can continue to celebrate the game at the grassroots level 100 years after it was first played here, knowing we are still thriving.



**Jennie Wyllie**  
Netball NZ Chief Executive



**Matt Whineray**  
Netball NZ Board Chair



# Netball New Zealand Board and Staff

**Jennie Wyllie**  
Chief Executive

**Katie Pinfold**  
Office Manager

## COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

**David Cooper**  
Chief Commercial Officer

**Emma Fowle**  
League General Manager [ANZP]

**Rebecca Annan**  
New Business Manager

**Aimee Preest**  
Sponsorship and Funding Manager

**Alice Greatbatch**  
Commercial Partnerships Coordinator  
[commenced January]

## COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

**Kerry Manders**  
Head of Communications and Marketing

**Toni Guy**  
Marketing and Brand Manager

**Madeline van Wichen**  
Graphic Designer

**April Yorwarth**  
Marketing and Communications Executive [until September]

**Kieran Bingham**  
Communications Executive  
[commenced November]

## COMMUNITY NETBALL

**Ruth Southwood**  
Head of Community Netball

**Irene van Dyk**  
Participation Manager

**Garratt Williamson**  
National Technical Officials Manager

**Jenna Murie**  
National Programmes Manager

**Jenny Storey**  
NetballSmart Programmes Manager

**Hannah Coutts**  
NetballSmart Programmes Manager  
[Maternity Cover]

**Ivan Harre**  
Programme Manager – PSP

**Angela Carmody**  
Programme Coordinator – PSP  
[until March]

**Ashvina Patel**  
Community Netball Coordinator

**Leigh Gibbs**  
Community Coaching Manager

**Tania Fink**  
Community Umpire Support

**Nick Burton**  
NetballSmart Development Officer

## EVENTS

**Torise Flay**  
Events and Competitions Lead  
[commenced November]

**Melissa Phillips**  
Senior Event and Commercial Servicing Manager

**Grace Rhynd**  
Event Manager [commenced January]

**Daniel Robinson**  
Event Manager [commenced January]

**Brenna Ward**  
Event Administrator [commenced July]

## FINANCE AND SERVICES

**Lisa Greenaway**  
Senior Finance Manager

**Jacinta Caldwell**  
Finance Manager

**Paula Bos**  
Accountant

**Claire Britton**  
Payroll/HR Administrator

**Talei Robson**  
Accounts Officer [commenced July]

## NETBALL NEW ZEALAND BOARD

**Carole Maddix**  
NNZ President [until March]

**Tina Karaitiana**  
NNZ President  
[commenced March]

**Allison Ferguson**  
NNZ Board Chair, Appointed NNZ Board Member [until August]

**Matt Whineray**  
NNZ Board Chair [commenced August], Appointed NNZ Board Member

**Bernice Mene**  
Elected NNZ Board Member

**Julie Coney**  
Elected NNZ Board Member  
[commenced February]

**Pavan Vyas**  
Appointed NNZ Board Member

**Sue Gordon**  
Elected NNZ Board Member

**Shane Harmon**  
Appointed NNZ Board Member

**Aliesha Staples**  
Appointed NNZ Board Member  
[commenced November]

**Ciccione Hakaraia-Turner**  
Youth Board Representative

## HIGH PERFORMANCE

**Keir Hansen**  
Head of High Performance [until February]

**Stephen Hotter**  
Head of High Performance  
[commenced March]

**Noeline Taurua**  
Silver Ferns Head Coach

**Esther Molloy**  
Silver Ferns Operational Manager

**Guy Mothersole**  
Strength and Conditioning Lead

**Nicky Cattermoul**  
Pathways Project Manager

**Tania Karauria**  
National Coaching Manager

## STRATEGIC PROJECTS

**Stacey Lawrence**  
Finance Manager Strategic Projects  
[Maternity Leave]

**John Whiting**  
Digital and Content Strategy Lead



# KEY STATISTICS

**2.37M**  
TV Audience

## Website Visits

Silver Ferns: **1.25m**

ANZP: **1.27m**

Netball NZ: **683k**

**76M**  
Video Views

*SilverFans*  
**26k**



SILVER FERNS  
WORLD RANKING

**#2**

## ANZ Premiership Brand Strength



↑  
**INCREASED**



**Total NNZ  
Affiliated Players**

**138,241**



**576k**

TOTAL SOCIAL  
AUDIENCE



**78M**  
impressions

**8M**  
engagements

**10.1%**  
average engagement rate



**10,867**

NNZ  
Registered  
Coaches



NNZ Accredited Umpires

**1,772**



**#1** sport played in  
**SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

# President's Report

Mai I Te Perehitini

**He rau maharatanga, he rau aroha ka pupū ake ki ngā ringa raupā o roto i ngā tau.** The memories of those who have given so much are remembered always with aroha and respect.

**As we draw a close to the 2023 season, I am reminded of the sadness that touched so many lives with the loss of much-loved Netball family members. Netball NZ celebrated the lives of four of these legends and stalwarts of our game.**

Lois Bush, Auckland Life Member, Netball administrator and volunteer exemplar, sadly passed away on 26 April. Lois was a devoted and much-loved and respected netballer who played an integral part in many Netball portfolios of the game in Auckland and wider Netball communities.

Taini Jamison, Netball NZ Life Member and OBE recipient, passed away on 28 April. Taini is remembered by many across the country and has the honour of being the first New Zealand coach to win a world title, which she achieved in 1967. Her legacy remains within Netball NZ with the Taini Jamison Trophy she presented in 2008 for an international fixture played between New Zealand and visiting international teams. This year the Silver Ferns secured the Taini Jamison Trophy against a formidable foe, the England Roses.

Robyn Broughton, Netball NZ Life Member, ONZM, Silver Ferns' assistant coach 2000-2002, the sun set on this Netball icon on 6 September. Robyn excelled in several sports and while immensely proud of these achievements, one in particular stands out and that is as coach of Southern Sting - 1998-2007. Under Robyn's guidance and leadership, the Sting raised the National Bank winner's trophy on seven occasions, a feat which is still to be rivalled.

Mirth Solomon passed away on 31 October. She was a recipient of a silver medal at the 1963 World Netball tournament and won a prestigious gold medal at the subsequent Netball World Cup in 1967. A humble and inspirational leader, Mirth was the President of Rotorua Netball for 15 years, honoured with an Netball NZ Service Award and a proud Life Member of Netball Rotorua.

We also remember the late Thelma Turner Silver Fern #18 who played for the 1948 team. Thelma was from the Manawatū region, received a golden opportunity to play for the Silver Ferns during the history-making three-test

home series against Australia. An active sportswoman throughout her life, Thelma passed away in September at the age of 94 and will always be fondly remembered as one of netball's trail-blazing Silver Ferns.

## Welcome to Netball NZ

It is with much gratitude that I acknowledge Netball NZ for hosting a pōwhiri to welcome me to my new role. The event was made even more special with newly appointed Board Member, Julie Coney and newly appointed Head of High Performance Stephen Hotter joining me and my whānau and friends.

## Netball World Cup

The team were very disappointed with their performance at the 2023 Netball World Cup, but on reflection a key is finding the energy and motivation to rebuild again. The Silver Ferns fought back from this outcome by demonstrating why they wear the black dress through securing the 2023 Taini Jamison Trophy from England and then beating the 2023 world champions, Australia, in the final two games of the Constellation Cup in New Zealand and in front of our own nettie communities. While the Australians lifted the trophy, on goal difference, the Silver Ferns were elated with these significant wins.



## World Accolades

A number of New Zealanders in Cape Town were fortunate to witness Leigh Gibbs receiving a World Netball Service Award for her services to Netball at a global level. It was a pleasure to be there and celebrate with Leigh in achieving this outstanding accolade.

## ANZ Premiership

The 2023 ANZ Premiership proved to be an exciting competition and although a shorter season due to Netball World Cup commitments, many of the games went to the wire including the first ever ANZ Premiership match to go into extended extra time. Three teams were challengers at the business end, MG Mystics going directly to a finals berth while the Robinhood Stars and Te Wānanga o Raukawa Pulse played off in the Elimination Final match. MG Mystics proved too strong for the Robinhood Stars in the final game, taking out the Champion's title for the 2023 ANZ Premiership.

## FAST5

An innovative and fun FAST5 Netball was again held in the garden city, Ōtautahi-Christchurch. Thousands of fans attended and dressed for this fun-filled two-day Netball extravaganza. The top six countries in world Netball were competing for this coveted title: Australia, New Zealand, Jamaica, England, South Africa and Malawi. Australia and NZ played off in the final with Australia earning bragging rights at the final whistle.

Congratulations to the Net Blacks who made us proud with their second men's FAST5 Netball World Series crown with their victory over their great trans-Tasman rivals Australia. Led by a stand-out shooting display from Thomson

Matuku, the final MVP, and Junior Levi, the Net Blacks produced a game-changing third quarter to push out for a 51-34 win.

## National Events

It was a privilege to attend the Celebration Box Netball NZ U18 Champs in Kirikiriroa-Hamilton which was supported by hundreds of whānau and friends who travelled from across the motu. This was also the inaugural outing for the U17 men's grade. Congratulations to the winner of the U18 grade Wellington A Black and runners up Hamilton City A and the winner of the U17 men's grade Waitākere and runners up Hamilton City.

I attended the NetballSmart Netball NZ Open Champs this year in the beautiful

city of Ōtepoti-Dunedin. There have been thousands of goals scored since attending my first national tournament as an umpire in Dunedin but something that some netballers may not be aware of is Dunedin was also the first city in Aotearoa New Zealand to host the first indoor open-grade tournament. It was also pleasing to note that local and regional pride and passion have not waned. The overall winners in 2023 were Auckland and the runners up were Christchurch Red.

## NZ Honours and Netball NZ Awards

On behalf of Netball NZ, I wish to acknowledge all the recipients of the Netball NZ Service Awards at the AGM and also to the wider Netball communities and individuals who were recognised in the NZ Honours Awards. My appreciation is extended to the Netball NZ Life Members for their kind words and guidance in my first year as President and to Carole Maddix - thank you for easing me into this special role for Netball.



Netball NZ was honoured and benefited significantly under the leadership of Allison Ferguson, who's term finished in August following her three-term tenure as the Chair of Netball NZ Board. To Matt Whineray, the new Chair, and Board Members - all the very best as you continue to pursue the strategic goals for our sport. To Jennie Wyllie, CEO, and the Netball NZ team - ngā mihi nui kia koutou for your united dedication and commitment to Netball. To the Netball Centres, regional entities, Netball supporters and communities - ngā mihi for your combined and shared interests in maintaining Netball as a leading sport in Aotearoa New Zealand. Finally, it has been a busy year and I am looking forward to 2024 as we celebrate Netball NZ's 100th birthday.

## Mihi aroha Kind regards

Tina Karaitiana  
Netball NZ President

# ZONES



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## **The early part of the year was dominated by some terrible weather in the north of New Zealand.**

We had several Centres who had plenty to deal with in the aftermath – most notably Māngere, Ōtāhuhu and North Harbour Centres. The flooding at Netball North Harbour led to remedial work being undertaken in the latter part of 2023 and this will continue in early 2024. This forced the closure of the Centre over this period and unfortunately the loss of Netball during the summer months. We wish them well as they recover.

The challenges faced by Netball North Harbour have meant our overall participation numbers are slightly down on 2022, but what is pleasing is the number of players at secondary school has grown to a level higher than pre-COVID-19. It is fantastic to see so many rangitahi taking up Netball.

The MG Mystics won the ANZ Premiership for a second time in our history. What a fantastic afternoon in Hamilton, with a full house and plenty of vocal support for both teams! The MG Mystics entered the 2023 season determined to put a disappointing end to the 2022 season behind them. The depth of the squad was tested throughout the season, and it was fantastic to see the team embrace the challenge and not let it affect their performances. It was a real pleasure to see both MG Mystics and Robinhood Stars make the final, showing the depth of talent in the Northern Zone.



A new initiative for 2023 saw Auckland Netball Centre (ANC) and Netball Northern Zone work together on an Umpire Capability Project. Northern Zone provided the services of our Auckland Umpire Development Officer Briana Valgre for a day a week to work directly at ANC. Briana was able to resurrect, review and implement the umpire policies and procedures before the commencement of the season. Having Briana based at ANC for a day a week meant she was able to liaise closely with the games, marketing and development departments. The new Umpire Convenor and Umpire Committee received the extra support they needed to move forward with real impetus.

As a result of this project, an Umpire Convenors Guide is being produced which can be shared and used by other Centres across the Zone and throughout the country.

Netball Northern was very proud to assist Netball NZ in the hosting of the NZ Secondary School Netball Champs. It was great to see the cream of New Zealand secondary school netballers show their talent. It was even better that two local schools – Avondale College and Saint Kentigern College – contested the final. And what a game it was, going right down to the last seconds. Congratulations to Avondale College for taking the title, 38-37. Thank you to the staff and many volunteers who helped to make this such a great event.

Off the back of this tournament, we held Development Days in both Northland and Auckland. This was an opportunity to expose a large group of players, coaches and umpires to the performance level of our sport. The Zone Scouting Group worked hard throughout the season identifying young talent and we now have over 100 athletes on our scouting list. This information is shared with the relevant Centres and schools, as well as with the MG Mystics and Robinhood Stars.

The NetballSmart programme has gone from strength to strength in our Zone. The work conducted by our NetballSmart Development Officers has contributed to an overall decline in injuries. ACC have renewed funding for a further three years, which is great to see.

A new initiative for 2023 was the introduction of a Coach Squad and Umpire Development Group. Both target those coaches and umpires that have expressed an interest in improving their skills and progressing through their respective pathways. We will continue this in 2024 and hope to provide further opportunities for these groups.

The number of active Coach Developers and Umpire Coach Developers has grown across the year. These roles are vital if we are to provide the training, support and mentoring for our many coaches and umpires.

It was a pleasure to assist the Northland Representative Cluster Group throughout the year. After two years of hard work, it was great to see a Northland Cluster team play at the Celebration Box Netball NZ U18 Champs. I know they are keen to continue and hope to also have a team at the Netball NZ NetballSmart Open Champs in 2024.

**Thank you to our Netball Northern staff, Centre staff and all the volunteers who work so hard throughout the year to grow and strengthen Netball in our region.**

# Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty



**Our Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty (WBOP) Zone team have loved supporting our communities in 2023. With 23 Centres and over 26,000 players, technical officials, coaches, administrators and volunteers, our opportunities to connect and grow together have been awesome.**

We would like to acknowledge the time and efforts of Te ohu āwhina o Waikato Bay of Plenty (TOA), our WBOP Zone Centre Advisory Group, whose purpose is to strengthen connections and communication between Centres, the WBOP Zone and Netball NZ.

Centres across the WBOP Zone have been busy delivering competitions, tournaments, development programmes, as well as exploring new ways to meet the changing needs of our communities. Overall participation in the WBOP Zone has increased by 8 per cent, which is fantastic.

The 2023 year has seen some changes and additions to WBOP staff. We farewell Relationship Manager Louise Young in January and welcomed Leigh Ashton into the role from February. New NetballSmart Development Officer Nick Burton joined the team in February too and Pam Clayton extended her role as Umpire Lead.

The WBOP Zone has further developed player pathway selection and development opportunities, with 19 Centre Talent Spotters profiling top players and seven Zone Talent Spotters present across six major tournaments. This has resulted in 123 players, plus 19 reserves, being invited to Magic in the Making (MIM) Development sessions. Our inaugural MIM Advance camp had 22 players attending, and 15 WBOP Zone players were invited to the National Development Camp with Netball NZ.

The WBOP Synergy Hair Netball League (SHNL) team placed 5th with many successes in player and team growth, together with inroads in closing the gap between Magic and WBOP SHNL. We are thrilled that WBOP SHNL player Reeghan de Bono will join the 2024 Avis Magic team, and other players will be moving into training partner roles.

Congratulations to Hamilton City U18 A placing 2nd at the Celebration Box Netball NZ U18 Champs, to Hamilton City U17 Mens placing 2nd and Tauranga U17 Mens placing 6th in the inaugural U17 Men's Grade at the Celebration Box Netball NZ U18 Champs.

Congratulations to Hamilton Girls' High School for placing fourth at the Upper North Island Secondary School (UNISS) Tournament. Special mention to St Peter's Cambridge placing 7th and Trident High School placing 8th at this event.

The 2023 season has also seen WBOP Umpire and Coach Development areas worked closely together, focusing on growing the number and capability of Coach Developers and Umpire Coach Developers. The WBOP Zone had an increase of 30 per cent in new Umpire Coach Developers and 90 per cent of all Umpire Coach Developers actively engaged in workshops and court-side support. We now have 30 Coach Developers across the region.

Coach support, learning and development continue to be applied, with Silver Ferns, Magic and SHNL training and game observations, workshops, sideline support, resources and mentoring. Congratulations to Mary-Jane Araroa, Te Aroha Keenan and Rhiana Wheadon for achieving their Performance Coach Qualification (PCQ).

We have been delighted with strong representation of Technical Officials

across domestic and national events this year. On the international stage, umpire Tania Fink was appointed to the Australia vs South Africa Test series in Australia, FAST5 Netball World Series in Christchurch, and 2023 Pacific Games in Honiara. Jan Teesdale was appointed to the Umpire Appointment Panel at the FAST5 Netball World Series in Christchurch. Statisticians Belinda Clark and Hinerangi Kara, as well as Bench Officials Ann Scott, Emma Smith, Diane Gillingham, Lillian Martin and Sandy Cassells were all involved in Taini Jamison Trophy fixtures and Belinda Clark was also a statistician for the Constellation Cup.

This year has seen great engagement in the NetballSmart programme across the WBOP Zone and there have been many opportunities for coaches, umpires, players, teams and schools to connect and learn. A big thank you to our NetballSmart Activators based at Hamilton City, Tauranga and Gisborne Centres for their efforts to reduce the likelihood of serious injuries and support everyone in the game to have fun.

The ongoing support of funding partners is critical to the success of our work, and we are grateful to Grassroots Trust, The Lion Foundation, NZ Community Trust, Sport Bay of Plenty BayTrust CoachForce, and Trust Waikato. A huge thank you to these organisations, who enable us to support our communities to have positive experiences through Netball.

**We appreciate everyone who delivers Netball throughout the Bay of Plenty, Tairāwhiti and Waikato regions, including Centre committees, boards and staff, schools and school personnel, as well as coaches, technical officials and volunteers. Thank you to players and supporters for loving the game, and for being part of the WBOP Zone.**



# Netball Central

## **A huge thank you goes to the heart of Netball Central Zone, our Netball Centre's staff, boards and volunteers, who ran successful community Netball programmes within our Zone.**

One of the most significant changes to happen in 2022 was the resignation of CEO Fran Scholey in late June after five years in the job. Fran moved onto a fresh challenge as the CEO of Special Olympics New Zealand and will remain in Wellington.

One of her fondest memories was the relationship we have built with major commercial partner, Te Wānanga o Raukawa – a Māori tertiary provider in Ōtaki. The Pulse adopted Te Wānanga o Raukawa's 10 kaupapa. The team embraced Māori culture and te reo language and have inspired other sports teams in New Zealand to do the same.

Netball Central's new CEO, Sarah Boyes, was appointed and started in her role in October 2023. The opportunity to collaborate with staff, the Netball community, key stakeholders, sponsors and partners to increase the profile of Netball and grow across the region will be an exciting challenge. Sarah is a firm believer that sport is a powerful platform from which helps to empower individuals, build strong communities, promote equality, grow the next generation of leaders, and influence social change.

We would not be where we are without our community game. We would like to acknowledge all 13 Netball Centres in our Zone. They provide opportunities each and every week for people to engage in Netball. They work tirelessly from Woolworths futureFERNs through to representative programmes that help feed into our Zone development pathway.

This year Ann Hay stepped down from her umpire duties to focus solely on the Relationship Manager role within our Zone. She has an amazing team with a wealth of knowledge and experience.

It has been a growth year for coach engagement with learning and development opportunities and new coach developers trained. Centres have been developing more locally-led coach development opportunities for their coaching communities.

NetballSmart highlights for the year have included: integration of female health education [SmartHealth] into more Centres' representative programmes; Pulse roadshows with community coaches providing an opportunity to focus on fundamental movement skills; and it was the first year we upskilled umpire coach developers regarding preparation for umpires.

October was a busy month with two Zone tournaments, where a total of 87 secondary school players from across the Zone participated. In addition, there was a two-day Advanced Camp held in Palmerston North where 30 secondary school players were fitness tested, received education on training mental skills, nutrition and specialist position coaching from Anna Andrews-Tasola, Yvette McCausland-Durie and Waimarama Taumaunu.

Yvette McCausland-Durie continued in the position of Pulse Head Coach with Anna Andrews-Tasola alongside her as assistant coach. Our Operations and Team Manager, Jill Clapcott, provided outstanding support to players, coaches and support staff. We couldn't have done it without our support staff Nicole Misseldine, Ari Carole and Dessi Broughton will continue in their roles as strength and conditioning

lead, physiotherapist and analysts respectively. John Atkins took on the role of Head of Selectors alongside his Emerging Talent duties.

In an absorbing semi-final encounter, which went to the wire, it was the Robinhood Stars who held their composure in a willing fourth spell as they won the ANZ Premiership Finals Series match against the Te Wānanga o Raukawa Pulse.

It was not only ended the Te Wānanga o Raukawa Pulse's season but also the reign of long-time coach Yvette McCausland-Durie. After nine years in the role over three different stints, she stepped down from her role after helping the club to three Premiership titles. Yvette is a remarkable woman with such expertise and passion and has been an invaluable asset. We are grateful to her for her contributions to the franchise and Zone.

With Head Coach, Ngarama Milner-Olsen, and Assistant Coach, Cushla Lichtward and Manager, Sarona Sullivan, Central Manawa added another chapter to their legacy to win the Synergy Hair Netball League crown, their fifth national title. Apart from 2021, they have appeared in every final since the inception of the league in 2016.

In addition, we're delighted to have such a strong representation of six players in the New Zealand Under21 squad. It's credit to the work that goes on behind the scenes and Netball Wellington Centre's talent development programme.

**We are truly grateful for all the individual and team efforts of the Netball Central Zone Board, staff Centres and volunteers and their dedication towards connecting and inspiring our communities through the love of Netball.**

# Netball Mainland



**Netball Mainland has had a year where change has been the common thread. By keeping our focus on Poipoia using the Southern Cross, this has allowed us to navigate these changes by knowing our purpose and direction, turning these challenges into opportunities. As a team, we finish the year excited about the 2024 season to come.**

In November, Christchurch Netball Centre [CNC] opened their new home of Netball at Ngā Puna Wai, a stunning new indoor community sports venue, with 10 multi-purpose courts. We are looking forward to CNC showcasing this incredible venue for Under 16 Tupuranga Championships, and Under 18s on King's Birthday in 2024.

In October, Marlborough hosted the South Island Masters Games with 25 different sports on offer. Marlborough Netball Centre put their hands up to ensure Netball was included in the offering, with teams from all over the country entering.

Mid-Canterbury Netball won the new Community Sport and Recreation Impact Award at their Sports Awards for their Walking Netball and No Limits Netball initiatives. Through these two programmes, Mid-Canterbury Netball is giving anyone who wants to play an opportunity to get involved in the game.

Locally-led partnership Te Tai O Poutini successfully implemented their first combined pre-season summer camp in January, 2023. Offered to any U16 and U14 players, coaches and umpires of all calibre; this camp enables them to immerse themselves in learning

opportunities to develop their Netball knowledge and skills, while utilising the expertise of guest Mainland facilitators, hosted in their own backyard.

Community Coach Development has continued to grow with new and innovative ideas engaging more coaches. Informal learning opportunities are in more demand, with interest around Silver Ferns training session observations, development alongside Mainland/Tactix Development Day, through to coach observations.

Michelle Stagg and Myron Elkington were named in the 2023 National Umpire Squad. Michelle took part in the ANZ Premiership competition with Myron returning to the court midway through the Synergy Hair Netball League following injury. David Pala'amo and Sheena Tyrrell represented as a National Squad coach and selector respectively. Morgan Craig has continued on the Netball NZ Umpire Watchlist for 2023. Rebecca Reside has joined him for her first year on the Watchlist.

Netball Mainland had four umpires attend the NetballSmart Netball NZ Open Champs, with one person selected for the coaching panel and three bench officials.

Six umpires attended the Celebration Box Netball NZ U18 Champs and three umpires, one coaching panel member and five bench officials attended the NZ Secondary Schools Netball Champs.

Fifteen umpires passed their Zone Practical Award [11 newly qualified, four endorsed] and four passed their NZC Practical Award [one newly qualified and

three endorsed].

Across the two Zone Theory exams run over the year, there was a 93 per cent pass rate. From the two New Zealand Theory exams run, we had a 92 per cent pass rate.

Netball Mainland trained three new umpire coach developers this year to bring the total number in the Zone to seven.

Koru Games has aligned with NetballSmart to support the well-being of our tamariki players. Structural modifications were made to the tournament format to incorporate 10 minutes of dynamic preparation for teams to complete, before each round of Netball. Teams were highly encouraged to use the Year 7&8 NetballSmart power warm-up to prepare their bodies during the tournament environment. The initiative brought great success as it provided the opportunity for players to understand the importance of warming up before every game.

Talent ID Days were held again across the region, ending with the advanced day in Christchurch from which 16-to-18 year-olds were recognised by their clubs as having proficient fundamental skill sets, culminating in nominations for the Netball NZ South Island National Development Camp.

**The Synergy Hair Netball League started in March 2023. The Mainland team had a new look from the management down, and they came home strong with a 4th place finish at this tournament.**



**The 2023 ANZ Premiership season did not play out as we wanted for the Ascot Park Hotel Southern Steel. The 'wins' came in a less traditional sense. There were incredible challenges from the outset. Losing our international shooting star George Fisher to a season-ending knee injury during the pre-season was a cruel blow and reverberated through the entire team. Our roster had already been forced to adjust after captain Shannon Saunders and defender Sarahphienna Woulf announced their respective pregnancies during the off-season.**

However, the season delivered a raft of unexpected positives. I truly believe it's through challenges that we become stronger. "We never lose - we win or we learn" was an appropriate mantra.

The pride, commitment and loyalty shown by our players, coaching staff and supporters this season have reinforced our belief that the loyalty and pride inherent in our brand does not come from the scoreline - but comes from who we are and how we play the game.

Steel's personnel and players continue to be highly regarded with head coach Reinga Bloxham recruited as a specialist coach with the Welsh team at the Netball World Cup in South Africa, our team manager Dayna Kaio has joined the Silver Ferns management team as tour manager in the build-up to the 2024 Quad Series in England and assistant coach Jo Morrison was selected as assistant coach of the NZ Secondary Schools (NZSS) Team.

Kate Heffernan was selected in the Silver Ferns team, including the pinnacle Netball World Cup event where she was awarded the Midcourter of the Tournament accolade - an incredible achievement. Georgia Heffernan was selected in the NZA Team and FAST5 Ferns and joins Shannon Saunders in the Silver Ferns Development Squad.

In the community space, the year began with the "Real Steel Roadie" with our Steel players and management engaging in our communities to deliver skill sessions. The exposure at these events had a huge impact on our tamariki and rangitahi for their growth and participation in Netball. It has been rewarding to see the hard work from our Centres over the past year, resulting in increased participation - a three per cent increase in junior numbers and four per cent increase in secondary school numbers.

It has been pleasing to have a significant boost in coaches and umpires achieving accreditation. Congratulations to all recipients involved.

Georgie Bryce was appointed as Community Relationship Manager with a strong focus on building connections with our Centres and providing them with support and development opportunities. We have seen great progress in this space, providing NetballSmart, coach, umpire and player development opportunities.

We held a successful forum with the majority of our Centres in attendance. It was great for our Centres and Zone to connect in a setting like this and bring Poipoia to life. The Zone has taken many learnings from this to put into place in 2024. The hard work put into the player pathway system within the Zone over the last few years has started to come to fruition with four players from the south selected to trial for the NZSS team. Three players were selected in the final team of 14 and toured Australia in July. Two of these players have gone on to gain Steel training partner contracts for 2024.

The strength within our development programmes was shown through the number of players, coaches and umpires who competed at the Celebration Box Netball NZ U18 Champs in Hamilton. Six teams attended the tournament,



including the newly-formed Central Lakes cluster team and the Invercargill Netball Centre Under-17 boys' team. This number will continue to rise, especially with the tournament being held in Dunedin in 2024.

The prestigious South Island Secondary Schools (SISS) Netball Tournament was held at ILT Stadium Southland in August. Netball South hosted this event, alongside Southland Secondary Schools Sports, for the first time since 2017. The SISS Tournament involved 80 teams from schools all over the South Island and more than 1,200 players, coaches, managers and umpires attended. Dunedin's Columba College won this prestigious event and went on to place 4th nationally.

**Netball South thanks all the staff and volunteers at the Centres for their passion and commitment to grow and strengthen our sport, and our Southern Steel family of funders, commercial partners and fans for their unwavering support during 2023. A huge thank you also to our Netball South board and staff for a great year of hard work and success.**

# SILVER FERNS

Heralding a pinnacle event year, expectations were running high ahead of the much-anticipated Netball World Cup but 2023 ultimately delivered mixed results for the Silver Ferns.



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Encouraging starts and ends to their 2023 international calendar bookended a disappointing middle phase of the Silver Ferns programme, which featured the sport's showpiece event, the Netball World Cup, and a disappointing 4th place finish.

**Welcoming back key defenders Karin Burger and Jane Watson, who missed the previous year's Commonwealth Games through injury and pregnancy, respectively, the Silver Ferns, stocks were bolstered by the return of the experienced duo.**

With a busy schedule of 18 tests spread over four different campaigns during the year, consolidation and preparation were the key focus ahead of the World Cup.

In their only formal competition before the pinnacle event, the Silver Ferns had an early familiarisation opportunity of the World Cup venue and surrounds in Cape Town when January's Netball Quad Series was held at the same location.

Making the best of starts, the Silver Ferns completed a comfortable 61-41 win over hosts South Africa to open their campaign. Leading at every turn, the Silver Ferns turned a five-goal halftime lead into a 20-goal advantage by game's end with all players getting court time.

In top form, shooter Grace Nweke slotted 43 goals from 45 attempts while Kate Heffernan, with four, and Sulu Fitzpatrick, three, dominated the intercept count. The match also marked the first offshore international for midcourter Peta Toeava.

In an absorbing contest, the Silver Ferns and Australia played out a classic trans-Tasman clash in the second match-up. The Silver Ferns had the better of the first half to lead by one point at halftime before a more clinical approach on attack by Australia secured a 59-57 win for the Diamonds.

Nweke's presence was, once again, a strong feature, while Burger and Kelly Jury produced big defensive efforts. The Silver Ferns made wholesale changes for the second half as combinations continued to be tested.

Against England, the Silver Ferns weathered a fourth-quarter charge from the Roses to clinch an impressive 55-45 win. With the scores level early in the fourth quarter, the Silver Ferns gained the slightest of edges before finishing with a flourish and five straight goals to seal the outcome.

The only two teams to have won the Quad Series, the Silver Ferns and Australia, once again, met in the 2023 final.

The final followed a similar path to the previous encounter between the two great rivals with the Silver Ferns getting away to a flyer. Australia had trouble deflecting Nweke's growing stature and presence, which led to a narrow one-goal lead for the Silver Ferns at halftime.

Australia's constant pressure in the second half rattled the Silver Ferns into errors and inconsistent play, the Diamonds taking control to prevail 56-50 in the final.

The event provided all teams with key preparation and the opportunity to sort some of their logistical requirements for the World Cup.

There was a silver lining for the Silver Ferns with Nweke being awarded the overall Player and Shooter of the

Tournament while Heffernan was named Midcourter of the Tournament.

Inevitable retirements and player unavailability followed the World Cup, which also heralded the start of a new four-year cycle and with it the building of the next generation of Silver Ferns.

Some experience was retained but the new-look Silver Ferns squad also included young exciting players with limited exposure as well as a sprinkling of fresh-faced talent with potential to burn.

One of those was teenaged shooter Amelia Walmsley, who didn't have to wait long after her initial naming in the

Silver Ferns squad to subsequently making the team for the Taini Jamison Trophy home series against England in September.

The little-known Roses, without any of their silver-medal-winning World Cup side, ambushed

the Silver Ferns in the series opener in Christchurch with an unexpected but well-merited 55-54 win.

With little regard for reputation and playing without fear, the Roses enjoyed a stellar first test spectacle to lead the Silver Ferns by six goals at half and three-quarter time. A last-quarter surge with improved movement and purpose on attack while gaining more defensive turnover ball came too late for the Silver Ferns who, were given plenty of food for thought for the remainder of the series.

In a must-win match, 19-year-old Walmsley became Silver Fern #184 when named in the starting seven for the second test in Porirua 72 hours later.

The Silver Ferns were quick to make amends. A sparkling start by captain Amelianne Ekenasio on the back of more urgency and accuracy at the attack

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end as well as strong defensive efforts from Jury and Phoenix Karaka got the Silver Ferns away to a flyer.

The new-look midcourt combination of Mila Reuelu-Buchanan (wing attack), Maddy Gordon (centre) and Heffernan (wing defence) provided a glimpse of the future as the Silver Ferns took the upper hand, a withering 18-6 final scoreline producing a handsome 57-36 win.

Converting 36 goals from her 41 attempts, Walmsley delivered the most impressive of debuts. Ekenasio chipped in with 21 from 23 to end a run of five losses on the trot for the Silver Ferns while keeping the series alive and retaining their unbeaten record at Porirua's Te Rauparaha Arena.

The third and deciding test, in Hamilton, produced more of a grinding encounter. The Roses took a two-goal lead into the first break before the Silver Ferns found their flow on attack, where Ekenasio played a prominent role, and with it a three-goal lead at the main break.

After a tight third stanza, the Silver Ferns put their foot down in the run

home, five straight goals ending England's resistance while sealing a 59-52 win.

In just her second test, Walmsley backed up superbly, nailing 40 goals from 44 attempts to signal her emergence in the best possible fashion while the Silver Ferns retained the much-prized Taini Jamison Trophy 2-1.

The 2023 series held special significance for the Silver Ferns in honouring the trailblazing legacy of the legendary Taini Jamison who passed away earlier in the year.

The Silver Ferns' international window concluded in October with the staging of the regular Constellation Cup series with four tests played across Australia and New Zealand.

The Diamonds dominated the Australian leg of the series. Showing their trademark speed and accuracy on attack and clinical shooting while squeezing the Silver Ferns midcourt, the Diamonds posted a comfortable 50-40 win in the opening test in Melbourne.

In her first outing against Australia at the elite level, Walmsley showed her future potential with growing confidence, good movement and sure shooting.

For the second test, in Brisbane, the Silver Ferns welcomed back influential shooter Nweke for her first game time since sustaining a knee injury at the Netball World Cup. Still on restricted minutes, Nweke featured in the second and fourth quarters, coincidentally the Silver Ferns' best of the match, with both being drawn.

The first and third quarters demonstrated the Silver Ferns' youthfulness and the building blocks that are still taking time to establish as new combinations and structures are evolving. Coach Dame Noeline Taurua tried a variety of personnel and combinations with improvement coming slowly but surely.

Untimely lapses from the Silver Ferns and a lack of defensive turnovers helped Australia gain the upper hand as they forged a 55-46 win while taking a 2-0 lead in the series.

Faced with a must-win scenario, the Silver Ferns kept the Constellation Cup series alive with a gritty and character-building 56-53 win in Invercargill, the first of the return matches held in New Zealand.

With the stadium re named the Robyn Broughton Stadium for the occasion, the Silver Ferns and Southland community embraced the opportunity to honour the memory and legacy of the legendary coach who passed away in September.

In a fitting tribute, the sold-out crowd and Silver Ferns put their full energy into paying tribute to Broughton, a much-admired local figure who carved out a unique record at the helm of the Southern Sting and Steel teams for many years.

Silver Ferns, shooter Nweke, playing 45

minutes in her continuing comeback from injury and her first start of the series, and goalkeeper Jury, were key contributors for the home side.

With little separating the teams statistically, Nweke with 34 goals from 36 attempts, ably backed up by Walmsley, and Jury's ability to create pressure while getting the Silver Ferns more defensive

gains – two intercepts and nine deflections – proved the difference effectively.

Both sides made multiple personnel and positional changes while trying to break the impasse, each producing two dominant quarters apiece in showcasing another classic chapter in the long-running trans-Tasman rivalry.

The Silver Ferns turned a four-goal first-quarter deficit into a four-goal halftime lead before Australia stormed back to lead by three at the last turn. The Silver Ferns reclaimed the lead with eight minutes to go, producing an inspiring finish to keep the Diamonds at arm's length and snatching a 56-53 win.

The Silver Ferns showed their growing stature after clinching back-to-back wins over Australia with a riveting 53-50 win over the Diamonds in the fourth and final match in Auckland.

The Diamonds rarely lose two in a row and braced for a backlash after keeping the series alive in the third test. Consistency and backing up were the key focus for the Silver Ferns' who answered in the best possible fashion.

Trialling by three points at three-quarter time, the Silver Ferns hit the lead for the first time, with seven minutes to go. Australia refused to back down, levelling up twice before courageous Silver Ferns' defensive pressure won the day.

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In-circle defenders Jury and Burger were immense contributors, helping the Silver Ferns nail a decisive 15-9 final-quarter swing. The blossoming midcourt of Reuelu-Buchanan, Gordon and Whitney Souness showed defining growth also. While playing her first full game on her return from injury, shooter Nweke, who converted 43 shots from 45 attempts, was an influential presence throughout.

With the series locked at two wins apiece, the Diamonds retained the Constellation Cup on goal percentage. However the Silver Ferns can be happy with the strides they

have made throughout the series while showing plenty of heart and resilience to win both matches during the New Zealand leg of the series.

Across the 18 tests they played during 2023, the Silver Ferns recorded nine wins, one draw and eight losses for a disappointing final tally.

The women in black were delivered a massive blow when losing Nweke to injury during the World Cup but closing the year in promising fashion has delivered much optimism for the next four-year cycle.

The two late-season series demonstrated that the Silver Ferns are heading in the right direction. The mix of experience and a raft of enterprising young talent provided an exciting spectacle, the building of new combinations bearing fruit with back-to-back wins over Australia.

**The foundations have been set and with it comes the promise of better and brighter times ahead.**





# NETBALL WORLD CUP

After a rigorous build-up to the 2023 Netball World Cup, the Silver Ferns departed for South Africa with high hopes.

**With the sport's pinnacle event being held on the African continent for the first time, there was an excited buzz surrounding the tournament, which delivered a new dynamic as it unfolded. With that came the most competitive World Cup in its 60-year history.**

For Silver Ferns' coach Dame Noeline Taurua, the winning of the 2019 title had little bearing on the preparation for this year's edition, maintaining that this was in the past and many things had changed in the intervening years.

Given plenty of food for thought during a compelling ANZ Premiership, Dame Noeline and the national selectors settled on a mix of youth and experience for their final 12. In addition, and for the first time at a World Cup event, all teams were able to name three travelling reserves who could be called on as permanent replacements in the event of injury or illness.

Captain Amelianne Ekenasio, fellow shooter Te Paea Selby-Rickit, midcourter Gina Crampton and the defensive trio of Jane Watson, Karin Burger and Phoenix Karaka all had previous World Cup experience.

Shooters Maia Wilson and Grace Nweke, midcourters Whitney Souness, Maddy Gordon and Kate Heffernan and defender Kelly Jury were attending their first World Cup. The travelling reserves were Tiana Metuarau (shooter), Mila Reuelu-Buchanan (midcourt) and Sulu Fitzpatrick (defender).

Dame Noeline was instrumental in devising a thorough and clinical six-week preparation for the Silver Ferns' build-up ahead of the tournament. This included several camps and a demanding week on the Sunshine Coast in Australia.

The Silver Ferns headed off in two separate groups for South Africa where they put the final touches on their preparations, including matches against Fiji and Malawi which offered the opportunity to experience a taste of differing styles.

For the Preliminary Stage One matches, consisting of four pools of four teams each, the Silver Ferns competed in Pool D alongside Uganda, Trinidad and Tobago and Singapore with the top three teams in each group qualifying for the Preliminaries Stage Two phase.

Avoiding a clash of colours, the Silver Ferns opened their campaign against Trinidad and Tobago in their alternative playing strip, appropriately an all-silver dress, which proved no distraction as they shot out of the blocks in imperious fashion.

Untroubled and mindful of workloads with the prospect of eight games in 10 days ahead, all 12 Silver Ferns had playing time in the 76-27 win, which included Jury gaining time in the unfamiliar role of wing defence, Nweke shooting a perfect 31 from 31 and Burger being awarded MVP.

The Silver Ferns had a decent workout in their second match against an ever-improving Uganda and needed a last-quarter surge to seal the outcome 54-44.

Uganda were right in the contest for three-quarters of the match, closing to within two at one stage before strong midcourt defence and an edge in experience eased the Silver Ferns home with all 12, once again, having court time.

Jury made a good impact at wing defence late in the piece and Selby-Rickit had a fine game under the hoop while Karaka picked up the MVP award.

Disaster struck for the Silver Ferns during their 80–19 win over Singapore when key shooting weapon Nweke limped off the court in the third quarter. Subsequent scans revealed a partial tear of the patella tendon, which ruled her out of the remainder of the tournament.

Travelling reserve Metuarau was immediately called into the playing 12 for the rest of the tournament.

The Silver Ferns never completely recovered from the loss of Nweke. The absence of the 1.93m target under the hoop had a flow-on effect for the New Zealand attack line which struggled to find its rhythm and consistency for large parts.

In the first of the cross-over matches in the Preliminaries Stage Two, an emotional Silver Ferns, in the wake of losing Nweke, overpowered Wales 83–34 with a strong outing.

Wilson led the charge with a masterclass of shooting, returning the figures of 49 from 49 during her 45 minutes on court in an MVP performance while Metuarau experienced her first taste of World Cup action.

The Silver Ferns were given plenty to think about in their second cross-over match against South Africa when they were held to a 48–all draw.

Having kept a clean sheet through their opening four matches, the Silver Ferns faced a fired-up and desperate South Africa, with their backs to the wall after an earlier loss in pool play but spurred on by the expertise of wily former Australian coach Norma Plummer and the support of a rowdy and energetic home crowd.

The Silver Ferns held a decent lead during a pulsating final quarter, although they were unable to shut the gate on the Proteas, who came up with the big plays when it counted most to secure a famous draw.

Just 17 hours later, the Silver Ferns were up against a well-credentialled Jamaica in the last of their cross-over games.

The Silver Ferns put up a spirited challenge before being subdued 59–48 by Jamaica, a dominant final quarter seeing the Sunshine Girls safely home to top the group.

The draw with South Africa in their previous match put some doubt on whether the Silver Ferns would progress to the medal matches but enjoying a healthy differential of 74 goals meant the Proteas needed to beat Uganda by 63 goals in their last match to surpass the New Zealanders. That didn't materialise when they won by only two, allowing New Zealand to advance to the semi-finals.

The Silver Ferns' hopes of making a second straight final were dashed when losing 40–46 to a vastly experienced England in a gripping contest.

Worthy of a semi-final match-up, defence dominated the contest with the Silver Ferns right in the mix until the closing five minutes when untimely lapses proved costly.

Wilson was a standout under the hoop with 25 from 25, however the Silver Ferns couldn't get enough ball into their shooters' hands, their 41 attempts at goal compared to England's 54 being a decisive factor.

The luckless Silver Ferns finished a disappointing campaign empty-handed after losing 45–52 in a re-match with Jamaica in the bronze-medal game.

Led by the defence end, the Silver Ferns, once again, competed gamely and were right in the contest against the Sunshine Girls but, as in previous games, holding their composure on attack in the critical moments proved costly.

The Silver Ferns faced an early setback when Crampton was forced from the court with an ankle injury just two-and-a-half minutes into the game. While Jury

and Karaka delivered stellar efforts on defence, the New Zealanders struggled to replicate their endeavours in the attack end.

The emergence of national leagues around the world has resulted in a more diverse representation of players gaining exposure in top-quality competitions. The growing investment in women's sport has helped the less-resourced nations

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find a foothold in Netball's evolution as well. This was in full evidence at the Netball World Cup where England beat Australia and the Silver Ferns for the first time at a World Cup to progress to

their first-ever final. In the same breath, Jamaica beat the Silver Ferns for the first time at a World Cup too, going on to repeat the dose in the bronze-medal match to deny the New Zealand team a medal for the first time while also relegating them to 4th place.

Still in the infancy of her international career, talented young midcourter Heffernan was named the Midcourter of the Tournament and she is joined by a solid youthful core, better for the experience, to carry the Silver Ferns through the next cycle.

The tournament highlighted the growing strength of African nations also, with the well-performing Uganda achieving their highest finish of 5th, just ahead of South Africa in 6th and Malawi in 7th.

Qualifying for the World Cup for the first time, Tonga made a sizeable impression when finishing 8th of the 16 competing nations.



**#1** Margaret Matangi, **#2** Jean Mitchell, **#3** Elva Divers [née Howard], **#4** Muriel Boswell [née Howe], **#5** Mary Martin, **#6** Ethel Withell [née Neame],  
**#7** Jean Lomax [née Willson], **#8** Donah Shannahan [née Murray], **#9** Azalea Sinclair [née Clark], **#10** Dixie Cockerton, **#11** Josie Hickey,  
**#12** Alison Preston-Thomas [née Hughes], **#13** Mary Sullivan, **#14** Dell Bandeen [née Turner], **#15** Beverley Malcolm [née Avery], **#16** Leslie Purvis [née Black],  
**#17** Joyce Sullivan, **#18** Thelma Turner [née Trask], **#19** Rona Woodgryer, **#20** Betty Plant, **#21** Natalie Wicken [née Nicholls], **#22** June Mariu [née Waititi],  
**#23** Judy Blair [née Dunlop], **#24** Pamela Barham [née Smith], **#25** Marion Law [née Johnston], **#26** Colleen Falloon [née McMaster], **#27** Lois Muir [née Osborne],  
**#28** Shirley Annan [née Patrick], **#29** Betty Steffensen [née Pratt], **#30** Margaret Pawson [née Elliott], **#31** Rebecca Chaplow [née Faulkner], **#32** Betty McNamara,  
**#33** Elva Simpson [née Tait], **#34** Joan Harnett [née Martin], **#35** Lesley Harris [née Baker], **#36** Mirth Solomon [née Te Moananui], **#37** Tilly Hirst [née Vercoe],  
**#38** Ann Rankin [née Blair], **#39** Pam Marsden [née Hamilton], **#40** Billie Irwin, **#41** Sandra Easterbrook [née James], **#42** Margaret Filippini [née Gardiner],  
**#43** Elizabeth Rowley [née Story], **#44** Nancy King [née Carroll], **#45** Shirley Langrope, **#46** Lynne Macdonald, **#47** Frances Webster [née Hawe],  
**#48** Brenda Rowberry [née Walker], **#49** Sandra Richards [née Norman], **#50** Coral Palmer, **#51** Lorraine Mair, **#52** Olwyn McKay [née Frethey], **#53** Lyn Gunson,  
**#54** Beth Huntington [née Carnie], **#55** Frances Granger [née Rawstorm], **#56** Marilyn Munro, **#57** Christine Pietzner [née Cottrell], **#58** Georgina Salter [née Hapuku],  
**#59** Yvonne Willering, **#60** Maxine Blomquist, **#61** Anne Taylor [née Downey], **#62** Margharet Matenga [née Kamana], **#63** Pauline Knaggs [née Flynn],  
**#64** Leigh Gibbs [née Mills], **#65** Ruth Aitken [née Fathers], **#66** Margaret Forsyth, **#67** Lyn Robertson [née Proudlove], **#68** Geane Hohipuha [née Katae],  
**#69** Janice Waddy [née Henderson], **#70** Waimarama Taumaunu, **#71** Te Aroha Keenan [née Clarke], **#72** Tracey Fear, **#73** Rhonda Wilcox [née Meads],  
**#74** Rita Fatialofa, **#75** Sandra Edge, **#76** Annette Heffernan [née Blomquist], **#77** Karen Henrikson, **#78** Julie Townsend, **#79** Liz McJarrow [née Neilson],  
**#80** Julie Carter, **#81** Tracy Shortland [née Eryl], **#82** Denise Felix, **#83** Joan Hodson [née Solia], **#84** Angela Bell [née Pule], **#85** Sharon Gold [née Burrige],  
**#86** Cathrine Wilkinson, **#87** Robin Dillimore, **#88** Ana Noovao, **#89** April Ieremia, **#90** Louisa Wall, **#91** Tanya Dearn [née Cox],

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**#92** Carron Jerram [née Topping], **#93** Pania Papa, **#94** Leonie Leaver [née Wendt], **#95** Sheryl Waite, **#96** Margaret Foster [née Bray], **#97** Lisa Wilson,  
**#98** Bernice Mene, **#99** Sheryl Burns [née George], **#100** Gael Nagaiya [née Robinson], **#101** Sonya Hardcastle, **#102** Linda Vagana, **#103** Leilani Read,  
**#104** Teresa Tairi, **#105** Belinda Charteris [née Blair], **#106** Julie Seymour [née Dawson], **#107** Lesley Rumball [née Nicol], **#108** Noeline Taurua,  
**#109** Debbie Fuller [née Matoes], **#110** Anna Stanley [née Rowberry], **#111** Elisa Taringa, **#112** Belinda Colling, **#113** Tania Dalton [née Nicholson],  
**#114** Donna Wilkins [née Loffhagen], **#115** Gail Parata, **#116** Jenny-May Clarkson [née Coffin], **#117** Sheryl Scanlan [née Clarke], **#118** Jo Morrison [née Steed],  
**#119** Lorna Suafoa, **#120** Adine Wilson [née Harper], **#121** Temepara Bailey [née George], **#122** Irene van Dyk, **#123** Vilimaina Davu,  
**#124** Anna Galvan [née Veronese], **#125** Victoria Edward, **#126** Angela Mitchell [née Evans], **#127** Daneka Tuineau [née Wipiiti], **#128** Anna Harrison [née Scarlett],  
**#129** Leana de Bruin [née du Plooy], **#130** Jodi Brown [née Te Huna], **#131** Joline Johansson [née Henry], **#132** Amigene Metcalfe, **#133** Laura Langman,  
**#134** Maria Folau [née Tutaia], **#135** Casey Kopua [née Williams], **#136** Jessica Tuki, **#137** Debbie Christian [née White], **#138** Maree Bowden [née Grubb],  
**#139** Paula Griffin, **#140** Katrina Rore [née Grant], **#141** Liana Leota [née Barrett-Chase], **#142** Wendy Frew [née Telfer], **#143** Anna Kennedy [née Thompson],  
**#144** Larrissa McAlister [née Willcox], **#145** Grace Kara [née Rasmussen], **#146** Camilla Poyser [née Lees], **#147** Kayla Johnson [née Cullen],  
**#148** Cathrine Tuivaiti [née Latu], **#149** Sulu Fitzpatrick, **#150** Bailey Mes, **#151** Courtney Tairi, **#152** Shannon Saunders [née Francois],  
**#153** Te Huinga Reo Selby-Rickit, **#154** Katarina Cooper, **#155** Phoenix Karaka, **#156** Ellen Halpenny, **#157** Amelianne Ekenasio [née Wells],  
**#158** Temalisi Fakahokotau, **#159** Malia Vaka [née Paseka], **#160** Jane Watson, **#161** Te Paea Selby-Rickit, **#162** Storm Purvis, **#163** Maia Wilson,  
**#164** Gina Crampton, **#165** Samantha Winders [née Sinclair], **#166** Kelly Jury, **#167** Whitney Souness, **#168** Claire Kersten, **#169** Michaela Sokolich-Beatson,  
**#170** Elisapeta Toeava, **#171** Karin Burger, **#172** Aliyah Dunn, **#173** Erikana Pedersen, **#174** Kimiora Poi, **#175** Erena Mikaere, **#176** Monica Falkner,  
**#177** Maddy Gordon, **#178** Tiana Metuarau, **#179** Grace Nweke, **#180** Georgia Takarangī [née Tong], **#181** Mila Reuelu-Buchanan, **#182** Kate Heffernan,  
**#183** Elle Temu, **#184** Amelia Walmsley



# National Squads and Teams

## Silver Ferns: Netball World Cup Team

Karin Burger  
Gina Crampton  
Amelianne Ekenasio  
Maddy Gordon  
Kate Heffernan  
Kelly Jury  
Phoenix Karaka  
\*Grace Nweke  
Te Paea Selby-Rickit  
Whitney Souness  
Jane Watson  
Maia Wilson

### Reserves

Sulu Fitzpatrick  
Mila Reuelu-Buchanan  
Tiana Metuarau \*Brought in as injury cover

## Silver Ferns

Amelianne Ekenasio **TJT, CC**  
Tiana Metuarau **TJT, CC**  
Grace Nweke **CC**  
Maia Wilson **TJT, CC**  
Amelia Walmsley **TJT, CC**  
Maddy Gordon **TJT, CC**  
Kate Heffernan **TJT, CC**  
Mila Reuelu-Buchanan **TJT, CC**  
Peta Toeava  
Karin Burger **TJT, CC**  
Kate Burley **CC**  
Kelly Jury **TJT, CC**  
Phoenix Karaka **TJT, CC**  
Paris Lokotui  
Jane Watson **TJT, CC**

## Silver Ferns Development Squad

Tayla Earle  
Georgia Heffernan  
Fa'amu Ioane  
Amorangi Malesala  
Parris Mason  
Kimiara Poi  
Shannon Saunders  
Michaela Sokolich-Beatson  
Carys Stythe  
Elle Temu

## FAST5 Ferns

Kate Burley  
Michaela Sokolich-Beatson  
Amorangi Maleala  
Tayla Earle  
Whitney Souness  
Georgia Heffernan  
Grace Nweke  
Paris Lokotui  
Elle Temu  
Tiana Metuarau

### KEY:

**TJT** Cadbury Netball Series playing for Taini Jamison Trophy  
**CC** Cadbury Netball Series playing for Constellation Cup



# Events Report

We welcomed a return to relative normalcy in 2023 where a varied calendar of domestic and international events was delivered across a range of venues throughout the country with great success.

**Grappling with the disruptions of COVID-19 in the previous three years, the pandemic had minimal impact in 2023 as all scheduled events were delivered on time and with no major mishaps.**

The wonderful support we receive from our volunteers, team officials, contractors, partners and suppliers is integral to the successful running of events, and we are grateful for the impact they contribute.

## ANZ Premiership

For the first time in its seven-year history, the ANZ Premiership Grand Final was played at a pre-determined venue.

Due to venue availability, GLOBOX Arena in Hamilton was chosen early in the piece to host the Grand Final, which meant the two finalists, MG Mystics and Robinhood Stars, met at a neutral stadium. That did nothing to detract from the enthusiasm or support for the event, which was a huge success and played in front of a sold-out crowd.

The big positive coming out of the 2023 season was the minimal impact of COVID-19 with all 45 regular season matches and the Finals Series being completed without disruption and running to their scheduled times.

## Synergy Hair Netball League

The Synergy Hair Netball League proceeded without interruption and the full schedule of matches was played without COVID-19 disruption.

Playing their first final at home, at TSB Bank Arena in Wellington. Central Manawa continued their legacy to secure a fifth title in eight years.

In a closely-fought finale, Manawa produced a come-from-behind surge in the final quarter to pip gallant Robinhood Comets by two goals in an exciting end to the season.

## Domestic Events

For the second year in succession, a full calendar of domestic events ran without a hitch.

## U18 Champs

There was an exciting new addition to the Celebration Box Netball NZ U18 Champs, held at Hamilton City Netball Centre in July, with a male grade being introduced for the first time which included seven competing teams.

In the female draw, 34 teams took part with Wellington A Black winning the title after going through the tournament unbeaten while Waitākere U17 won the men's title.

## Open Champs

The NetballSmart Netball NZ Open Champs were held in Dunedin in September.

Held over five days with 19 teams competing in a tournament schedule involving 66 matches, Auckland emerged the eventual winners when delivering a tight 36-30 win over Christchurch Red in the final.

## NZ Secondary Schools

With Tawa College and Waitākere College attending the event for the first time, the popular NZ Secondary Schools Netball Champs, held in October at The Trusts Arena, Auckland, lived up to expectations.

Held over four days, Avondale College pipped cross-town rivals Saint Kentigern College 38-37 in a fitting finale to clinch their first title in 21 years.



## International

The Silver Ferns were welcomed across several different venues for their home international series during 2023, enjoying the opportunity to engage with fans while playing on home courts. It was significant that we were able to hold a Silver Ferns match in each of the five Zones and in the process spread international Netball across the country.

## Taini Jamison Trophy

We enjoyed the atmosphere and strong crowd support which was on full view during the Taini Jamison Trophy against England in September.

In a fantastic achievement, all three venues, Wolfbrook Arena [Christchurch], Te Rauparaha Arena [Porirua] and GLOBOX Arena [Hamilton] were sold out.

With the series level at one win apiece heading into the decider, GLOBOX Arena provided the back-drop for a terrific do-or-die spectacle, the Silver Ferns prevailing to win the series 2-1.

## Constellation Cup

With the four-match Constellation Cup in October wrapping up the Silver Ferns international window for 2023, the New Zealand leg of the series proved key in providing a change in fortune.

Trailing 2-0 after the Australian leg of the series, the teams headed to Invercargill and a sold-out ILT Stadium, fittingly re named Robyn Broughton Stadium for the occasion in honour of the coaching legend who had passed away a few weeks earlier.

Back in Invercargill for the first time since 2017, and responding to the amazing crowd support, the Silver Ferns delivered, a fourth-quarter surge helping them sneak past the Diamonds to keep the series alive.

With the New Zealand Men playing the Australian Men in the curtain-raiser for the final Constellation Cup match at Spark Arena in Auckland, there was another strong and vocal crowd in the house. The Silver Ferns delivered another come-from-behind thriller to level the

series 2-2 but Australia finished overall winners courtesy of a superior goal differential.

## FAST5

Returning to Christchurch for the second successive year, the FAST5 Netball World Series provided a spectacular finale to the events calendar.

With the world's six top-ranked women's teams on hand, the New Zealand, Australian and South Africa men's teams also added to the vibrancy, colour and fun that is associated with the shortened version of the game.

Enthusiastically embraced by the crowd, the 2023 event dished up more costumes, more dancing and more fun for those on the sidelines.

Enjoying the more relaxed nature of the event as well, the players, however, did not lose their competitive spirit with the Australian women and New Zealand men winning back-to-back titles to wrap up the ever-popular season-ender.

# ANZ PREMIERSHIP

In a Netball World Cup year, the 2023 ANZ Premiership provided the perfect building block in a thrilling season which tested combinations, resilience, determination, depth and athletic ability to the limits.



We live this game.

**With Silver Ferns selections on the line, the seventh edition of the ANZ Premiership couldn't have provided the national selectors with a better stage on which to determine their choices for the South Africa-hosted World Cup following soon after.**

From start to finish, the 12-round, 45-game domestic showpiece became one long trial for aspiring Silver Ferns where the players' intent and an even spread across the teams combined to deliver a three-month bonanza of high-quality Netball.

With all teams having their moments, close games were a feature, ensuring the make-up of the Finals Series was not confirmed until game 45, the final match of the regular season, consequently providing an element of suspense throughout. It was exactly what the selectors were after; meanwhile the viewing public were treated to an exciting ride as new scenarios unfolded on a weekly basis.

The presence of the World Cup meant a condensed season. This also added to the challenge, including a shorter pre-season and all teams having to contend with three double-header rounds at varying stages.

The pre-season Te Wānanga o Raukawa hosted tournament in Ōtaki returned after being cancelled the previous year due to COVID-19, giving teams the opportunity of valuable preparation while also getting a glimpse of their opponents.

The high-octane brand of Netball, coupled with quick turnarounds and the lingering presence of COVID-19 – although not as prevalent as the previous two seasons meant players across all teams missed some matches.

That resulted in teams increasingly turning to their sister sides in the Synergy Hair Netball League to bolster their ranks, the up-and-comers not disappointing when given their chance, as well as adding to the development of New Zealand's depth of talent.

This included former Silver Ferns captain Katrina Rore being hauled out of retirement and helping the Robinhood Stars and her former club, Te Wānanga o Raukawa Pulse [who she played over 200 matches for] in their time of need.

Taking a couple of rounds to settle, the teams proceeded to deliver the most compelling of seasons with 67 per cent of the matches being decided by 10 goals or fewer. That was only bettered in 2020 when 70 per cent of matches were decided by 10 goals or fewer but that was a COVID-19 restricted season when matches were played over 48 minutes and not 60.

Nine matches were decided by one goal in 2023 which is the most in a single season, the previous record being seven. Three matches went to extra time, the same total as last year. In a first for the league, extended extra time was experienced in 2023 to find the winner between the MG Mystics and Robinhood Stars in Round 8.

The league enjoyed widespread media coverage across all platforms, with Sky Sport televising all 45 round-robin games and the Finals Series live, as well as hosting the popular Netball Zone and Inside Netball shows.

The Grand Final was screened live on free-to-air television also, via Prime, who added live screening of Saturday-night matches to their programming content while featuring delayed coverage of other matches during the season.

Saturday-night games joined the regular Sunday-afternoon and Monday-night slots across the season for the first time, which the public enthusiastically embraced.

Print, radio and television were strong allies in providing topical coverage of the league in terms of relevant storylines and personality pieces.

This was helped by assistance from Netball NZ in providing teams with opportunities to create more of their own content, including video material for their social channels. Team media liaisons

were also strong drivers in facilitating greater exposure through interview opportunities and generally keeping mainstream media up to date and informed about their respective teams.

Bonus points, once again, played a strong hand in determining the make-up of which three teams advanced to the Finals Series. Sitting in the top three after each round in 2023, the MG Mystics took out the Minor Premiership while late-season surges helped the Te Wānanga o Raukawa Pulse and Robinhood Stars gain maximum reward to book their spots in the Elimination Final after finishing 2nd and 3rd, respectively.

The Te Wānanga o Raukawa Pulse and Robinhood Stars produced a fitting match-up as both duelled desperately from end to end at Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua for the opportunity to meet the MG Mystics in the Grand Final. Tight and close all the way, the Te Wānanga o Raukawa Pulse had the better of the first half before the Robinhood Stars stormed back in a decisive third quarter to take a handy four-goal lead.

A late rally pushed the Te Wānanga o Raukawa Pulse to within touching distance down the home straight but the Robinhood Stars held their poise in a tense finish to hold on for a 53-52 win, in the process knocking the defending champions out of the title race.

In the first-ever all-Auckland Grand Final, played at the neutral venue of GLOBOX Arena, Claudelands, in Hamilton, the MG Mystics doubled their trophy count following their first-ever national domestic title in 2021. On the flip side, the Robinhood Stars, once again, missed out on the silverware after appearing in their third Grand Final following two previous losses in 2022 and 2019.

In a fitting farewell, captain Sulu Fitzpatrick bowed out of domestic league Netball in style after leading the MG Mystics to a dominant 74-56 win over the Robinhood Stars. It also delivered the perfect start for Tia Winikerei in her first year as head coach of the MG Mystics.

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In her 154th and final national league appearance, the widely-respected Fitzpatrick, who leaves an enormous legacy, played her role expertly in helping the minor premiers ice the cake with a dominant close to the season.

Equalling their highest score in a 60-minute match, the MG Mystics were an unstoppable force with outstanding shooter Grace Nweke, who equalled her highest individual score in a 60-minute match with a personal haul of 70 goals.

The Stars, who reshuffled personnel and combinations in throwing everything at their opponents, tried in vain to stem the tide but were unable to breach the superior play of their opponents, who had the luxury of getting all 11 of their game-day team members on court.

Nweke had a dominant season, shooting at 92 per cent accuracy while scoring 124, goals more than any other player, to spearhead the MG Mystics' successful 2023 campaign. Surrounded by quality talent in the form of Peta Toeava, Tayla Earle, Fitzpatrick, Phoenix Karaka, Michaela Sokolich-Beatson and rising young gun Carys Stythe, the MG Mystics proved a formidable force.

Always there or thereabouts, the Stars could look back on a strong and satisfying season despite falling short at the final hurdle. Showing a growing resilience throughout the campaign, clinching a vital bonus point in their final match of the regular season helped the team in purple earn 3rd place and a place in the Finals Series.

Captain Maia Wilson was rock-solid throughout in producing a standout season with an average of just under 40 goals per match at 94 per cent accuracy. She had a worthy shooting ally in the form of play-making goal attack Amorangi Malesala, who was a tower of strength in sharing the load and displayed an ice-calm ability to sink the long shot.

Midcourters Gina Crampton and Mila Reuelu-Buchanan formed an

impressive pairing throughout while Samon Nathan, Holly Fowler and Elle Temu added plenty of spark at the defensive end.

After a shaky opening few weeks, the Pulse were able to put their campaign back on track with a strong mid-season surge. In must-win territory, the defending champions found their groove in style to set up an eight-match winning streak while storming back into contention.

Finishing the regular season in 2nd spot, the Pulse were pipped by a solitary goal in the Elimination Final against the Stars but overall, plenty of positives were unearthed. Fielding the youngest team in the league, lofty teenaged shooter Amelia Walmsley showed her growing status with a fine first season as the starting shooter.

Through their speed and creativity, midcourters Whitney Souness and Maddy Gordon formed an increasingly dynamic combination while the defensive end of Fa'amu Ioane, Kristiana Manu'a and Kelly Jury were a forceful presence.

The Elimination Final also drew the curtain on coach Yvette McCausland-Durie's time with the Pulse. Returning to the education sector, the popular coach fashioned an outstanding record in three separate stints with the Pulse, spanning nine years, including three ANZ Premiership titles and a total of 134 matches.

With the combined talent in their ranks, the Trident Homes Tactix could well look back and think what might have been after a strong finish to the season. Ultimately, embedding new combinations took longer than expected to gel while a spate of injuries had a destabilising effect.

Reunited, the dynamic defensive pairing of Jane Watson and Karin Burger were strong contributors. Once new shooting recruit Aliyah Dunn and England midcourt import Laura Malcolm found their feet, the red-and-blacks were a potent force.

In a mixed season which heralded some good wins but equally disappointing losses, combined with a lack of bonus points, counted against the Tactix, who unfortunately, found their form too late.

Spearheaded by an international trio, in shooters Ameliaranne Ekenasio and Bailey Mes, and midcourter Claire Kersten, Avis Magic struggled to deliver a consistency of performance across the season.

In full flight, the Magic were an imposing presence but an inability to string the positive phases together on a regular basis played a strong hand in their lack of wins. The mobile and athletic Ekenasio and Mes provided an ever-threatening combination under the hoop while Kersten was her usual industrious self, although a lack of team cohesion proved costly.

Defender Georgia Takarangi was a tireless contributor while Georgie Edgecombe continued to hone her craft as an attacking midcourter.

At season's end, stalwarts Mes (138 national league matches) and Kersten (120 matches) called time on their distinguished careers.

In a challenging campaign, the Ascot Park Hotel Southern Steel never recovered from losing three of their personnel (George Fisher, Shannon Saunders, Sarahpheinna Woulf) to injury and pregnancy before the season had started.

It was always going to be an uphill battle without their strike weapons in top-class shooter Fisher and midcourt general Saunders and this proved to be the case. Showing their southern spirit, the Steel competed gamely, improving as the season progressed while, at times, pushing more fancied opponents.

Lack of experience was a telling factor but in the most testing of times, shooter Saviour Tui, midcourter Kate Heffernan and defender Kate Burley were impressive contributors in a winless season for the southerners.



## Teams

1st

### MG MYSTICS



Danielle Binks  
 Tayla Earle  
 Monica Falkner [Maternity Leave]  
 Sulu Fitzpatrick  
 Phoenix Karaka  
 Grace Nweke  
 Michaela Sokolich-Beatson  
 Carys Stythe  
 Katie Te-Ao  
 Peta Toeava  
 Filda Vui

2nd

### ROBINHOOD STARS



Gina Crampton  
 Holly Fowler  
 Jamie Hume  
 Kayla Johnson [Maternity Leave]  
 Amorangi Malesala  
 Samon Nathan  
 Kelera Nawai-Caucau  
 Lisa Putt  
 Mila Reuelu-Buchanan  
 Elle Temu  
 Maia Wilson

3rd

### TE WĀNANGA O RAUKAWA PULSE



Maddy Gordon  
 Fa'amu Ioane  
 Kelly Jury  
 Kristiana Manu'a  
 Parris Mason  
 Tiana Metuarau  
 Joyce Mvula  
 Jazz Scott  
 Ainsleyana Puleiata [Injury]  
 Whitney Souness  
 Amelia Walmsley

### TRIDENT HOMES TACTIX



Karin Burger  
 Aliyah Dunn  
 Vika Koloto  
 Kate Lloyd  
 Paris Lokotui  
 Laura Malcolm  
 Parris Petera  
 Kimiora Poi  
 Te Paea Selby-Rickit  
 Greer Sinclair [Injury]  
 Jane Watson

### AVIS MAGIC



Amy Christophers  
 Georgie Edgecombe  
 Ameliaranne Ekenasio  
 Charlotte Elley  
 Claire Kersten  
 Oceane Maihi [Injury]  
 Bailey Mes  
 Erena Mikaere  
 Ivana Rowland  
 Georgia Takarangi [née Tong]  
 Simmon Wilbore

### ASCOT PARK HOTEL SOUTHERN STEEL



Jess Allan  
 Eseta Autagavaia  
 Kate Burley  
 Ivori Christie  
 Courtney Elliott  
 George Fisher [Injury]  
 Georgia Heffernan  
 Kate Heffernan  
 Renee Savai'inaea  
 Te Huinga Reo Selby-Rickit  
 Saviour Tui  
 Sam Winders  
 Sarahphienna Woulf

# Synergy Hair Netball League



The 2023 Synergy Hair Netball League [SHNL] showed its growing presence as more of New Zealand's rising young talent gained valuable exposure on the domestic scene while also having an impact at the elite level.

**With the Netball World Cup also featuring in 2023, the SHNL and ANZ Premiership faced compacted seasons resulting in a reduced time frame in which to complete their campaigns.**

To a lesser degree from the previous three years, the presence of COVID-19 remained a factor along with the general impact of injuries. However, the close links and co-operation between the SHNL teams and their sister teams meant more players gaining opportunities at ANZ Premiership level.

Being fundamental to strengthening Netball NZ's pathway, the SHNL has continued to bolster the playing stocks and the 2023 season highlighted the value of this integral strategy.

In providing a win-win situation, SHNL teams can name up to two ANZ Premiership players on their matchday list – much alongside the emerging players from their Zone. Many from the SHNL made the step up to the ANZ Premiership also, providing cover in times of illness or injury while getting an important taste of elite-level Netball and adding to their overall development.

The Northern Marvels, Robinhood Comets, Waikato Bay of Plenty, Central Manawa, Mainland and Southern Blast competed in a nine-week round-robin competition. This included 25 matches being played, of which six, including the

Grand Final, were televised live while four featured in delayed broadcasts.

Defending champions Manawa and beaten 2021 finalists the Robinhood Comets confirmed their spots for the Grand Final in Wellington on May 14 with a round to spare in the regular season.

With Manawa flying high in top spot for most of the season, two losses in their last two matches of the regular season handed the top qualifying position for the Grand Final to the fast-finishing Robinhood Comets. Venues for previous Grand Finals had been shared around and Manawa, appearing in their sixth Grand Final, finally had the opportunity to line up in front of their faithful.

They didn't disappoint both teams engaged in a riveting and closely-fought contest to decide the title before Manawa added another chapter to their impressive legacy when coming from behind to win their fifth national title, 45-43.

Manawa led by one point at the first break before the Comets turned the tables to lead by one at half time, which they stretched to a two-goal advantage at the last turn. Trailing by five points with just a few minutes remaining in the third quarter, Manawa made a key change-up when injecting goal attack Emma-May Murray-Fifta.

The change opened up Manawa's attacking end and helped swing

momentum ahead of a final few minutes before the home side went on to clinch the silverware.

Manawa had the services of Te Wānanga o Raukawa Pulse's defender Parris Mason while the Robinhood Comets called on Robinhood Stars defender Lisa Putt for the season finale. Home-side captain Jazz Scott, centre, and schoolgirl shooter Phoenix Schwalger were key figures for Manawa while Comets shooter Jaelin Tulikaki was always a threat with her positioning and accuracy and Khanye-Lii Munro-Nanoa a menacing defensive presence.

The SHNL also provides a valuable pathway to enable coaches and management personnel to enhance their careers in the high performance environment. Former Pulse player Ngarama Milner-Olsen won her first title in her debut season as head coach of Manawa this year.

## Final Placings:

- 1st:** Central Manawa
- 2nd:** Robinhood Comets
- 3rd:** Northern Marvels
- 4th:** Mainland
- 5th:** Waikato Bay of Plenty
- 6th:** Southern Blast



# Celebration Box Netball NZ Under 18 Champs

With 34 teams in attendance and a total of 123 games played, Wellington A Black held off a fast-finishing Hamilton City A to clinch a 25-23 win in the final of the 2023 Celebration Box Netball New Zealand U18 Champs in Hamilton in July.

**Honouring former Silver Ferns great Margaret Forsyth, who passed away in 2021, the winners were presented with the trophy which bears her name by her mother, Vera Forsyth, and son, Thomas Nabbs.**

After finishing 4th last year and runners-up in 2021, Wellington A Black became the third winners to have their name etched on the Margaret Forsyth Cup.

In the Men's under-17 division, being held for the first time, Waitākere completed a clean sweep when clinching the inaugural title with a hard-fought 27-20 win over Hamilton City in the final.

## Final Placings – Women (U18):

- 1st: Wellington A Black
- 2nd: Hamilton City A
- 3rd: Waitākere 1
- 4th: Auckland 1
- 5th: Dunedin
- 6th: Waitākere 2
- 7th: Howick Pakuranga
- 8th: Invercargill
- 9th: Eastern Waikato
- 10th: Auckland 2
- 11th: Kapi Mana
- 12th: Tauranga
- 13th: Hawke's Bay
- 14th: Christchurch A Red
- 15th: Hutt Valley
- 16th: Wellington B Gold
- 17th: North Harbour
- 18th: Manawatū
- 19th: Christchurch B Black
- 20th: Hamilton City B
- 21st: Northland

- 22nd: North Otago
- 23rd: Central Lakes
- 24th: Marlborough
- 25th: Rotorua
- 26th: Te Waipounamu
- 27th: Wairapapa
- 28th: Taranaki
- 29th: Southland Country
- 30th: Papakura
- 31st: Kāpiti
- 32nd: Nelson
- 33rd: Gisborne
- 34th: Selwyn

## Final Placings – Men (U17):

- 1st: Waitākere
- 2nd: Hamilton City
- 3rd: Hutt Valley
- 4th: Invercargill
- 5th: Dannevirke
- 6th: Tauranga
- 7th: Howick Pakuranga



# NetballSmart Netball NZ Open Champs

Auckland etched their name on the New Zealand Cup for 2023 after beating Christchurch Red 36-30 in the final of the Dunedin-hosted NetballSmart Netball NZ Open Champs in September.

This is an integral part of the domestic calendar, where 19 teams contested the second edition of the NZ Open Champs which has replaced the former Netball NZ U19 Champs. The tournament played out over five action-packed days and involved a total of 66 games.

Auckland bounced back from a loss in pool play with clutch wins in the quarter and semi-finals, before taking charge in the final to claim the sport's oldest trophy.



## Final Placings:

- 1st:** Auckland
- 2nd:** Christchurch Red
- 3rd:** Counties Manukā Cluster
- 4th:** Hamilton City
- 5th:** North Harbour
- 6th:** Tauranga
- 7th:** Manawatu
- 8th:** Invercargill
- 9th:** Waitākere
- 10th:** Cambridge
- 11th:** Dunedin
- 12th:** Howick Pakuranga
- 13th:** Wellington
- 14th:** Christchurch Black
- 15th:** Taranaki
- 16th:** Hutt Valley
- 17th:** Central Lakes
- 18th:** Gisborne
- 19th:** Rotorua
- 20th:** Dunedin Development (Invitational Team)



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# NZ Secondary Schools Netball Champs

After gaining the upper hand in the second half, Avondale College went on to win their first title in 21 years defeating Saint Kentigern College 38-37 in the Grand Final of the NZ Secondary Schools Netball Champs held in Auckland in October.



**In a fitting finale, Saint Kentigern College held the momentum during the first half's exchanges until Avondale College bounced back with a powerful second-half response, with both sides showcasing the very best of secondary school Netball.**

A total of sixteen teams qualified for the national champs after progressing through the respective Upper North Island, Lower North Island and South Island Secondary Schools tournaments.

## Final Placings:

- 1st:** Avondale College
- 2nd:** Saint Kentigern College
- 3rd:** St Mary's College, Wellington
- 4th:** Columba College
- 5th:** Howick College
- 6th:** St Margaret's College
- 7th:** Mount Albert Grammar School
- 8th:** Hamilton Girls' High School
- 9th:** Christchurch Girls' High School
- 10th:** Tawa College
- 11th:** Napier Girls' High School
- 12th:** Waitākere College
- 13th:** St Andrew's College
- 14th:** New Plymouth Girls' High School
- 15th:** Villa Maria College
- 16th:** Queen Margaret College





# FAST5

A rich mixture of diverse styles and talent from all corners of the world highlighted the 2023 FAST5 Netball World Series held in Christchurch in November.



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Drawing a close on New Zealand's international calendar for the year, the vibrant, high-energy and colourful event did not disappoint with the FAST5 Ferns securing silver and the Net Blacks [New Zealand Men] claiming back-to-back titles.

**The popular shortened version of the game made a triumphant return to the international arena for the first time in three years in 2022, and this year's event carried on the format's fine tradition of mixing a more relaxed atmosphere without losing its competitive edge.**

Wall-to-wall entertainment was provided both on and off the court with large attendance numbers playing an integral part in proceedings through their brightly-coloured costumes and rousing chants from the stands.

Christchurch played host to the world's top six-ranked women's teams – Australia, New Zealand, England, Jamaica, South Africa and Malawi. For just the second time in this event, FAST5 men's teams from New Zealand, Australia and South Africa played alongside the women in their own competition.

With five players [Kate Burley, Tayla Earle, Georgia Heffernan, Tiana Metuarau and Elle Temu] returning from last year and vice-captain Whitney Souness having played in 2017 and 2018, the FAST5 Ferns were not without experience. Captain Michaela Sokolich-Beatson, Grace Nweke, Paris Lokotui and Amorangi Malesala were the newcomers to the FAST5 Ferns team.

No team remained unbeaten after New Zealand, Australia, England and Jamaica all posted two wins and a loss on day one with the FAST5 Ferns leading the

standings on goal differential. On day two, the FAST5 Ferns and Australia cemented their places in the gold-medal match with two wins apiece in their remaining round-robin matches. With England suffering one round-robin loss on the second day and Jamaica two, the pair dropped out of contention for the final. The FAST5 Ferns nailed a hard-fought 41-33 win over South Africa while completing their round-robin play in style with an emphatic 50-16 win over Jamaica, to qualify in top spot for the play-offs. In the final, Australia made it back-to-back titles after delivering a clinical 35-23 win over the FAST5 Ferns. Making a great start on the opening day, Jamaica could not repeat those efforts on day two, eventually finishing 5th when prevailing 36-31 in a battling win over a against Malawi in their final play-off match.

#### FAST5 NETBALL WORLD SERIES MEN'S RESULTS

The Net Blacks netted their second men's FAST5 Netball World Series crown with victory over their great trans-Tasman rivals Australia. Led by a stand-out shooting display from Thomson Matuku, the final MVP, and Junior Levi, the Net Blacks produced a game-changing third quarter to push out for a 51-34 win. The Net Blacks had already beaten Australia 42-29 on day one of the World Netball Series, but with nothing to lose, Australia pushed the defending champions hard in the first half.

The Net Black's had the edge in the second half, particularly the third spell which they won 17-3. Net Black's coach Dion Te Whetu opted for Levi and Matuku in the shooting circle to start the final, with Jake Schuster and Michael Mund in defence and captain Vercoe running the middle at centre. Levi opened the scoring for the Net Blacks and a quick turnover at the other end of the court gave the home side the early advantage. Pin-point accuracy with their delivery into Levi gave the Net Blacks plenty of options and the hosts impressed with their two-point play to go into the first break with a 16-11 lead.

“Wall-to-wall entertainment was provided both on and off the court...”

There was no let off in intensity for the second spell as the lead changed hands a number of times – a penalty on the buzzer allowing Levi to convert and give the Net Blacks a slender 28-27 lead at half-time. The aerial play from both sides brought the crowd into the game in the third spell but it was the Net Blacks who surged ahead.

Two six-point plays from Matuku in the last minute of the third quarter pushed the Net Blacks out to a 45-30 advantage with six minutes to play. A clean intercept from Schuster, who had a busy night on defence, sparked the Net Blacks again – something they needed against an Australian side which pushed hard in the fourth quarter.

#### FINAL PLACINGS

##### FAST5 Netball World Series Women's Final Results

- 1st Australia
- 2nd New Zealand
- 3rd England
- 4th South Africa
- 5th Jamaica
- 6th Malawi

##### FAST5 Netball World Series Men's Final Results

- 1st New Zealand
- 2nd Australia
- 3rd South Africa

**SKY Player of the Series** - England's - Paige Reed

**Sky Fans' Player of the Series** - South Africa Men's - Shane Labuschagne



# COMMERCIAL REPORT

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated team and resilient partners who have shown unfaltering support during challenging times.



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This year marked a significant milestone as we successfully delivered a full ANZ Premiership and Silver Ferns season – the first uninterrupted season in three years. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated team and resilient partners who have shown unfaltering support during challenging times.

The collaboration with both Silver Ferns players and home internationals played a pivotal role, allowing our partners to fully leverage their contracted benefits, which had been hindered by the challenges posed by the global pandemic in recent years.

The thrilling conclusion of the Cadbury Netball series playing for the Constellation Cup at Spark Arena, where many of our partners were hosted, added an exciting exclamation point to the year with a nail-biting victory against the Australian Diamonds.

Many of our partners were treated to exclusive, unforgettable experiences leading up to the Cadbury Netball Series'. The Silver Ferns' breakfast event in Wellington and the afternoon tea at the Rydges rooftop in Auckland were both resounding successes, warmly received by partners and their guests.

While the Netball World Cup in August didn't yield the desired outcome, the Silver Ferns' fixtures attracted strong viewership numbers despite many of the matches being played at night [in the early hours of the morning New Zealand time]. We were proud to witness our partners actively support the Ferns through creative promotions and activations. PUMA's social video featuring players painted by a California-based graffiti artist and Altherm's heart-warming "Messages from Home" campaign, displayed in the team's hotel rooms, showcased the depth of our partnerships.

The Commercial Partners Day at Novotel Ellerslie, Auckland, and the Silver Ferns Netball World Cup Farewell at Tote On

Ascot in Ellerslie later that day were standout events. ANZ Board Chairperson Sir John Key spoke on behalf of all Silver Ferns partners at the farewell.

We celebrated the successful execution of the NetballSmart Netball NZ Open Champs, the Celebration Box Netball NZ U18 Champs, and the NZ Secondary Schools Netball Champs. Our partners in these spaces had the opportunity to showcase their unwavering support.

The renewal of our partnership with Cadbury in 2023, continuing their support for the Silver Ferns and volunteer programme, was a cause for celebration. Their passion for Netball was showcased with the Irene van Dyk (among other New Zealand sportspeople) inspired wrapper on their chocolate blocks during the year.

As we look forward to commemorating 100 years of Netball in 2024, we eagerly anticipate activating cohesive plans with our major partners, setting the stage for a year of exciting milestones and shared success.

## Broadcast

### ANZ PREMIERSHIP

With an early start to the season, ANZ Premiership viewership was up over one million viewers once again and another increase year-on-year for the competition. This audience demonstrates the popularity and strength of the ANZ Premiership among New Zealanders.

With matches played on both Sky Sport and Prime/Sky Open, this continued growth reflects the compelling and engaging content of the ANZ Premiership, solidifying its position as one of the must-watch sporting events in New Zealand.

Our success in capturing the attention and enthusiasm of viewers demonstrates the effectiveness of our strategic approach and the compelling nature of

the ANZ Premiership. As we continue to elevate the quality and appeal of our content, we anticipate even greater achievements in the seasons to come.

Not only New Zealanders but also many countries around the world provide a strong global following of the ANZ

## Broadcast Numbers

The inclusion of the Netball World Cup in 2023 resulted in a large surge in television viewership for the Silver Ferns, with matches across the year reaching 1.7 million New Zealanders. This not only underscores the continued popularity of Netball but also highlights the huge ongoing support of the Silver Ferns by the New Zealand public in a year that was filled with various sporting world cups.

Premiership via the NetballPass platform that streams all our matches.

## SILVER FERNS

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## Netball NZ Partners

The collective impact of our valued partners spans a diverse spectrum, enriching various facets of our game. Netball NZ expresses heartfelt gratitude for the continuous support received across all levels, from grassroots to the pinnacle of elite competition.

This year we welcomed Woolworths/ Countdown as the naming rights partner of the popular futureFERNs, the official junior national programme for Years 1 to 8. The Woolworths futureFERNs is designed as a game to grow with the players and progresses through modified formats aimed at meeting the needs of the players in each group. Both Netball NZ and Woolworths are very passionate about this partnership and are dedicated to elevating awareness and nurturing the growth of Netball from a grassroots level.

In addition, Tip Top Bakery came on board as a Major Partner of the futureFERNs this year.

Since 2008, ANZ has been a supporter of Netball, and this year they demonstrated their commitment by generously donating via their ANZ Community Grants towards Netball fees. This contribution ensured that many children remained on the court, fostering the growth of Netball in the community but also recognising

the significant impact of both the floods and Cyclone Gabrielle by targeting these communities during such a difficult time.

In a significant milestone, Cadbury marked their fifth year as the Official Community Volunteer Partner. Building on the successes of the past four years, Cadbury continued their acknowledgement of the invaluable contributions made by thousands of volunteers with gift hampers and support of the Volunteer of the Year Awards.

This year, we also welcomed Chemist Warehouse as a Major Partner of Netball NZ and the Silver Ferns. Chemist Warehouse are eager to invest in elevating the profile of Netball in New Zealand, aligning with their current sporting sponsorship portfolio and focus on health and wellbeing.

Valued partner Summerset Retirement Village will renew its partnership in 2024, extending its support to Netball NZ, ANZ Premiership and the Silver Ferns. Their ongoing commitment shows the mutual belief in the positive impact that Netball brings to communities and their focus on health and wellbeing in later years.

Synergy Hair's continued partnership with the National Netball League reinforces their pivotal role in Netball NZ's calendar. As a key competition underpinning the ANZ Premiership, Synergy Hair Netball League contribute significantly to strengthening the performance pathway for emerging talent and enhancing the competitiveness of New Zealand's elite teams.

In 2023, we were delighted to welcome NetballSmart as the naming rights partner of the Netball NZ Open Championship, solidifying their commitment as a partner of Netball NZ until 2025.

In addition, JBL, Snap Rentals, and Snap Fitness have joined our Netball NZ partner community, bringing their unique contributions to enrich the

Netball experience for players and fans alike. These new partnerships signify the continued expansion and vibrancy of our collaborative Netball community, setting the stage for an exciting future.

## SILVER FERNS PARTNERS

This year ANZ assumed the role of principal partner of the Silver Ferns, showcasing their logo on the front of the team's dresses. ANZ's support extended beyond branding, supporting the Silver Ferns' Netball World Cup Farewell function, community competitions, and staff engagement. Looking ahead, ANZ is planning to leverage our centenary celebrations and to use the Silver Ferns to propel their 2024 grants campaign.

Altherm, in their third year as a major partner of the Silver Ferns, ran a series of highly successful Netball Skills roadshows nationwide. These roadshows, limited to 60 children per session, attracted hundreds of entries per event, affirming Altherm's commitment to nurturing Netball talent across the country.

In their first year as a Silver Ferns partner, Chemist Warehouse made a captivating debut by featuring Silver Ferns players on the cover of their July House of Wellness Magazine, with a substantial print run of 430,000 copies. Also, Chemist Warehouse orchestrated a Silver Ferns 'surprise and delight' campaign, virtually connecting the Silver Ferns with several Netball teams nationwide.

Other partners, MediaWorks and MYOB, joined forces this year for the Rova Fern for a Day campaign. This nationwide initiative was promoted via Rova and awarded two skills sessions to Netball teams in Auckland and Christchurch.

Retirement Village Partner, Summerset, added a touch of excitement by sending three lucky winners to Melbourne to witness the Silver Ferns in action at the opening Constellation Cup match. Leveraging digital and print channels, this competition, won by three Netball



enthusiast sisters, showcased Summerset's commitment to creating memorable experiences for Netball fans.

To reach communities throughout New Zealand, Netball NZ partnered with SKY for the Silver Ferns Zoom with Your Classroom series. This gave eight classrooms located across the country the chance to meet their idols and to ask them questions. This promotion meant the Silver Ferns were able to virtually visit all corners of the country, from Kaitaia to Invercargill, Gisborne to Reefton.

This year we introduced a Silver Ferns Commercial Window. Held biannually in September and February, this strategic initiative allows partners to capture compelling content during a focused two-week period.

The Silver Ferns are grateful for the support of their partners: ANZ, MYOB, Sky, Cadbury, MediaWorks, Altherm, Chemist Warehouse, PUMA, Suzuki, Summerset, Go Media, Asics, Woolworths, Gilbert, Gatorade, Skins, Voyager, Augustine, Benefitz, Baby G, JBL and Snap Rentals.

### ANZ PREMIERSHIP PARTNERS

Kicking off with the ANZ Premiership season in March, our partners wasted no time making a substantial impact. ANZ, in particular, demonstrated a strong commitment to the premiership through a rebrand, anchored by the tagline "This is Netballin'". Their investment went beyond aesthetics, with game activations and surprise visits to schools benefiting from their Netball Grants programme. Notably, these visits were featured on TVNZ's Breakfast show to amplify the reach and impact of ANZ's engagement.

Summerset Retirement Villages held open days in Auckland and Tauranga, turning the spotlight on ANZ Premiership players as the stars of the show. These events created an interactive platform where residents eagerly asked questions, fostering a deeper connection between players, residents and their communities.

In their first year of their partnership, Tip Top Bakery featured a series of Tip Top Player Tips on social media. In addition, they activated at ANZ Premiership Games, with a memorable 360 Fan camera.

As we look ahead to 2024, our partners are excited to integrate their activations with the much-anticipated 100-year celebrations of Netball.

A thank you goes out to our league partners who contribute to the success of ANZ Premiership: ANZ, Sky, MoreFM, Summerset, Go Media, Suzuki, Tip Top Bakery, GJ Gardner, Snap Rentals, Paladin, Asics, Gilbert, Skins, JBL and Snap Fitness.

### FUNDING ORGANISATIONS

Netball NZ offers its grateful thanks and appreciation for the support received from the following funding organisations [in no particular order]:

- Sport NZ
- High Performance Sport NZ
- ACC
- One Foundation
- New Zealand Community Trust
- The Lion Foundation
- Aotearoa Gaming Trust
- Grassroots Trust
- Trillian Trust
- Pub Charity
- Rātā Foundation

We also wish to thank the many other trusts and funders from around the country who support Netball locally.



# COMMUNITY REPORT



## Woolworths futureFERNs

We take immense pride in recognising the invaluable support we've received from our sponsors and partners this year. Their unwavering commitment has been the cornerstone of our futureFERN's programme's growth. Our new major partner, Tip Top Bakery, and naming rights partner, Woolworths (formerly Countdown), have been instrumental in providing us with the resources and support necessary to turn our aspirations into reality for the future of the Woolworths futureFERNs programme.

Throughout the year, a series of Woolworths futureFERNs Festival

Days was hosted by the Zones as well as individual Centres to celebrate everyone taking-part in the Woolworths futureFERNs programme from players, volunteers, umpires, and parents. Thanks to the combined efforts of our Zones and Centres, these Festival Days saw over 1,000 children enthusiastically participating, spreading their love for Netball and nurturing a sense of community.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to the dedicated volunteers who are the backbone of our Woolworths futureFERNs programme's success. Their passion and dedicated commitment ensure that every interaction with Netball becomes a wonderful experience for our tamariki.

### PARTICIPATION NUMBERS FOR 2023

Yr 1 & 2 = 6,293

Yr 3 & 4 = 12,488

Yr 5 & 6 = 18,169

Yr 7 & 8 = 22,710

**Total =  
59,660**

### WOOLWORTHS FUTUREFERNs COACHING

Engagement in the Foundation workshops as well as accessing online coaching resources continued to provide coaches with much sort after learning and development. Providing quality coaching is vital as it contributes to participants enjoying their early experiences and coming back for more in the following years.

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- 229 Foundation workshops held
- 2,578 coaches attended these workshops
- 2048 people accessed the Woolworths futureFERNs online coaching resources and 200 views on the Woolworths futureFERNs

As part of the customer experience, we are in the process of undertaking a Woolworths futureFERNs sprint review, which will support future-proofing of our programme.

This past year, we witnessed a remarkable sense of collaboration and support within the Netball NZ community. We would like to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of two dedicated Zone participation leads who have played a pivotal role in disseminating their knowledge and support throughout their Zone. We extend our gratitude to Amanda Dyason (Northern Zone) and Georgie Bryce (South Zone) for their dedication, passion and commitment to the Woolworths futureFERNs programme.

Our journey this year commenced with an inspiring Participation Hui, where 34 Netball Centres from all over New Zealand share their strategies for engaging local communities in Netball. The enthusiasm and innovative approaches discussed during this event laid a robust foundation for the 2023 Netball year, reaffirming our commitment to creating a significant impact in the lives of our participants.

The collaboration between Zones and Centres played a pivotal role in the successful execution of our Targeted Participation Initiatives. Together, they ventured into communities with limited access to Netball, to make a difference. As a result of these combined efforts, an additional 700 children gained exposure to regular Woolworths futureFERNs Netball, expanding the reach of Netball.

The past year has exemplified the power of unity, collaboration and shared dedication within our Netball NZ community. As we look ahead, we reaffirm our commitment to our vision of making Netball accessible to all and inspiring the next generation of players.

## No Limits

We take great pride in the significant strides made in expanding the No Limits Netball programme across the country. Beyond our initial six pilot Centres, we are thrilled to announce that three more Centres have joined us in delivering No Limits Netball for their respective communities. These Centres - Papakura, Hamilton City and Auckland - have embraced the vision of creating a more inclusive and accessible Netball environment. Their initiatives have extended the reach of Netball to individuals of all abilities, ensuring that Netball remains a sport for everyone.

These Centres have demonstrated their commitment by investing time and resources in upskilling not only themselves but also their staff and volunteers. By doing so, they have ensured that all participants, regardless of their abilities, have access to quality Netball experiences.

As a result of these concerted efforts, several No Limits Netball pilots are currently underway. These pilots offer disabled participants the opportunity to engage in inclusive Netball activities across New Zealand.

The expansion of No Limits Netball is a testament to our shared commitment to making Netball more accessible and inclusive. The involvement of Mid-Canterbury, South Canterbury, Taranaki, Wellington, Waitākere, Christchurch, Howick Pakuranga and Manawatū in particular signifies a growing movement towards a more inclusive sporting landscape. We look forward to the continued growth and success of the No Limits Netball programme as we work collectively to ensure that Netball truly is a

sport for all. We are making a difference, one goal at a time.

## Community Coaching

Netball NZ continued our commitment to coach development in 2023 with the Coach Leads in each Zone playing vital roles in this. Lana Morrison (South), Kelly Bodger (replaced Tom Houghton in Mainland), Kelly Hynson (Central), Tania Heap (Northern) and Rhonda Martin-Rahanui (Far North) have all positively influenced the coaching experience by providing knowledge, guidance and support for our coaches. The stability of recruitment of the Coach Leads team has been a feature this year and was reflected in the collaboration and sharing of ideas and opportunities.

An increasing uptake of informal and non-formal learning and development offerings to complement formal (CCA, CCQ and PCQ) qualifications has been noticeable this year. The Tipu Series of online workshops for Coach Developers and Umpire Coach Developers continued to attract good numbers with over 120 participating in three workshops. The Tipu Series workshops feature bespoke topics that reflect insights gained from our coaches and umpires. In addition, having a focus on building the capability and numbers of System Enablers (Coach Developers) in Zones through Coach Developers training and support is important for the sustained provision of learning and development for our community coaches.

Silver Ferns training observation sessions were held in the five cities hosting Silver Ferns matches and were well subscribed. Courtside Kōrero at the Under 18 Championships built on the 2022 programme content and showed a greater emphasis and understanding of the 'three legged stool' analogy.

Through the Sport NZ-funded Strength and Adapt (S & A) Project, coach development is benefiting from having

additional contracted roles. The S & A Project funds extra human resources in the form of Centre based 'Senior Coach Developers' to work at targeted Centres alongside the Zone's Coach Leads and in conjunction with the Zone and Centre coach development plans. Eight projects continued or were established this year with growing effectiveness and uptake of coach development.

Looking ahead, Netball NZ remains committed to providing the best guidance to coaches, ensuring a sustainable and thriving Netball community.

## Composite Coaching Qualification (CCQ)

After several years hiatus' due to COVID-19 restrictions, a cohort of motivated Northern Zone coaches, led by Ruta Tai Tonumaivao, successfully completed their CCQ this year. Each coach was observed in training and game settings as well presenting their annual plan in front of their cohort and Netball NZ staff. These elements were in addition to the two and a half-day workshop attended in 2022 and signalled the end of their CCQ requirements. The following coaches met the requirements and are congratulated on achieving their CCQ and entry into PCQ: Ritua Aliivaa, Diane Pakau, Junior Manapori, Kevin Bell, Anna Senio, Jen Mason, Pip Te Hira-Matatia and Jody McCort.

## Performance Coaching Qualification (PCQ)

Modules using blended online and face-to-face workshop delivery provided coaches with a range of learning and

development opportunities at the end of the year. It was pleasing that workshop attendance numbers showed a slight increase compared to recent years. It is expected that with a rise in numbers completing either CCQ or CCA 2 qualifications, these will increase again in 2024.

This year several of our coaches were awarded their PCQ through recognition of prior learning or cross-crediting of their past performance coaching experiences or involvement in High Performance Sport NZ programmes such as Core Knowledge and Te Hāpaitanga. Congratulations to the following coaches who were awarded the PCQ: Te Aroha Keenan, Mary-Jane Araroa, Tia Winikerei and Helena Holt.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- 4,689 learning and development workshops held
- 5,282 coaches attended these workshops
- 88 coaches achieved formal coaching qualifications.

## Community Umpiring

Our technical officials, who are made up of umpires, umpire coaches, assessors, umpire coach developers and bench officials, are an integral part of our game. Officiating can be a thankless task where focus from the outside can be on mistakes instead of the important role we play in applying the rules fairly. There are still stories in our community of sideline behaviour that is less than desirable, which impacts on our ability to retain people and give back to the game. Netball prides itself on being a safe environment for people to lead and grow for all of our officials and participants.

It was another big year for technical officials in our Netball community. A total of 1,772 qualified umpires and 2,337 who are yet to qualify umpired in 2023. They

were supported by 544 Umpire Coaches, who were in turn supported by 81 umpire coach developers. In addition, 207 bench officials support our game. In total, nearly 5,000 perform roles across the technical officials space. Some wear multiple hats and all readily give their time, many voluntarily. They all perform important roles and are a vital part of the game.

During 2023, community umpiring continued its focus on umpire coach development. Our philosophy of umpire-centred coaching is paying dividends. In total, 81 Umpire Coach Developers provided 193 opportunities to develop 2,047 people, either in a workshop in live coach support settings. This is more than double the opportunities we have ever provided in a calendar year. Our system is growing so that all roles have a level of support that helps them to thrive.

We had high numbers sit our Zone and New Zealand Theory exams during 2023. A total of 245 sat Zone Theory (the most since 2014) with 86 per cent passing. We still have fewer sitting New Zealand Theory, just 59 this year.

The Netball NZ Secondary Schools Champs, U18 Champs and Open Champs play a large role in the development of our umpires through the pathway. This year, 68 umpires attended our tournaments. Our future looks bright as we try and build depth.

Netball NZ values the work of our technical officials, who, like so many, work tirelessly to support Netball. Thank you for your passion.

## High Performance Umpiring

It was a successful year on an impressive scale for our High Performance Umpires in 2023. Internationally, seven umpires were appointed by World Netball to eight international series and events. In addition, five of Netball NZ's umpire

coaches were appointed by World Netball as Members of the Umpire Appointments Panel to five series or events.

Angela Armstrong-Lush, Gareth Fowler, Ken Metekingi and Kristie Simpson were appointed to the Netball World Cup 2023 in Cape Town with Angela and Gareth umpiring the final between Australia and England.

## WORLD NETBALL UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

**Angela Armstrong-Lush** - Netball World Cup [July 2023], Vitality Netball Series [January 2023] and Nations Cup [January 2024]

**Colleen Bond [UAP]** - FAST5 [November 2023]

**Tania Fink** - Australia vs South Africa [October 2023], FAST5 [November 2023] and Pacific Games [November 2023]

**Gareth Fowler** - Netball World Cup [July 2023] and Nations Cup [January 2024]

**Kirsten Lloyd [UAP]** - Taini Jamison Trophy [September 2023], Constellation Cup [October 2023] and FAST5 [November 2023]

**Sasha McLeod** - World Commonwealth Youth Games [August 2023], FAST5 [November 2023] and Pacific Games [November 2023].

**Ken Metekingi** - Netball World Cup [July 2023] and Australia vs South Africa [October 2023].

**Fay Meiklejohn [UAP]** - Constellation Cup [October 2023] and Pacific Games [November 2023]

**Cory Nicholls** - Pacific AusSport Series [April 2023], FAST5 [November 2023] and Pacific Games [November 2023]

**David Pala'amo [UAP]** - Netball World Cup [July 2023]

**Kristie Simpson** - Netball World Cup [July 2023]

**Jan Teesdale [UAP]** - Taini Jamison Series [September 2023] and FAST5 [November 2023]

## 2023 NATIONAL UMPIRE SQUAD

Our umpires continued to perform strongly in the ANZ Premiership and Synergy Hair Netball League. In 2023 we had 12 umpires who had been exposed to the ANZ Premiership compared to just four in 2017. We continue to build depth and experience at high-performance level to future-proof our programme.

In milestones, we welcomed Caleb Binns to the 2023 National Umpire Squad for the first time. Marlissa Howard made her debut in the ANZ Premiership. Sasha McLeod became the 11th umpire to umpire 50 national league games.

We say farewell to Gracey Farquharson, who, after seven games in the ANZ Premiership and 38 games in the National Netball League, has moved overseas.

Our 2023 National Umpire Squad were:

**Angela Armstrong-Lush**

[ANZP - 119, NNL - 1]

**Caleb Binns** [ANZP - 0, NNL - 11]

**Myron Elkington** [ANZP - 28, NNL - 28]

**Gracey Farquharson** [ANZP - 7, NNL - 38]

**Tania Fink** [ANZP - 38, NNL - 14]

**Gareth Fowler** [ANZP - 91, NNL - 6]

**Marlissa Howard** [ANZP - 4, NNL - 19]

**Sasha McLeod** [ANZP - 56, NNL - 16]

**Ken Metekingi** [ANZP - 66, NNL - 12]

**Zak Middleton** [ANZP - 10, NNL - 44]

**Cory Nicholls** [ANZP - 34, NNL - 28]

**Kristie Simpson** [ANZP - 136, NNL - 1]

**Michelle Stagg** [ANZP - 10, NNL - 23]

**Wids Wilson** [ANZP - 0, NNL - 14]

## 2023 NATIONAL UMPIRE SQUAD COACHES AND SELECTORS

**Colleen Bond**

**Pam Clayton**

**Ann Hay**

**Kirsten Lloyd**

**Fay Meiklejohn**

**David Pala'amo**

**Jan Teesdale**

**Sheena Tyrrell**

## NetballSmart

It has been another great year for the NetballSmart programme. We have continued with our aim to embed NetballSmart philosophies across all levels of Community and High-Performance Netball, while creating exciting new resources to keep enhancing the programme. We have been fortunate to have a full team of Development Officers and Centre Activators, who have shared their knowledge, resources and passion throughout the country, with over 500 workshops being delivered from Kerikeri to Bluff. This has led to a marked increase in awareness and presence, as well as a decrease in injury rates (as evidenced by ACC's statistics).

Again this year, we were able to attend all major Netball NZ, Zone and Secondary School tournaments. These events provide a valuable opportunity for us to connect with participants at large, see the amazing work that our NetballSmart whānau are doing, and observe current trends to make any necessary adaptations.

A major highlight this year is recently securing another three years of funding from our partner ACC. This new cycle began on 1st November 2023 and will continue through to 31st October 2026. We are extremely grateful to be able to continue prioritising the well-being of Netballers in Aotearoa New Zealand and have been really encouraged by recent national ACC statistics. Since the establishment of the programme, NetballSmart has proven a steady decline of ACL and overall injury rates among players.

We are lucky to have the passion and expertise of the NetballSmart Development Officers [NSDOs] who, with the ongoing support of their respective Zones and Centre Activators, make it all happen. They are: Katie Adamson and Amelia Pasco, Netball Northern; Nick Burton, Netball Waikato Bay of

Plenty; Carla van der Merwe, Netball Centra; Kiana Gallon; Netball Mainland and Gwen Harrop; Netball South. Ngā mihi to all coaches, players, umpires, parents and administrators who embrace NetballSmart philosophies and bring this programme to life every day.

As the healthy heart of Netball, we aim to continually build and adapt our holistic injury prevention programme based on new evidence and injury statistics. Our resources and education reflect this and are easily accessible through our workshops, mobile-friendly website, social media channels and online learning.

## Youth

We recognise the power and potential of our Youth Board and their unwavering commitment to the slogan, "Nothing About Us Without Us". This powerful motto encapsulates their resolute belief that young voices should not only have a seat at the table but also a voice in the room that is truly heard and respected.

To ensure that the voice of our youth is integrated into every facet of Netball NZ's decision-making process, we've taken concrete steps. We began by surveying our Youth Board members to understand their fields of interest. We then matched each member with a dedicated Netball NZ mentor in their respective areas of passion. This approach ensures that the invaluable perspectives of our youth are woven into the fabric of every decision we make.

Our Youth Board members have exhibited remarkable leadership and dedication to their roles. They have actively engaged with various sports organisations and initiatives, amplifying their influence within the New Zealand sporting landscape.

Gabby Wright, one of our Youth Board members, participated on a youth panel

at the Disability Hui, contributing to discussions surrounding inclusivity and access in sports. Her involvement is a testament to Youth Board's commitment to fostering a more inclusive sporting environment.

Ciccone Hakaraia-Turner, another passionate Youth Board member, is deeply ingrained in our community. Her active involvement has made the Youth Board a prominent entity in everyone's minds. Ciccone even had the privilege of presenting at our Netball NZ Zone forum, sharing insights into youth engagement and upskilling. She was also invited by Taekwondo NZ to share the Youth Board's experiences at Netball NZ, reflecting the value and respect given to our youth-led initiatives.

The Youth Board is actively working in collaboration with the New Zealand Police on a two-pronged initiative aimed at growing participation in Netball and recruiting future law enforcement officers. This partnership marks an exciting avenue for promoting the sport while also addressing the critical need for youth engagement and diversity in the police force.

In the coming year, every Youth Board member has an activation to run with the New Zealand Police, and specific Centres have been identified for these initiatives, planned for early 2024. This collaboration is an exemplar of the impact our youth can have in various sectors when their voices are acknowledged and respected.

The Youth Board is not merely a symbol of inclusion but a dynamic force driving positive change within our organisation and the communities we serve. We are committed to upholding our pledge to respect the voices and contributions of our youth, and we look forward to the continued success and growth of this essential initiative.

## Volunteering

After winning the Commercial Partnership Award in the New Zealand Sport and Recreation Awards 2022, Netball NZ and Cadbury have continued their volunteer programme partnership. Cadbury has supported Netball NZ to continue to recruit, retain and reward our wonderful volunteers and ensure they feel valued and supported. This is one way we have supported Centres to reward their volunteers via Volunteer of the Month Awards.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- We have increased the visibility of volunteers and shared their stories on Netball NZ, Zone and Centre communication channels featuring six volunteers across New Zealand and celebrated Student Volunteer and National Volunteer Week.
- We handed out 270 Cadbury chocolate hampers to 77 Centres for their Volunteer of the Month winners over the season.
- We had a total of 1,223 nominations for the Volunteer of the Month Awards nation wide over the community playing season.
- The Volunteer Management Plan [a resource created by Centres for Centres and based on global volunteer best practice] has been rolled out across the country. With the goal of increasing volunteer capability, Centres will be utilising this tool over the next few years.
- Five outstanding volunteers will be announced in the annual Cadbury Volunteer of the Year Awards. This year, these will be presented as part of the New Zealand Netball Awards to be shown on Sky in early 2024.

# Tania Dalton Foundation

Netball featured prominently in the latest intake of the Tania Dalton Foundation and its Scholarship Programme for 2023, with six from the sport included among the 12 recipients.

**Exciting young Netball talent in the form of Anne Kirikiri (Auckland/Cambridge), Braxton Gallagher (Hawke's Bay), Jaime Taunoa-Knight (Palmerston North), Phoenix Schwalger (Wellington), Praise Hola (Dunedin) and Rosie Falcous (Dunedin) were included in the class of 2023 which honours the memory of Silver Fern #113, Tania Dalton.**

Now into its sixth intake after being launched in 2017 following the untimely and tragic death of Tania, the Foundation was established to provide an opportunity for talented young sportswomen across New Zealand.

Tania's legacy lives on through the Scholarship and her passion for young sportswomen, in helping them unlock their potential and be their best selves.

Since 2018, a total of 73 exceptional young sportswomen have been awarded scholarships.

Inspired through sport, each recipient in the programme receives financial support, one-on-one mentoring, pastoral support and personal development during the three years in the programme. A key aspect is for each young person to be involved in their community and to 'pay it forward' so that future generations can continue to enjoy the benefits of sport.

The Foundation helps recipients from all kinds of circumstances and backgrounds, and at different stages of their development, to unlock their potential.

Tania's husband, Duane Dalton, is excited about the ongoing reach of the Scholarship Programme.

"Tania would be immensely proud of the work that we are doing and the impact we are having on the lives of young people," he said.

## The Tania Dalton Foundation class of 2023:

Anne Kirikiri [Netball, Auckland/Cambridge], Braxton Gallagher [Netball, Hawke's Bay], Jaime Taunoa-Knight [Netball, Palmerston North], Kodee Williams-Sefo [Basketball, Auckland], Lucy Eastwood [Rowing, Cambridge], Olivia Tukia [Surf Lifesaving, Auckland], Phoenix Schwalger [Netball, Wellington], Praise Hola [Netball, Dunedin], Rosie Falcous [Netball, Dunedin], Temepara Walker [Basketball, Hamilton], Tyla Pita-Kani [Softball, Wellington], Waikimihia Douglas-Karauna [Basketball, Rotorua].



# Pacific Sporting Partnership (PSP)

The Pacific Sporting Partnership (PSP), which has been active since 2017, formally concluded in June 2023, with the completion of the End-of-Activity Evaluation Report by independent evaluators.

**The PSP has been a six and-a-half year (originally 5 year) agreement between the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), New Zealand Rugby and Netball NZ. This activity aimed to contribute towards the prevention and reduction of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the Pacific by encouraging the participation of children and young people in physical activity and raising the awareness of healthy lifestyles through physical activity and nutrition.**

The work started with four countries – Fiji, Samoa, Tonga and the Cook Islands; after year three Vanuatu was also included.

Our general approach was to work closely with the local Netball association, government ministries responsible for health, education and sport, relevant government-funded organisations that support sport (Sport NZ equivalent), school associations and so forth to develop a programme that made the most sense in the local context, with a particular focus on developing sustainable structures.

The initial Netball programme was defined by Waimarama Taumaunu and Nicola Jones, which included the development of a unique foundation coaching programme, and what evolved into a fundamental movement skills programme (based on the futureFERNs Year 1-2). The target for these programmes differed,

depending on the country. The coaching was delivered both through schools and 'club' structures; the fundamental movement skills were delivered through schools and teacher training colleges. As the work progressed we developed a Netball Leaders Programme, a extension /variation of Netball NZ Netball Leaders (by Charissa Barham and Irene van Dyk). Lastly, we developed an umpiring programme – this work was led by Ann Hay and Garratt Williamson.

Into these Netball programmes we incorporated nutrition and other healthy lifestyle awareness material which was developed in partnership with local health government organisations and NGOs. This was an area of partnership for us; for example partnering with the Vanuatu Family Health Association to deliver sexual and reproductive health programmes as part of Netball Leaders, and the Pacific Food Revolution to deliver healthy cooking classes to our coaches.

All of this was delivered by staff and volunteers in the local Netball associations, with training provided (in-country and remotely) by experts from across Netball in New Zealand. Our local country leads were instrumental in the success of this work – Una Rokoura in Fiji (now the Fiji national coach), Ruta Tonumaivao in Samoa (later replaced by Tusi Fale), John Glassie in the Cook Islands (U21 coach), Virginia Taravaki in Vanuatu, and various staff in Tonga (mainly Lua Taulahi and Nita Misi).



The work was supported by an ambassador programme, which included icons of our sport – Waimarama Taumaunu, Irene van Dyk, Jodi Brown, Pelesa Seamu, Grace Rasmussen, Ruth Aitken and Maria Folau.

Netball equipment was also provided as part of the coaching and fundamental movement skills programmes.

Lastly, the significant role of Angela Carmody cannot be understated. Angela ran all the logistics of the programme, delivered all the measurement framework outcomes (including carrying out qualitative analysis projects), managed finances, co-ordinated (and in many cases was a thought leader) in the development of all the programme resources – especially driving and leading the development of Netball Leaders, and was the connector of PSP into Netball NZ.

We have been fortunate to have support from across the Netball community, and wish to acknowledge those who have been involved over the last six years to make this a success. We are still in communication with MFAT to identify similar future funding opportunities.



# Ako Coaching Initiative

## Valuable Netball World Cup roles for two New Zealand coaches

Coaches Yvette McCausland-Durie and Reinga Bloxham gained valuable opportunities to extend their credentials when appointed specialist coaches for Fiji and Wales, respectively, at the Netball World Cup [NWC23] in South Africa.

**Both have extensive coaching backgrounds, McCausland-Durie with Te Wānanga o Raukawa Pulse in the ANZ Premiership, while also having notable experience as a NZ U21 coach and Silver Ferns assistant coach.**

Bloxham has forged a strong record with the Ascot Park Hotel Southern Steel while also being involved with NZA and several Cadbury Netball Series events.

In a ground breaking development, the Ako Coaching Initiative NWC23 between Netball Fiji and Netball NZ provided the first opportunity for Netball NZ tier 1 high performance coaches to work alongside and provide support to other nations at NWC23.

Previously, Netball NZ High Performance Coaching, in conjunction with High Performance Sport NZ, had been able to provide coach development opportunities observing at an international level; this initiative provided a more hands-on role.

As a specialist coach, McCausland-Durie supported Fiji head coach Una Rokoura in the team's preparation for NWC23 at a selection of lead-up camps while also travelling with the team to Cape Town.

That appointment was further enhanced when Bloxham became the second New Zealand coach to be assigned a support role with another nation at NWC23. Her appointment as a specialist coach with

the Welsh Feathers, was a testament to Netball NZ's commitment to sharing expertise to benefit the evolution of the sport globally.

These appointments brought Netball NZ's tally of coaches involved with NWC23 to five, including Silver Ferns coaches Dame Noeline Taurua and Debbie Fuller and Taranaki Netball General Manager Jaqua Pori-Makea-Simpson, who is head coach of Tonga.

The Ako Coaching Initiative is a unique approach, with the importance of relationships and connections to culture being a highlight.

"It was fantastic for two of our ANZ Premiership coaches to have this experience on the international stage," Netball NZ National Coaching Manager Tania Karauria said at the time.

"It's exciting to see how our Kiwi flavour of Netball can be infused into the global game."

This has been an awesome initiative to grow New Zealand coaches and work collaboratively to extend their skills and learn which is great for our game."

A valuable High Performance Coach Development opportunity, the Netball NZ Ako Coaching Initiative is unique in its approach. In Te Ao Māori, the concept of ako means both to teach and to learn. It is underpinned by

reciprocal relationships and recognises the knowledge that both coaches, from each country, bring to learning interactions.

**In Te Ao Māori, the concept of ako means both to teach and to learn.**



# Acknowledgements

## World Netball Service Awards

Congratulations to Leigh Gibbs and Todd Miller who were honoured with a World Netball Service Award at Congress 2023. The World Netball Service Award is presented to any person who has given exceptional service to the Federation over a period of years at the International level.



## King's Birthday Honours

**Stalwarts Sylvia Smith and Patricia [Pat] Wyatt, two shining examples of the volunteer spirit, were acknowledged for their decades-long support of Netball as part of the 2023 King's Birthday and Coronation Honours.**

Smith, from Morrinsville, and Rotorua's Wyatt were awarded the Queen's Service Medal (QSM) for their services to Netball where between them they have dedicated over 100 years.

The QSM is awarded by the Government to recognise and reward volunteer service to the community and also public service in elected or appointed public office. In future it will be renamed in honour of King Charles and subsequently be known as the King's Service Medal.

Smith has become a legendary figure across the Waikato through her dedication to volunteering in many different capacities for the Morrinsville Netball Centre, Thames Valley Netball Cluster, Waikato Bay of Plenty (WBOP) and Netball NZ during an unbroken 50-year period.

Instantly recognisable across the Waikato Netball fraternity, Smith started her involvement as a player when she was nine years old, forging a deep passion for the game that has withstood the test of time.

Wanting to give back to the game she loved, Smith has dedicated much of her life to Netball and remains secretary of the Morrinsville Netball Centre after first taking up the position in 1985 while still playing.



Behind the scenes, Smith has demonstrated the true spirit of giving back through her lengthy list of achievements. This includes coaching, managing and selecting a wide range of club and representative teams in Morrinsville, Thames Valley and North Waikato regions while also being a delegate to the Netball NZ Council on many occasions.

Over the years, she has been acknowledged with numerous Centre and Regional awards, including Life Membership of WBOP in 2022, WBOP Zone Service Award in 2019, Netball NZ Service Award in 2005 and Morrinsville Centre Life Membership in 1993.



Wyatt has made an enormous contribution to Netball in the Rotorua community for more than 50 years including; administrating Netball since 1966, qualifying as a NZ umpire, being a member of the WBOP Magic, organising the annual Sport Bay of Plenty Primary Schools Field Day and being a draw steward for several tournaments.

Wyatt was awarded Life Membership of Netball Rotorua in 2003, the Netball Rotorua Service Award in 2003 and Netball NZ Service Award in 2010. She was also a teacher at Malfroy Primary Rotorua for 45 years and continued to give to the community of Rotorua.

Mentoring the next generation of up-and-coming umpires has been a part of Wyatt's giving back to the Netball community.

## New Year's Honours

**Leaving a considerable imprint on the Netball landscape, Leigh Gibbs, Kereyn Smith, Anna Harrison and Carol Martin were acknowledged for their stellar contributions to the sport in the 2023 New Year's Honours.**

An Netball NZ Life Member, Gibbs was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for services to Netball. Smith, also a Life Member and former Netball NZ Board Chair, and long-serving Silver Ferns defender Harrison became Members of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM).

Smith was honoured for her services to sports governance and Harrison for services to Netball and volleyball. Martin was bestowed a Queen's Service Medal [QSM] for services to the community and Netball, while former Silver Fern #93 Tea Pānia Papa was also made an ONZM for services to Māori language education and broadcasting.



**Leigh Gibbs**

Silver Fern #64 and the team's 11th captain, Gibbs has been an influential figure across multiple Netball communities and dedicated much of her life to the game, from grassroots to international level in a variety of roles.

As a player, Gibbs forged a stellar career during her 10-year run with the Silver



**Kereyn Smith**

Ferns, built on a demanding fitness regime and strong work ethic. Tailor-made for wing defence, she owned the position during a standout international career which comprised 61 test caps.

Gibbs played in three Netball World Cups, winning twice and once as a runner-up before turning to coaching. She coached the Silver Ferns from 1994 to 1997 and as the team's assistant helped steer

them to a World Cup title in 2003 and Commonwealth Games gold in 2006.

Smith spent 11 years on the Board of Netball NZ, including six as Chair, closely followed by a five-year term as World Netball Vice President, much of it during a time of significant change for Netball.

During her time with World Netball, Smith was involved with the delivery of many international events, including World Netball Championships, World Youth Cups, and the exciting new concept of the FastNet World Netball Series (now the FAST5 Netball World Series).

She was also instrumental in driving the restructure of the international body as well as developing umpiring, coaching and marketing panels. With Netball NZ, Smith helped guide the transformation of the code from amateur to semi-professional status.

A leading advocate for increasing the profile and participation of women in sport, Smith was the first female in the 100-year history of the New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC) to be appointed to the CEO role.



**Anna Harrison**

A formidable opponent across all three defensive positions, Harrison's aerial ability, long reach and timing were key facets to her play and which quickly drew attention when she was first selected to the Silver Ferns as a 19-year-old in 2002. A menacing presence while adding variety at the defensive end, Harrison refined her craft over the years, was the ultimate competitor and a proven match winner.

Harrison played 14 seasons of national league Netball. Her physique and background in volleyball played a leading role in making her one of the game's great innovators and she will go down in Netball folklore after hitting the headlines when instigating the manoeuvre dubbed the "Harrison Hoist".

She experienced considerable success on the international front after claiming gold medals with the Silver Ferns at the 2003 World Cup and 2006 and 2010 Commonwealth Games.



**Carol Martin**

Martin has spent many years volunteering within the Hokitika community in a range of capacities across several organisations with Netball featuring strongly.

Her involvement with Hokitika Netball stretches back to 1983 where she has been a player, committee member, Secretary, Treasurer and President while also being a player, Treasurer and President of the Buller Westland Netball Union. She coached several age-group representative teams before committing to umpiring, travelling with representative teams and assisting junior and senior developing umpires.

Martin has also been a strong presence as a Trustee at several schools in the area and helped or organised as a volunteer in many fundraising events across the community.



Claire Kersten

## Claire Kersten Silver Fern #168

**The type of player every team wants, consistently reliable and with a non-stop engine, resolute midcourter Claire Kersten called time on her 10-year career at the conclusion of the 2023 ANZ Premiership.**

Something of a 'late bloomer', Kersten continued to evolve her game after four defining seasons with the Pulse. On the back of regular court time, the midcourter's game went from strength to strength, initially leading to a Silver Ferns call-up in 2018 after thinking higher honours had passed her by.

She became Silver Fern #168 and amassed 22 international caps while also being a stalwart for the Pulse and latterly for Magic during the ANZ Premiership and ANZ Championship. She went on to make 119 national league appearances.

From initially being a rock-solid wing defence, Kersten moved into centre in 2018 with impressive results. Physically and mentally strong, she exuded a calm demeanour, led by example through her work ethic, was a potent force on attack and defensively, and became a senior leader at the Pulse and Magic.

Continuing to add to her game at centre, Kersten was a revelation during the 2020 domestic season, adding to her repertoire as a fine defensive centre, to honing her movement and ball skills on attack. Hard-working, consistent and relentless, Kersten's impressive credentials led to a recall to the 2020/21 Silver Ferns squad.

Modest and unassuming, Kersten was the consummate team player, her resilience and ability to improve being shining examples of her dedication. A finalist with the NZU21 team at the 2009 World Youth Cup, Kersten played in the All Stars team in 2019 and was vice-captain of the jubilant FAST5 Ferns World Series-winning team in 2018. She also won two ANZ Premiership titles during her time with the Pulse.

## Bailey Mes Silver Fern #150

**Achieving all she ever dreamed of on the Netball court, long-serving shooter Bailey Mes drew the curtain on an eventful career at the end of the 2023 ANZ Premiership season.**

At the top of her form, the athletic attacker said the time was right to retire from the game at all levels of Netball and that she was "at peace" with her decision.

"I know that now is the right time for me," she said.

"I'm happy with how I'm playing and have been enjoying my Netball this year immensely. But it has been hard over the past few seasons with injuries, and I know my body has reached its limits.

"It is going to be hard to walk away from the High Performance environment because I truly love the game, but I'm also ready for the next chapter and I'm excited about what the future holds away from the Netball court".

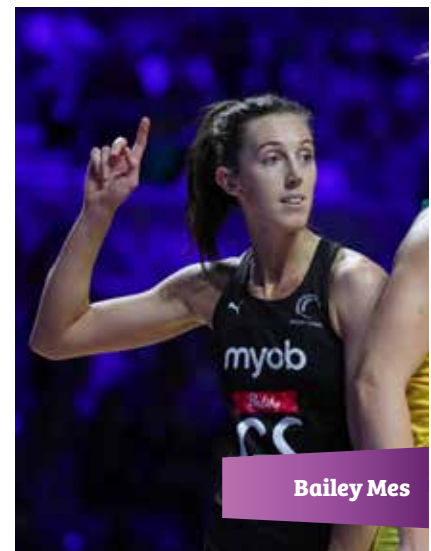
A rangy, smart-moving attacker, who played goal attack, goal shooter and wing attack at an international level, Mes was a Silver Ferns bolter in 2012 where she made her debut against South Africa before a serious knee injury stymied her progress a year later.

She returned to international play in 2014 where she was a key player in the FAST5 Ferns' defence of their World Netball Series crown.

She was selected for the Silver Ferns' Netball World Cup campaign in 2015 where she helped the side gain a silver medal and following a resurgence in her game in 2019 was again named to compete at a World Cup, helping the women in black clinch their first world title in 16 years. She was also on board for the Silver Ferns' bronze-medal-winning run at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

Silver Fern #150, Mes was a humble and hard-working player, who added a dynamic element with her athleticism, impressive vertical jump, strong defensive qualities and an ability to switch seamlessly between both shooting roles while also adding wing attack to her resume.

Always a bundle of energy and athleticism, there was no doubting the natural attributes the rangy Mes added to a game.



Bailey Mes

Challenged by injury later in her career, at her best 1.87m Mes was a dynamic player, fleet-footed and an astute reader of the game, who was also able to produce something out of the ordinary.

A true servant of Netball for 12 years, Mes made her elite-level debut in 2010, turning out for three teams – the Mystics, Tactix and Magic – during the intervening years in a career littered with highlights while making a stellar contribution to the sport.

Mes was capped 76 times for the Silver Ferns while also playing in 138 national league matches.

## Sulu Fitzpatrick Silver Fern #149

**The Netball community saluted the end of Sulu Fitzpatrick's much-publicised career on a united front and with genuine respect for the endearing qualities she delivered as both a player and a person.**

Possessing an imposing on-court presence, Fitzpatrick announced that the 2023 season would be her last.

She was selected as a travelling reserve for the Silver Ferns' Netball World Cup 2023 campaign in South Africa. Being a key part of the Silver Ferns' preparation and at the ready in case of injury or illness, Fitzpatrick embodied the spirit of team.

An inspiring figure, Fitzpatrick completed a spectacular journey to be crowned the Dame Lois Muir Supreme Award winner in 2021, in recognition of being Netball NZ's best netballer across all competitions and campaigns.

First bursting on to the scene as a schoolgirl in 2010 when turning out for the Mystics, the dynamic defender, in the intervening years, demonstrated a resilience, personal sacrifice and wholehearted spirit to fulfil what had

long been a promising career into one of outstanding quality. Something of a Netball nomad, it wasn't until in her mid-20s that Fitzpatrick found her real Netball purpose when venturing to the Pulse in 2018. In her own words it was the best decision of her career and proved the turning point.

The move to Wellington was a now-or-never venture despite the personal sacrifice of leaving her then four-year-old twins, Tevita and Theresa, at home with family in Auckland.

A former New Zealand Secondary School representative and NZU21 captain, Fitzpatrick first made the Silver Ferns squad in 2011 as a 19-year-old and playing a one-off Test against England the same year.

Fitzpatrick embraced her opportunity with the Pulse in wholehearted fashion, going to places she'd never been before in terms of her preparation, with profound effect.

That resulted in a dramatic turn in form, growing maturity also drawing on her natural leadership skills and an international recall in 2018, seven years after gaining a solitary Test cap.

The call of family had her returning home to where it all began, with the Mystics, and it was a remodelled Fitzpatrick who returned to the blue strip in 2020, her strong leadership qualities and accomplished presence from the back end of the court making her a constant standout feature.

Respected and widely admired, her attributes were enthusiastically embraced by her team-mates while proving an unstoppable formula as the Mystics went on to claim the 2021 and 2023 ANZ Premiership titles.

Fitzpatrick's credentials were further embellished, when she was appointed Silver Ferns' vice-captain in 2021, reinforcing an ever-growing sign of her stature.



In closing one of the most defining chapters of her life, it was fitting that Fitzpatrick ended her time as a player at the sport's pinnacle event, the Netball World Cup; a fine tribute in illustrating her immense contribution and values.

A true team player, who earned 27 Test caps and played 154 national league matches, that is testament to the enduring legacy she leaves with the sport.

# Life Members

## Life Members in the order they were conferred:

+ Now deceased

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| <b>1932</b> Irene McInnes +        | <b>1993</b> Dawn Jones CNZM OBE         |
| <b>1949</b> Betty Armstrong +      | <b>1994</b> Joyce Ellis+                |
| <b>1949</b> Myrtle Muir +          | <b>1994</b> Dal Knuckey QSM+            |
| <b>1965</b> Stella Schnack +       | <b>1997</b> Monica Leggat MNZM+         |
| <b>1966</b> Sara Foster+           | <b>1999</b> Christine Archer            |
| <b>1967</b> Rena Mackenzie MBE +   | <b>2002</b> Fay Freeman ONZM            |
| <b>1967</b> Catherine Vautier OBE+ | <b>2003</b> Sheryl Dawson MNZM          |
| <b>1968</b> Eileen Lane BEM+       | <b>2006</b> Sheryl Wells CNZM           |
| <b>1969</b> Evelyn Bell +          | <b>2010</b> Robyn Broughton ONZM +      |
| <b>1969</b> Margaret McAughtrie +  | <b>2010</b> Taini Jamison OBE +         |
| <b>1975</b> Ona Coatsworth +       | <b>2011</b> Marian George QSM           |
| <b>1975</b> Edna Yates QSM +       | <b>2012</b> Kereyn Smith CNZM MNZM      |
| <b>1977</b> Jean Lodge MBE+        | <b>2017</b> Leigh Gibbs CNZM ONZM       |
| <b>1978</b> Doreen Brown MBE+      | <b>2018</b> Yvonne Willering CNZM ONZM  |
| <b>1978</b> Joyce McCann MBE+      | <b>2021</b> Ruth Aitken DNZM ONZM       |
| <b>1978</b> Gladys Symes OBE+      | <b>2021</b> Waimarama Taumaunu ONZM MBE |
| <b>1981</b> Marjorie Jenden QSM +  | <b>2022</b> Shirley Hooper              |
| <b>1987</b> Anne Taylor OBE        |   |
| <b>1989</b> Lois Muir DNZM OBE     |   |
| <b>1991</b> Judy Russell MNZM      |   |
| <b>1991</b> Betty Steffensen QSM   |   |



# In Remembrance

## Taini Jamison Silver Ferns Coach #3

A trailblazer in the sport she loved, the Netball community mourned the passing of Taini Jamison, on 28 April 2023, an inspiring and influential figure who left her mark in many ways.

**Slightly built but with a big personality, Taini was a powerful and highly-regarded presence throughout her decades-long involvement. From the varied arenas of playing, coaching and administration, she moved seamlessly through each but made her most memorable imprint on the coaching front.**

The Rotorua stalwart fashioned a remarkable career after her first introduction to Netball as a seven-year-old, an involvement which continued for the rest of her rich and rewarding life. For nearly all her adult life Taini was involved with Netball Rotorua and was its president from 1981 to 2001.

During the 1950s, she progressed to being a member of the Rotorua representative team and was selected for the North Island team on three occasions, a highlight for players of the time.

An impressive all-round athlete, Taini played Netball, softball, basketball and tennis at provincial level but Netball remained her No.1 sport of choice.

Retiring from playing in 1959, Taini then spent a decade coaching a consistently successful Rotorua team, her credentials in this facet of the game setting her up for higher honours.

Taini became the first Māori coach of the New Zealand Netball team when appointed Silver Ferns coach #3 in 1967. In what was to become a history-making

year for Netball in New Zealand, she guided the Silver Ferns to a first world title in the second edition of the Netball World Championships, held in Perth.

Her history-making 1967 team were duly recognised by being inducted into the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame.

Four years later, she coached the Silver Ferns to the runners-up position at the 1971 World Netball Championships in Jamaica, when the team were away from home for almost four months.

She remains one of the Silver Ferns' most successful coaches with a 90 per cent winning rate, chalking up 18 wins from 20 tests.

In acknowledging her impressive contribution to Netball, Taini received many accolades over the years, including the Netball NZ Service Award in 1972, while in the 1994 New Year's Honours, she was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to Netball. She was inducted into the Māori Sports Hall of Fame in 2006 and, in 2010, was made a Life Member of Netball NZ.

In 2008, the Taini Jamison Trophy was established. It is contested when any netballing nation or nations, other than Australia, play the Silver Ferns in New Zealand.

The spectacular trophy - featuring a mangopare (hammerhead shark)



pattern around the top, and with the Rotorua Netball Māori motif being front and centre to honour Taini's exceptional legacy - always had particular significance to both Taini and the Silver Ferns.

"To have the Trophy named in my honour is really something that I'm very proud of," she said at the time. "To be able to present the trophy is another honour that I keep close to my heart."

Born in Rotorua in 1928, Taini's father was of Ngāti Raukawa and Ngāti Tamaterā descent, and her mother, Ngāi Tahu. Taini attended Rotorua High and Grammar School, but when her father was posted to Wellington after the war she moved to Wellington Girls' College, later studying at Wellington Teachers' Training College.

After qualifying as a teacher, she had several different postings, spending eight years teaching in Horohoro, near Rotorua, before moving to Malfroy Primary School in Rotorua, where she stayed until reaching retirement age.

Taini Jamison's immense contribution to Netball has enriched the experience for those who play the game today, the value of her rich legacy now part of the sport's fabric.

Taini passed away in April 2023 at the age of 95.

# Robyn Broughton

**A household name and towering figure in the game, the Netball community mourned the passing of iconic coach Robyn Broughton in 2023.**

The Broughton pedigree was linked with excellence and epitomised the special characteristics required to reach the pinnacle in her chosen field of top-line netball through determination, grit, humility, respect, humour and outstanding natural fortitude.

The former teacher at Invercargill's Verdon College left an unparalleled record over the course of New Zealand's elite domestic competition and beyond to set a shining example for those who follow.

That was first fashioned at Verdon College, who punched well above their weight when winning the 2001 and 2007 national secondary schools titles. Her influence on the many she coached at secondary school level often led to national recognition and successful careers at higher levels for her young proteges.

Broughton etched out a remarkable career across many facets of the sport and was appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM), for services to Netball in the 2004 New Year Honours. In the 2012 Queen's Birthday and Diamond Jubilee Honours, she was promoted to Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM). She was made a Life Member of Netball NZ in 2010.

She remained at the forefront of New Zealand's premier elite domestic competition when the ANZ Premiership Coach of the Year was named in her honour to become the Robyn Broughton Coach of the Year in 2021.



The iconic figure in the Deep South and put Invercargill on the map during her long tenure with the Southern Sting where Netball became everyone's favourite sport. It gained wide spread

and almost cult-like following while dominating the local media.

In a remarkable stint, Broughton was head coach of the Sting from 1998 to 2007, winning a

record seven Coca-Cola/National Bank Cup titles during that time while being the only coach to lead a team for all 10 seasons of both those competitions. With the introduction of the trans-Tasman league in 2008, Broughton took over as coach of the Southern Steel, remaining at the helm until 2011. She then moved north to coach the Central Pulse from 2012 to 2015.

On the international front, she was the Silver Ferns' assistant coach in 2000 to 2001 and part of the Silver Ferns' historic first tour to South Africa during that time. When the shorter form of the game was introduced, Broughton led the FastNet Ferns to the World Series title in 2010.

Her other international achievements included coaching a World 7, against the odds, to victory over a highly-credentialled Australia in 2009, while she was also a national selector.

Late in her career, Broughton plied her trade offshore and in 2016, she stepped up to become Director of Netball at the Hertfordshire Mavericks while also remaining as their head coach in the UK Super League.

Widely admired and respected by all her players and peers over many years, Broughton fashioned a remarkable coaching legacy in New Zealand which is unlikely to be surpassed.

She passed away in September 2023 at the age of 80.

# Mirth Solomon (née Te Moananui) Silver Fern #36

**A key figure in the Silver Ferns' growing status in the modern era of the sport, the Netball community mourned the passing of shooting great Mirth Solomon in October.**

As a Netball World Cup winner and runner-up, Solomon achieved greatness on the court but was just as influential on the sidelines where her abilities as an educator, coach, mentor, role model, counsellor and empowered Māori wahine sit alongside her remarkable feats as an athlete.

By today's standards, Rotorua's Solomon, at 1.73m [5ft 8in] was not exceptionally tall for a goal shoot but developed into a world-class player after first being selected for the Silver Ferns in 1963. After finding her feet and learning the craft of the goal shoot position at the elite level in 1963 when the Silver Ferns were edged by a solitary goal in the inaugural World Tournament final against Australia, Solomon's career continued to gain momentum in the subsequent years.

“In a dominant era, Broughton led the Sting for 100 matches, returning an impressive 82 percent win record...”



A feeder's dream, she was an automatic choice for the 1967 Silver Ferns winning the second edition of the World Tournament in Perth.

She was born in Paeroa in 1939, one of 11 children with iwi affiliation to Tainui. After attending Paeroa District High School, she finished her schooling at Queen Victoria School in Auckland.

In 1958, Solomon went on to study at Auckland Teachers' Training College and obtained her teaching qualifications. Her first teaching job was at Pukekohe School, followed by schools in Pukehina and Mamaku in the Bay of Plenty. She married Roger Solomon, a rugby coach, in 1964 and they had two daughters.

Solomon continued to teach, at Rotorua Girls' High School in 1965, where she taught physical education and geography, and then at Sunset Intermediate School in Rotorua from 1966 to 1968. In 1969, Kaitao Intermediate School was established in Rotorua and she became a founding member of staff, retiring as deputy principal in 2005.

After retiring as a player, Solomon continued to be involved with Netball in the Rotorua area. In 2001, she succeeded Taini Jamison, (who had been her coach for the 1967 World Championships), as president of Netball Rotorua, relinquishing the position in 2016. She also became a senior-level umpire.



In 2003, she was inducted into the Māori Sports Hall of Fame. The 1967 World Championship team were inducted into the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame in 1996.

Solomon was also honoured with a Multi Serve for National Education, a Netball Bay of Plenty Service Award, a Netball NZ Service Award and was a Life Member of Netball Rotorua.

Widely respected across many walks of life, Solomon was a towering presence in Netball while setting an outstanding benchmark for those who follow. Mirth passed away in October 2023 at the age of 84.

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## Thelma Turner (nee Trask) Silver Fern #18

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Turner continued the trend of predominantly small shooters during the era. A goal shooter, the diminutive 19-year-old Trask stood at just 1.56m [5ft1in] making her one of the shortest to ever be selected for the Silver Ferns.

Turner had the distinction of shooting the first goal of the match in her debut against Australia in the second test in New Plymouth but that was about as good as it got, the Silver Ferns going on to lose 44-13. The Australians completed a 3-0 sweep of the series.



Turner was consigned to just the solitary international cap when the third test was played in Auckland with players closer to home being chosen and the next international not being played until 1960.

Originally from Hawera, Turner started playing netball at Hawera Primary School when she was eight. Moving to Manawātū, Turner attended Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School, then Technical College and played her netball at the then Grey St courts. At Technical College she was coached by the legendary Catherine Vautier.

In 1956 when she married Manawātū hockey and cricket great Bruce Turner. The couple had three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Though she never got back on the courts, Turner remained active with squash, aerobics, aqua aerobics, swimming and aqua jogging, and also represented Manawātū in tennis. An active sportswoman throughout her life, Turner died peacefully in September at the age of 94 and will always be fondly remembered as one of netball's trail-blazing Silver Ferns.

# Service Awards

As recipients of the Netball New Zealand (Netball NZ) Service Award for 2023, 18 personnel, from wide-ranging and diverse areas of impact, were acknowledged for their long and selfless contribution to the sport.

**Former Silver Ferns greats Leana de Bruin, Laura Langman and Adine Wilson were acknowledged for their years of loyal international duty and lengthy careers.**

Silver Ferns coach Dame Noeline Taurua and her assistant Debbie Fuller were recognised for their considerable input into coaching at the elite level while also conducting clinics and mentoring many others on their coaching journeys.

Kristie Simpson, New Zealand's most capped national league umpire, and Gareth Fowler, who were both in action at July's Netball World Cup in South Africa, received Service Awards for their contribution to umpiring.

Former umpire Kirsten Lloyd, who has continued her long involvement with the discipline, passing on her knowledge in ongoing roles, also received a Service Award. Lloyd has been an umpire selector while currently has cadet status on the International Umpires' Award Testing Panel.

Kate Agnew was acknowledged for her long and unstinting dedication while an employee of Netball NZ where she worked across several roles, including Strategic Projects Lead, Head of Events and International, and Operations Director during her 21 years.

## 1967

**Ona Coatsworth** + Waikato  
**Joan Durbin** + Auckland  
**Joyce Ellis** + Auckland  
**Eileen Lane** + NZNA  
**Jean Lodge** + Rotorua  
**Jean Rountree** + Auckland

## 1968

**Doreen Brown** + NZNA  
**Pat Cairney** + NZNA  
**Vonnie Flood** + NZNA  
**Kay Palmer** + NZNA  
**Vi Rainey** Waikato  
**Iris Weston** + NZNA  
**Edna Yates** + Canterbury

## 1969

**Peggy Bithell** + Taranaki  
**Margaret Gibson** + Wellington

## 1970

**Rona McCarthy** + Hawke's Bay  
**Hazel Paul** + Wellington  
**Isobel Stuart** Auckland

## 1971

**Douglas Coleman** Te Puke  
**Myra Denniston** Western Bay of Plenty  
**Phyllis Ford** South Canterbury  
**Taini Jamison** + Rotorua  
**Barbara Marchant** Wellington

## 1972

**Ina Graham** + South Waikato  
**Marjorie Jenden** + NZNA  
**Gladys Symes** + Hawke's Bay

## 1973

**Alice Gemming** Western Bay of Plenty  
**Hazel Wickens** Te Kawau

## 1974

**Betty Ditford** + Canterbury  
**Lorraine Duffy** + Hutt Valley  
**Olive Husband** Ashburton  
**Joyce Lee** + Canterbury  
**Margaret Pierson** Hutt Valley  
**Helen Yates** + Canterbury

## 1975

**Dixie Cockerton** + Matamata  
**Pat Cullen** + Wellington  
**Alison Elder** Canterbury  
**Florence Gough** + Canterbury  
**Eileen Hoglund (née Penman)** Ashburton  
**Dorothy Hughes** Canterbury  
**Dal Knuckey** + Hawke's Bay  
**Joyce McCann** + Wellington  
**Alice Nichol** + Canterbury  
**Shirley Peacock** + North Shore  
**Joyce Prevett** Matamata  
**Squib Ramsey** Matamata  
**Annette Taylor** Hutt Valley

## 1976

**Val Gavin** + Otago  
**Edna George** Otago  
**Doreen Hes** + Southland  
**Lena McTaggart** Otago  
**Yvonne Sycamore** + South Waikato  
**Nancy Whittleston** Otago  
**Clara Williamson** Poverty Bay

+ Now deceased

## 1977

**Yvonne Atkins** Hawke's Bay  
**Violet Byers** + Otago  
**Myrtle E Lee** Hawke's Bay  
**Ellie Moon** Waikato  
**Anne Taylor** Waikato

## 1978

**Sonia Deeble** King Country  
**Pam McCloy** Otago  
**Mary McConnell** + Otago  
**Margaret McDougall** South Auckland  
**Lois Muir** Otago  
**Judy Russell** Auckland  
**Shirley Smith** + Wellington  
**Anne Temple** Wellington

## 1979

**Molly Dorne** + Horowhenua  
**Edna Hansen** Manawatū  
**Dale Wortman** Wellington  
**Betty Plant** + Wellington  
**Nancy Read** + Canterbury  
**Jo Selby** Manawatū  
**Oonah Shannahan** + Canterbury  
**Betty M Steffensen** Manawatū

## 1980

**Cherrie Beattie** Te Kawau  
**Dorothy Dee** Nelson  
**Marian George (née Smith)** North Shore

## 1981

**Losene Collins** Hawke's Bay  
**Val Fletcher** West Auckland  
**Bev Fryer** Poverty Bay  
**Irene Gurr** + Manawatū  
**Dawn Jones** Auckland  
**Joyce Prankerd** Wellington  
**Shirley Sanderson** Matamata  
**Jean Skelsey** Whanganui  
**Annabel Sutton** Hawke's Bay  
**Anne Tippett** Southland

## 1982

**Norma Burns** North Otago  
**Pat Cleland** Wellington  
**Ainsley Jacobs** Howick/Pakuranga  
**Diane Madgwick** North Shore  
**Nita McLean** Western Bay of Plenty  
**Isabel Reeves** South Waikato  
**Dorothy Smith** Wellington

**Betty Woodham** Marlborough  
**Molly Wright** South Waikato

## 1983

**Janice Blissett** Temuka and Districts  
**Margaret Herron (née Thompson)** Otago  
**Audrey Thurlow** Otago

## 1984

**Rangi Delamare** Eastern Bay of Plenty  
**Dorothy Fathers** + Thames Valley  
**Nola Harris** + Kaikōura  
**Nita Shannon** Eastern Bay of Plenty  
**Dorothy Simpson** North Canterbury  
**Aroha Turnbull** Thames Valley

## 1985

**Edith Findlay** Southland

## 1986

**Betty Harding** Hawke's Bay  
**Norma Peggs** West Auckland  
**Bernice Wood** Taranaki

## 1987

**Maureen Donovan** King Country  
**Joan Williams** Howick/Pakuranga

## 1988

**Heather Brewer** West Auckland  
**Fay Freeman** North Shore  
**Mavis Kennedy** South Canterbury

## 1989

**Christine Archer** Wellington  
**Monica Leggat** + Waikato  
**Julia Murray** + Canterbury  
**Eileen Robinson** South Canterbury

## 1990

**Ruby Aberhart** Nelson  
**Barbara McIntosh** Mid-Canterbury  
**Anne Vernon** Manawatū  
**Betty Wells** Waitākere

## 1991

**Billie Armstrong** Canterbury  
**Anne Carnie** North Shore  
**Shona Cooper** + North Shore  
**Mairie Erickson** + Canterbury  
**Shirley Mackle** Temuka and Districts

## 1992

**Elaine Collett** + Waimate  
**Sheryl Dawson** Bay of Plenty Coast  
**Lois Fowler** Auckland  
**Frances Howard** Western Districts  
**Noeline Ryder** + Waimate  
**Nancy Toomer** + Kapi-Mana

## 1993

**Rita Cosgrove** + South Canterbury  
**Marlene Flavell** Auckland  
**Valerie Fowler** Howick/Pakuranga  
**Lyn Gunson** Waikato  
**Nita Hornbrook** + Nelson  
**Audrey Leath** Ashburton  
**Patricia Maddocks** Wellington  
**Marilyn Munro** Wellington  
**Jill Shanley** Waikato  
**Lorraine Stowell** Ashburton

## 1994

**Edna Balle** Pukekohe  
**Carole Craighead** Auckland  
**Audrey Hinton** Pukekohe  
**Lyn Miles** Canterbury  
**Annette Orangi** + Canterbury  
**Kathleen Thomas** Sunrise Coast  
**Sheryl Wells** Auckland  
**Heather Williamson** Midland

## 1995

**Lois Bush** + Auckland  
**Jean Hansen** Northland  
**Beverley Harrison** Howick/Pakuranga  
**Keitha McKendry** + Manawatū  
**Margaret Sheppard** Pukekohe

## 1997

**Janet Hefford** Canterbury  
**Jessie Thompson** Canterbury  
**Valerie Winder** Whanganui

## 1998

**Flora Beynon** Buller/Westland  
**Kathleen Farrell** Waikato  
**Shona Foxcroft** + Temuka and Districts  
**Alwyn Stiven** West Otago  
**Joyce Wallace** Waimate  
**Yvonne Willering** North Harbour

+ Now deceased

## 1999

**Margaret Burgess** North Harbour  
**Shirley Davis** Auckland  
**Wilma Hendry** Otago  
**May Laws** + Otago  
**Gay Netton** Horowhenua  
**Ann O'Brien** Otago  
**Rose Williams** + Bay of Plenty Coast

## 2000

**Kathy Doyle** Wellington  
**Kate Leebody** Southland  
**Beryl O'Sullivan** Manawatū  
**Beverley Raine** Taranaki

## 2001

**Sheena Armishaw** Whanganui  
**Colleen Bond** Southland  
**Hazel Burrowes** + Southland  
**Dorothy Fitzpatrick** Marlborough  
**Jean Gillett** + South Canterbury  
**Pat James** Howick/Pakuranga  
**Kay McIntyre** North Harbour  
**Maureen Russell** Thames Valley  
**Georgina Salter** + Otago  
**Beverley Tibbles** West Coast

## 2002

**Robyn Broughton** + Southland  
**Mary Meek** Rangitikei  
**Margaret Perry** Wellington  
**Ian Schrader** + Otago  
**Carolyn Sengelow** South Canterbury

## 2003

**Lyn Bailey** Howick/Pakuranga  
**Annette Lewis** Horowhenua  
**Lyndsay Meads** Katikati  
**Doreen Neil** Rotorua  
**Hiraina Hilda Ross** + Harbourside  
**Mary Thompson** Rotorua

## 2004

**Irene Collins** North Harbour  
**Joanna Paora** Hutt Valley  
**Mirth Solomon** + Rotorua  
**Elaine Tollen** Manurewa  
**Doreen Tucker** Dunedin  
**Noeline Ward** Canterbury  
**Isobel Whyte** Hurunui

## 2005

**Marjorie Carr** Waikato  
**Eileen Margaret Crowe** Christchurch  
**Maureen Flannagan** Manawatū  
**Kereyn Smith** Netball New Zealand  
**Sylvia Smith** Waikato  
**Margaret Spencer** + Auckland Waitākere

## 2006

**Norma Bates** North  
**Maree Bernasconi** Pukekohe  
**Annette Parkinson** Manawatū  
**Noeline Ramsey** Waiuku  
**Rebecca Tukukino** Bay of Plenty

## 2007

**Anne Bloomfield** Western  
**Tina Karaitiana** Gisborne  
**Te Aroha Keenan** Auckland Waitākere  
**Violet Lynch** + Eastern Southland  
**Margaret Nicholson** Waikato  
**Susanne Trim** Manawatū

## 2008

**Annette Bradley** Whangārei  
**Jan Castle** Howick/Pakuranga  
**Suzanne Driscoll** Hutt Valley  
**Anne Marie Leech** Mid-Canterbury  
**Julie McDonald** Howick/Pakuranga  
**Dianne McTigue** Mid-Canterbury  
**Kay Norris** Christchurch  
**Christine Rodda** Christchurch  
**Sheena Tyrell** Mid-Canterbury

## 2009

**Margaret Bennie** Otago  
**Monica Burns** Southland  
**Robyn Harding** + Auckland Waitākere  
**Nancy Lewin** Kāpiti Centre  
**Susan Miller** Counties Manukau  
**Theresa Strachan** Taranaki  
**Waimarama Taumaunu** Wellington  
**Patricia Wyatt** Bay of Plenty  
**Diane Yorke** Bay of Plenty

## 2010

**Jan Gallop** Tasman  
**Linda Liggins** Manawatū  
**Lyn Pellow** Auckland Waitākere  
**Ronwyn Wilkins** Motueka

## 2011

**Paula Bailey** Auckland Waitākere  
**Karen Brown** Southland  
**Madge Cathro** Taranaki  
**Lee-Anne Clark** Auckland Waitākere  
**Shelley Fissenden** Kaikōura  
**Susan Hare** Hutt Valley

**Geraldine Hodgson** Nelson  
**Raeline Ottley** Waimate  
**Ivy Topping** Taranaki

## 2012

**Dame Ruth Aitken** Netball New Zealand  
**Dulcie Brunel** North Harbour  
**Joanne Davis-Goff** Waikato  
**Tracey Fear** Netball New Zealand  
**Leigh Gibbs** Netball New Zealand  
**Adrienne Hayes** Christchurch  
**June Kilgour** Howick/Pakuranga  
**Colleen Lyons** Otago  
**Carole Maddix** North Harbour  
**Raewyn Mills** Papakura  
**Helen Schulz** North Harbour  
**Cathie Shaw** Waikato  
**Eleanor Simmons** North Harbour  
**Rhonda Turner** Papakura  
**Michele Wallace** North Harbour

## 2013

**Edna Brown** Hamilton City  
**Dorothy Craighead** + North Canterbury  
**Isabel Forrester** North Canterbury  
**Lynette Gubb** Rodney  
**Diane Moloney** South Canterbury  
**Lynn Stratford** South Canterbury  
**Mureen Turfrey** Eastern Southland

## 2014

**Ngamahirau Grace Barnett** Hawke's Bay  
**Tasi Betteridge** Hutt Valley  
**Yvonne Brew** Upper Clutha  
**Iwi Courtney** Howick/Pakuranga  
**Julie Erskine** Invercargill  
**Julie-Ann Hallett** Waikato Bay of Plenty  
**Leigh Knight** Papakura  
**Briar Martindale** Papakura  
**Sylvia McCleary** Hawke's Bay  
**Bronwyn Meek** Auckland  
**Michelle Newton** North Harbour  
**Grace Rhind** Papakura  
**Sheryll Roy** + Dunedin  
**Jan Skilton** North Harbour  
**Gail Wenmoth** Rotorua

## 2015

**Ann Condor** Central Otago  
**Alison Cormack** Eastern Southland  
**Therese Dixon** Papakura  
**Rayma Gunson** Whangārei  
**Margaret Marsh** Christchurch  
**Aileen Mason** Waitākere  
**Amanda Nottingham** Christchurch  
**Valerie Temm** Hamilton City

+ Now deceased

## 2016

**Jane Andrew** Nelson  
**Ann Bourne** North Harbour  
**Jono Bredin** Dunedin  
**Jan Clough** Manawatū  
**Kathy Hely** Selwyn  
**Anne Marett** Mid-Canterbury  
**Veronica Martin** Gisborne  
**Marilyn Milne** Nelson  
**Maree Smith** Nelson

## 2017

**Rosemary Adlam** Mid-Canterbury  
**Beverley Douglas** Netball New Zealand  
**Adrienne Ensor** Dunedin  
**Debbie Hodges** Netball New Zealand  
**Shirley Hooper** Netball New Zealand  
**Sharon Kearney** Netball New Zealand  
**Raewyn Lovett** Netball New Zealand  
**Kerry Manders** Netball New Zealand  
**Karla Newlands** Mid-Canterbury  
**Sally Paki Paki** Nelson  
**David Pala'amo** Christchurch  
**Lee Piper** South  
**Barbara Reid** Mid-Canterbury  
**Lesley Rumball** Netball New Zealand  
**Julie Seymour** Netball New Zealand  
**Nina Smith** + Howick/Pakuranga  
**Irene Takao** Gisborne  
**Lorraine Tapp** Dunedin  
**Fatulatetele Tolo** Wellington

## 2018

**Sherrill Beale** Gisborne  
**Geoff Bendall** Waitākere  
**John Bongard** Netball New Zealand  
**Glennys Burney** Christchurch  
**Dianne Dickens** Eastern Southland  
**Judith Downer** North Harbour  
**Sandra Edge** Wellington  
**Allison Ferguson** Auckland  
**Carol Ferguson** Pukekohe  
**Bridget Gane** Marlborough  
**Julie Hansen** Gisborne  
**Ann Hay** Wellington  
**Raewyn Henry** Northern Zone  
**Shirley Hocquard** Marlborough  
**Natalie Kelly** Waikato Bay of Plenty  
**Christena Loomans** Papakura  
**Lorna Manu** Waitākere  
**Robyn Mayo** Pukekohe  
**Karen Naylor** South Canterbury  
**Ngami Prattley** Eastern Southland  
**Anne Reid** Eastern Southland  
**Bubs Reweti** Wellington  
**Jan Teesdale** Waikato Bay of Plenty  
**Ann Tod** Netball New Zealand  
**Beryl Turketo** Waitākere

## 2019

**Lyn Barr** North Harbour  
**Gail Benseman** Mid-Canterbury  
**Lillian Cattell** Manurewa  
**Pam Clayton** Waikato Bay of Plenty  
**Elaine Curtis** Waitākere  
**Gail Griffiths** North Harbour  
**Marcia Hardcastle** North Harbour  
**Gayle Hare** Wellington  
**Casey Kopua** Waikato Bay of Plenty  
**Lee Manaia** Manurewa  
**Jo Morrison** Dunedin  
**Cathy Roa** Kapi-Mana  
**Martha Taru** Wellington  
**Zora Vitasovich** Waitākere

## 2020

**Robyn Daly** Christchurch  
**Robyn Garner** Howick Pakuranga  
**Lynette Imrie** Hutt Valley  
**Kay Jenkins** Christchurch  
**Karen King** South Canterbury  
**Yvette McCausland-Durie** Manawatū  
**Lee McKenzie** Christchurch  
**Fay Selby-Law** Manawatū  
**Fay Trezise** South Canterbury

## 2021

**Karen Betty** Pukekohe  
**Lynette Brady** North Harbour  
**Jennifer Gerrard** Hamilton City  
**Elizabeth Hicks** Pukekohe  
**Tania Karauria** Auckland  
**Margaret Kelly** Hamilton City  
**Eleanor Kitching** Waiuku  
**Kora [Piwi] Pene** Hutt Valley  
**Pam Pennell** Auckland  
**Kirstin Scully** Dunedin  
**Margaret Webby** Hamilton City

## 2022

**Stephanie Bond** Auckland  
**Julie Coney** Auckland  
**Lesley Dick** Christchurch  
**Mary Gardiner** Auckland  
**Teresa Irwin** Central Southland  
**Genny Jarvis** Hutt Valley  
**Roger Ledingham+** Nelson  
**Bernice Mene** Netball New Zealand  
**Todd Miller** Netball New Zealand  
**Lesley Murdoch** Netball New Zealand  
**David Ronaldson** Northern  
**Raewyn Ronaldson** Pukekohe  
**Brenda Rowberry** Netball New Zealand  
**Anna Stanley** Netball New Zealand  
**Katherine West** Pukekohe  
**Donna Wilkins** Netball New Zealand  
**Dianne Williams** Northern

## 2023

**Kate Agnew** Netball New Zealand  
**Julie Bennett** Auckland  
**Barbara Bialy** Hutt Valley  
**Mary-Rose Cullen** Invercargill  
**Leana de Bruin** Netball New Zealand  
**Gareth Fowler** Netball New Zealand  
**Deborah Fuller** Netball New Zealand  
**Laura Langman** Netball New Zealand  
**Leah Lazarus** North Harbour  
**Kirsten Lloyd** Wellington  
**Murray Lockwood** Northern  
**Maree McMillan** Invercargill  
**Nicki Paterson** Dunedin  
**Kristie Simpson** Netball New Zealand  
**Dame Noeline Taurua** Netball New Zealand  
**Joyce Walsh** Christchurch  
**Adine Wilson** Auckland  
**Lyn Wilson** Dunedin

+ Now deceased

# The Netball System



## National Programmes

  
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 NETBALL NEW ZEALAND

  
**future FERNs**



  
**PDP**

 **NetballSmart**

  
**NATIONAL UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**  
 NETBALL NEW ZEALAND

## Teams

  
**SILVER FERNS**

  
**NZA**  
 NETBALL NEW ZEALAND

  
**NZ UNDER 21**  
 NETBALL NEW ZEALAND

  
**NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS**  
 NETBALL NEW ZEALAND

  
**NATIONAL UMPIRE SQUAD**  
 NETBALL NEW ZEALAND

## National Competitions

  
**SYNERGYHAIR NETBALL LEAGUE**

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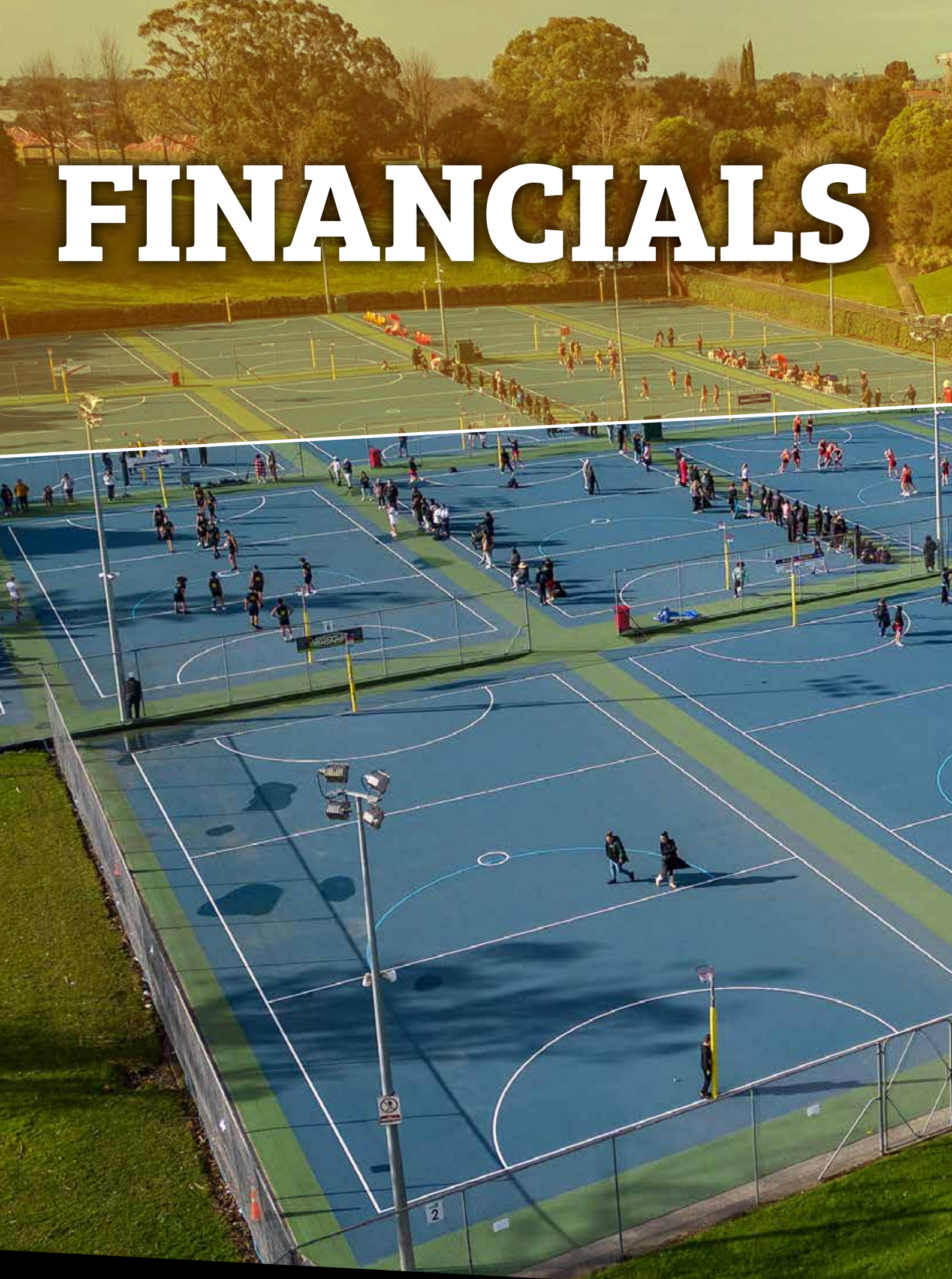


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# Independent Auditor's Report



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## To the Members of Netball New Zealand Incorporated Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Special Purpose Financial Statements

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### Opinion

We have audited the consolidated special purpose financial statements of Netball New Zealand Incorporated and its subsidiaries ('the Group') on pages 68 to 74, which comprise the consolidated special purpose statement of financial position as at 30 November 2023, and the consolidated special purpose statement of financial performance and consolidated special purpose statement of movements in equity for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated special purpose financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 30 November 2023, and its consolidated financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Basis of Reporting per Note 1 of the consolidated special purpose financial statements.

Our report is made solely to the Members of the Group. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Members of the Group those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Members of the Group as a body, for our audit work, for our report or for the opinions we have formed.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) ('ISAs (NZ)'). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Special Purpose Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants

(including International Independence Standards) ('IESBA Code'), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor and provider of other assurance services we have no relationship with, or interests in, Netball New Zealand Incorporated or any of its subsidiaries. The provision of these other assurance services has not impaired our independence.

### Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the consolidated special purpose financial statements, which describes the basis of reporting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 70 and 71. As a result, the consolidated special purpose financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### Other Information

Those Charged with Governance are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Group's annual report for the year ended 30 November 2023 (but does not include the consolidated special purpose financial statements and our auditor's report thereon).

Our opinion on the consolidated special purpose financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated special purpose financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated special purpose financial statements or our

knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Responsibilities of Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Special Purpose Financial Statements**

Those Charged with Governance are responsible on behalf of the Group for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated special purpose financial statements in accordance with the Basis of Reporting per Note 1, and for such internal control as Those Charged with Governance determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the consolidated special purpose financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated special purpose financial statements, Those Charged with Governance are responsible on behalf of the Group for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Those Charged with Governance either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Special Purpose Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated special purpose financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs [NZ] will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated special purpose financial statements.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated special purpose financial

statements is located at the External Reporting Board's website at:

<https://www.xrb.govt.nz/assurance-standards/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-7/>

### **Matters Relating to the Electronic Presentation of the Consolidated Audited Special Purpose Financial Statements**

This audit report relates to the consolidated special purpose financial statements of Netball New Zealand Incorporated and its subsidiaries for the year ended 30 November 2023 included on Netball New Zealand Incorporated's website. Those Charged with Governance of Netball New Zealand Incorporated are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of Netball New Zealand Incorporated's website. We have not been engaged to report on the integrity of Netball New Zealand Incorporated's website. We accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the consolidated special purpose financial statements since they were initially presented on the website.

The audit report refers only to the consolidated special purpose financial statements named above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyper linked to or from these consolidated special purpose financial statements. If readers of this report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from electronic data communication, they should refer to the published hard copy of the audited consolidated special purpose financial statements and related audit report dated 20 December 2023 to confirm the information included in the audited consolidated special purpose financial statements presented on this website.

Legislation in New Zealand governing the preparation and dissemination of consolidated special purpose financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

### **BAKER TILLY STAPLES RODWAY AUCKLAND**

Auckland, New Zealand  
20 December 2023



## Consolidated Special Purpose Statement of Financial Performance

for the year ended 30 November 2023

|   | Notes | NNZ Group<br>2023<br>[\$000] | NNZ Group<br>2022<br>[\$000] |
|---|-------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Operating Revenue                               | 3     | 26,794                       | 25,371                       |
| Operating Expenses                              | 3     | 25,814                       | 25,181                       |
| <b>Operating Net Surplus for the year</b>       |       | <b>980</b>                   | <b>190</b>                   |
| Share of deficit from Associate                 | 9     | [30]                         | [45]                         |
| <b>Operating Surplus for the year</b>           |       | <b>950</b>                   | <b>145</b>                   |
| Transfers from/(to) Reserves                    |       | [700]                        | 305                          |
| <b>Net Surplus for the Year after Transfers</b> |       | <b>250</b>                   | <b>450</b>                   |

## Consolidated Special Purpose Statement of Movements in Equity

for the year ended 30 November 2023

|  | Notes | Accum.<br>Funds<br>[\$000] | Poipoia<br>Reserve<br>[\$000] | Int'l Teams<br>Reserve<br>[\$000] | Total<br>[\$000] |
|--|-------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Members Equity Balance as at 1 December 2021 |       | 5,105                      | 2,577                         | 750                               | 8,432            |
| <b>Movements for the year</b>                |       |                            |                               |                                   |                  |
| Operating Surplus for year                   |       | 145                        | -                             | -                                 | 145              |
| Transfer to/(from) Reserves                  |       | 305                        | [305]                         | -                                 | -                |
| <b>Total Movements for the year</b>          |       | <b>450</b>                 | <b>[305]</b>                  | <b>-</b>                          | <b>145</b>       |
| <b>Members Equity at 30 November 2022</b>    |       | <b>5,555</b>               | <b>2,272</b>                  | <b>750</b>                        | <b>8,577</b>     |

|  | Notes | Accum.<br>Funds<br>[\$000] | Poipoia<br>Reserve<br>[\$000] | Int'l Teams<br>Reserve<br>[\$000] | Total<br>[\$000] |
|--|-------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Members Equity Balance as at 1 December 2022 |       | 5,555                      | 2,272                         | 750                               | 8,577            |
| <b>Movements for the year</b>                |       |                            |                               |                                   |                  |
| Operating Surplus for year                   |       | 950                        |                               |                                   | 950              |
| Transfer to/(from) Reserves                  |       | [700]                      | 650                           | 50                                | -                |
| <b>Total Movements for the year</b>          |       | <b>250</b>                 | <b>650</b>                    | <b>50</b>                         | <b>950</b>       |
| <b>Members Equity at 30 November 2023</b>    |       | <b>5,805</b>               | <b>2,922</b>                  | <b>800</b>                        | <b>9,527</b>     |

# Consolidated Special Purpose Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 November 2023

|                                     | Notes | NNZ Group<br>2023<br>\$000 | NNZ Group<br>2022<br>\$000 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                       |       |                            |                            |
| Cash and cash equivalents           | 7     | 12,525                     | 12,899                     |
| Trade and other receivables         |       | 491                        | 439                        |
| Prepayments                         |       | 356                        | 213                        |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>         |       | <b>13,372</b>              | <b>13,551</b>              |
| Plant and Equipment                 | 5     | 153                        | 201                        |
| Investment in Associates            | 9     | 247                        | 277                        |
| Investments                         | 8     | 4,433                      | 4,199                      |
| <b>Total Non Current Assets</b>     |       | <b>4,833</b>               | <b>4,677</b>               |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                 |       | <b>18,205</b>              | <b>18,228</b>              |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                  |       |                            |                            |
| Trade and other Payables            |       | 2,221                      | 2,663                      |
| Income Received in Advance          | 6     | 6,457                      | 6,988                      |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>          |       | <b>8,678</b>               | <b>9,651</b>               |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>            |       | <b>8,678</b>               | <b>9,651</b>               |
| <b>Equity</b>                       |       |                            |                            |
| Poipoia Reserve                     | 10    | 2,922                      | 2,272                      |
| International Teams' Reserve        | 10    | 800                        | 750                        |
| General Funds                       | 10    | 5,805                      | 5,555                      |
| <b>Total Equity</b>                 |       | <b>9,527</b>               | <b>8,577</b>               |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b> |       | <b>18,205</b>              | <b>18,228</b>              |

SIGNED FOR ON BEHALF  
OF THE BOARD:



**Matt Whineray**

Chair

20 December 2023



**Shane Harmon**

Chair, Audit and Risk Committee

20 December 2023



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# Notes to the Consolidated Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 November 2023

## 1 General Overview

### Reporting Entity

Netball New Zealand Incorporated (NNZ) is an Incorporated Society registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. The consolidated special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with s23(i) of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. For the purposes of financial reporting, NNZ is a public benefit entity (not-for-profit).

The consolidated special purpose financial statements and the accompanying notes summarise the financial results of activities carried out by NNZ and its Subsidiaries (together the 'NNZ Group').

The purpose of NNZ Group is to promote and administer the sport of Netball in New Zealand.

The consolidated special purpose financial statements for NNZ are for the year ended 30 November 2023. They were authorised for issue by the Board on 20 December 2023.

### Basis of Reporting

The consolidated special purpose financial statements have been prepared applying the accounting principles of accrual accounting and double entry accounting. The consolidated special purpose financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis unless stated otherwise.

The consolidated special purpose financial statements comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Performance, Movements in Equity and accounting policies as well as the notes to these statements.

These consolidated special purpose financial statements are presented in New Zealand Dollars, which is NNZ's functional currency. All amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise indicated.

The accounting policies have been applied consistently for all accounting periods unless stated otherwise. Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

### Use of Judgements and Estimates

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies and the application of accounting standards, NNZ has made a number of judgements and estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and various other matters that are considered to be appropriate under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Key estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of these consolidated special purpose financial statements are:

- Note 5: Useful lives of Plant and Equipment.
- Revenue Recognition: Judgement is required to determine the point at which revenue is earned.

### Going Concern

The consolidated special purpose financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business. The Board consider it appropriate for these consolidated special purpose financial statements to be prepared on a going concern basis.

### OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Consolidation

The Group financial statements include the parent (NNZ) and its subsidiaries (New Netball Team Ltd, NLNZ Ltd, WBOP Magic Ltd) and Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone.

The consolidated special purpose financial statements are those of the consolidated entity ('the group'), comprising the financial statements of the parent entity and all of the entities the parent controls. The group controls an entity where it has the power, for which the parent has exposure or rights to variable returns from its involvement with the entity, and for which the parent has the ability to use its power over the entity to affect the amount of its returns.

The financial statements of subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the parent entity, using consistent accounting policies.

Adjustments are made to bring into line any dissimilar accounting policies which may exist.

All inter-company balances and transactions, including any unrealised profits or losses have been eliminated on consolidation. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is obtained by the group and cease to be consolidated from the date that control ceases.

### **Investment in Associate**

An associate is an entity over which the Group is able to exercise significant influence. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee but is not control or joint control of those policies.

The Group's interests in associates are accounted for using the equity method after initially being recognised at cost. Under the equity method, the Group's share of the profits or losses of the associate is recognised in the Group's Consolidated Special Purpose Statement of Financial Performance. Unrealised gains and losses on transactions between the Group and an associate are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the associate.

### **Taxation**

NNZ is a Non-profit body for taxation purposes under section CW 46 of the Income Tax Act 2007 and as such no taxation is payable on the profit for the year.

### **Goods and Services Tax**

Income, expenditure and assets and liabilities are recognised exclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST), with the exception of accounts receivable and accounts payable which are recognised inclusive of GST, where invoiced.

## **2 Significant Accounting Policies**

The accounting policies set out below have been applied in preparing the consolidated special purpose financial statements for all periods presented.

### **Revenue Recognition**

Revenue from exchange transactions, including goods and services received in kind, are recognised as earned and when the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received.

Broadcast, Sponsorship and Event Income are classified as revenue from exchange transactions. Sponsorship and Broadcast are recognised over the period of the contract and as the benefits are supplied by NNZ. Event Income is

recognised in the period of the event. Interest income is recognised on an accruals basis using the effective interest rate method. Dividends or similar distributions shall be recognised when NNZ's right to receive payment is established.

Funding and Grants are classified as non-exchange transactions. Revenue from non-exchange transactions is generally recognised in full on receipt. In some cases non-exchange transactions contain a requirement that will result in the repayment of the amount if certain conditions are not met. In this case NNZ recognises a liability for deferred income and revenue is recognised once these conditions have been satisfied.

Contra is to recognise in kind contributions. They are recognised as Sponsorship revenue and expenses when amounts are quantifiable in terms of the Sponsorship contract.

Membership Income is classified as an exchange transaction and is recognised on receipt from the Zones and Centres.

### **Accounts Receivable**

Accounts Receivable are recognised at original invoice amount less any allowance for uncollectable amounts. Bad debts are written off when identified and recognised in the Consolidated Special Purpose Statement of Financial Performance.

### **Accounts Payable**

Accounts payable and accruals represents liabilities for goods and services provided to NNZ which have not been paid at the end of the financial year. These amounts are usually settled within 30 days. The liability for wages and salaries including annual leave are recognised in accruals in respect of employees' services.

### **Foreign Currency**

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into New Zealand Dollars (functional currency) at spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated to New Zealand dollars at the exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is recognised in revenue or expenses as part of the surplus or deficit.

### **Uniforms**

Uniforms are expensed at the time of purchase, unless purchased for future squads.

### 3 Operating Surplus/(Deficit)

|  | NNZ Group 2023 \$000 | NNZ Group 2022 \$000 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Broadcast and Sponsorship              | 15,638               | 14,840               |
| Sport NZ and High Performance Sport NZ | 3,649                | 3,728                |
| Grants                                 | 3,115                | 3,178                |
| Event Revenue                          | 2,214                | 1,718                |
| NNZ Membership                         | 452                  | 434                  |
| Zone Membership                        | 454                  | 429                  |
| Change in Market Value of Investments  | 150                  | -                    |
| Other                                  | 1,122                | 1,044                |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                   | <b>26,794</b>        | <b>25,371</b>        |
| Accounting and Audit Fees              | 47                   | 136                  |
| Depreciation                           | 98                   | 79                   |
| Rental and Operating Lease Expenses    | 375                  | 329                  |
| Change in Market Value of Investments  | -                    | 373                  |
| Game Development and Events            | 3,441                | 3,699                |
| Elite Programmes and Events            | 16,098               | 15,504               |
| Operations                             | 5,217                | 4,401                |
| Strategic Initiatives                  | 538                  | 660                  |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>               | <b>25,814</b>        | <b>25,181</b>        |

### 4 Employee Benefits

#### Short-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and other employee benefits (other than termination benefits) related to the reporting period, that are expected to be settled wholly within twelve months. These are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. The expected cost of short-term employee benefits in the form of compensated absences such as annual leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables in the Consolidated Special Purpose Statement of Financial Position.

|                                | NNZ Group 2023 \$000 | NNZ Group 2022 \$000 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Total Employee Benefits</b> | <b>7,692</b>         | <b>7,680</b>         |

### 5 Plant and Equipment

|                                  | NNZ Group 2023 \$000 |              |            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------|
|                                  | Cost                 | Accum Depn   | Book Value |
| Office Alterations               | 64                   | 6            | 58         |
| Office Equipment                 | 135                  | 123          | 12         |
| Furniture and Fittings           | 149                  | 126          | 23         |
| IT Equipment                     | 759                  | 699          | 60         |
| <b>Total Plant and Equipment</b> | <b>1,107</b>         | <b>954</b>   | <b>153</b> |
|                                  | NNZ Group 2022 \$000 |              |            |
|                                  | Cost                 | Accum Depn   | Book Value |
| Office Alterations               | 144                  | 79           | 65         |
| Office Equipment                 | 132                  | 117          | 15         |
| Furniture and Fittings           | 185                  | 165          | 20         |
| IT Equipment                     | 754                  | 653          | 101        |
| <b>Total Plant and Equipment</b> | <b>1,215</b>         | <b>1,014</b> | <b>201</b> |

All Plant and Equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Where an asset is acquired in a non-exchange transaction for nil or nominal consideration the asset is initially measured at its fair value. Any gain or loss on disposal of an item of Plant and Equipment is recognised in surplus or deficit.

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only if it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to the entity. All other repairs and maintenance costs are recognised in surplus or deficit as incurred.

Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis on all plant and equipment over the estimated useful life of the asset. Work in Progress is not depreciated. The assets residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The depreciation rates of plant and equipment are as follows:

- Office Alterations ..... 10 years
- Office Equipment ..... 2-5 years
- Furniture and Fittings ..... 2-15 years
- IT Equipment ..... 2-5 years



## 6 Revenue in Advance

|  | NNZ<br>Group<br>2023<br>\$000 | NNZ<br>Group<br>2022<br>\$000 |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Current</b>                                 |                               |                               |
| Broadcast and Sponsorship                      | 2,436                         | 1,441                         |
| Funding and Grants                             | 4,021                         | 3,612                         |
| <b>Current Revenue received in Advance</b>     | <b>6,457</b>                  | <b>5,053</b>                  |
| <b>Non Current</b>                             |                               |                               |
| Broadcast and Sponsorship                      | -                             | 1,935                         |
| <b>Non-Current Revenue received in Advance</b> | <b>-</b>                      | <b>1,935</b>                  |
| <b>Total Revenue received in Advance</b>       | <b>6,457</b>                  | <b>6,988</b>                  |

Revenue is deferred and recognised as a liability when it relates to a specific event or project. Revenue is recognised when the conditions have been satisfied.

## 7 Cash and Cash Equivalents

|  | NNZ<br>Group<br>2023<br>\$000 | NNZ<br>Group<br>2022<br>\$000 |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cash at Bank                           | 12,525                        | 12,899                        |
| <b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b> | <b>12,525</b>                 | <b>12,899</b>                 |

NNZ has an undrawn overdraft facility of \$200,000 (2022: \$200,000 undrawn).

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and at banks, short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less held at call with financial institutions.

## 8 Investments

|                         | NNZ<br>Group<br>2023<br>\$000 | NNZ<br>Group<br>2022<br>\$000 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>ANZ Managed Fund</b> | <b>4,433</b>                  | <b>4,199</b>                  |

Investments have been valued at market value as at 30 November 2023. The change in market value during the year is recognised through the Consolidated Special Purpose Statement of Financial Performance.

## 9 Investments in Associates

|                                  | NNZ<br>Group<br>2023<br>\$000 | NNZ<br>Group<br>2022<br>\$000 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Opening Balance                  | 277                           | 222                           |
| Equity Purchase                  | -                             | 100                           |
| Share of Surplus/(Deficit)       | [30]                          | [45]                          |
| <b>Investments in Associates</b> | <b>247</b>                    | <b>277</b>                    |

The Investment in Associates is a 50% share in Sportfit Limited Partnership. The Equity method has been applied in accounting for investments in associates.

## 10 Members' Equity

|                              | NNZ<br>Group<br>2023<br>\$000 | NNZ<br>Group<br>2022<br>\$000 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| General Funds                | 5,805                         | 5,555                         |
| Poipoia Reserve              | 2,922                         | 2,272                         |
| International Teams Reserve  | 800                           | 750                           |
| <b>Total Members' Equity</b> | <b>9,527</b>                  | <b>8,577</b>                  |

During 2023, the Board of Netball New Zealand resolved that a portion of the 2023 surplus be ringfenced to ensure that the strategic direction of Netball will continue.

**Poipoia Reserve:** This reserve is to be used to achieve strategic priorities. \$650,000 was transferred to the Poipoia Reserve in 2023 to cover costs incurred on these projects. (2022: \$305,000 utilised from reserves)

**International Teams Reserve:** This reserve is to be used to support international campaigns. This may include Silver Ferns, New Zealand A, U21's and New Zealand Secondary Schools as appropriate. \$50,000 was transferred to the International Teams Reserve in 2023. (2022: \$nil)

## 11 Commitments

|  | NNZ<br>Group<br>2023<br>\$000 | NNZ<br>Group<br>2022<br>\$000 |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Commitments under Non-Cancellable Operating Leases |                               |                               |
| Not later than one year                            | 347                           | 398                           |
| Later than one year and not later than eight years | 1,404                         | 1,526                         |
| <b>Total Operating Lease Commitments</b>           | <b>1,751</b>                  | <b>1,924</b>                  |

Payments made under operating leases are recognised in surplus or deficit on a straight line basis over the term of the lease. Leases are classified at their inception as either operating or finance leases based on the economic substance of the agreement so as to reflect the risks and benefits incidental to ownership.

Lease incentives received under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

## 12 Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty ("the Zone")

In November 2020, Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty was placed into administration due to financial hardship. The Netball New Zealand Board has determined, Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone will remain under NNZ administration until the changes to the Incorporated Societies Act are fully understood. Due to the nature of the relationship it was determined NNZ has control over the Zone which has resulted in Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone's financial statements being consolidated within the Group financial statements.

## 13 Related Party Transactions

The ANZ Premiership commenced in 2017, this competition is owned by NNZ. New Netball Team Ltd was established for the 6th team (Northern Stars), that participates in the competition. This company is 100% owned by NNZ and is also consolidated into NNZ Group results.

NLNZ Ltd was established for the Mainland Tactix Team that participates in the competition. This company is 100% owned by NNZ and is consolidated into the NNZ Group results.

WBOP Magic Ltd was established for the WBOP Magic Team that participates in the competition. This company is 100% owned by NNZ and is consolidated into the NNZ Group results.

As of March 2022, no NNZ Board members sit on the Board of the New Zealand Community Trust.

### Key Management Personnel:

|                   | NNZ<br>Group<br>2023<br>\$000 | NNZ<br>Group<br>2022<br>\$000 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Directors         | 89                            | 68                            |
| Senior Management | 1,468                         | 1,485                         |

The Chief Executive Officer and Executive team consists of nine full-time equivalent employees (2022: nine).

## 14 Guarantee and Contingencies

There were no Guarantees or Contingencies for 2023. (2022: \$nil).

## 15 Subsequent Events

There have been no events subsequent to balance date that would have a material impact on the Consolidated Special Purpose Financial Statements. (2022: \$nil).

# Thank you to our Partners.





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