



## NETBALL MAINLAND ZONE NEWSLETTER

08 August 2014

Well it was back to normal sleep patterns for us all this week, after a sleep deprived fortnight watching all the fantastic Commonwealth Games action. Having said that, it was a pretty sombre mood here in the office earlier this week after the Silver Ferns loss to the Diamonds, although they didn't go home empty handed winning silver. On a more positive note, it was great to see Tactix Goal Shooter Mwai Kumwenda perform so well for Malawi.



### **NEW WORLD VOLUNTEER AWARDS – get your entries in now!**

**Entries for the New World Netball Volunteer Awards 2014 are now open. The National Awards recognise the tremendous efforts that our volunteers make on a daily basis, to keep netball running every year.**

As in previous years, there are four categories and they are as follows:

- Official
- Coach
- Administrator
- Youth

We know that there are incredible volunteers in every Centre, so please think about who is in your Centre and nominate them for an award. A volunteer does not have to have been involved in Netball for a lifetime, they may have made a huge contribution over the last 12 months and that makes them equally worthy of nomination. Winners in each category (along with a friend) will be awarded with an all-expenses paid trip to Auckland, attend the match day hospitality and get a great seat for the Constellation Cup test match!

Two winners came from our Zone last year, Danielle Eckersley (Hokitika Netball Centre) and Rachel Stead (Christchurch Netball Centre) winning the Administrator and Coach of the year category's respectively.

Entry details and documentation have already been sent to each Centre...get your entries in today!

All entries must be submitted to [sue.harris@netballmainland.co.nz](mailto:sue.harris@netballmainland.co.nz) by no later than **Friday 22 August**, as Sue needs to submit entries to Netball New Zealand by Wednesday 27 August.

## **RESIGNATION – Sue Harris, Community Netball Manager**

It is with mixed feelings that we announce that Sue is leaving us here at Netball Mainland. A feeling of sadness to see her go and yet happiness to see her taking on a new pathway/direction in her life.

Sue has accepted a position with C.P.I.T. here in Christchurch, as Student Advisor for Women, a newly created position supporting women involved in non-traditional training/courses to successfully enter the workforce.

Sue's outgoing and friendly personality has helped contribute to a fantastic work environment here. Her netball knowledge, contribution and passion for progressing netball in the Mainland Zone has been immense and she will be deeply missed by us all.

We have no doubt that Sue will prove to be a huge asset to CPIT and the many women who will benefit from her assistance in transitioning into work, and we wish her all the very best and every success in this new role.

Sue's last day with Netball Mainland will be Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

## **NETBALL MAINLAND FORUM**

**Does your Centre have something you would specifically like to discuss at our Centre Forum to be held at the Apollo Projects HPSNZ Centre at Jellie Park in Christchurch on 18th and 19th October?**

We are starting to put together some ideas for this weekend, and are very keen to ensure we're providing YOU with the opportunity to gain as much as possible from your involvement in this weekend.

Please send any suggestions for inclusions to Sue at: [sue.harris@netballmainland.co.nz](mailto:sue.harris@netballmainland.co.nz) or Brigit at [brigit.hearn@netballmainland.co.nz](mailto:brigit.hearn@netballmainland.co.nz)

## **NETBALL MAINLAND SURVEY RESULTS**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent survey. A full breakdown of the data collected will be presented at our Zone Forum in October.

In the interim, results suggest that Netball Mainland is tracking pretty well in relation to our communication and general assistance across the Zone, and that a very high number of respondents feel that we are adding value to Centres and individuals. So we're pretty happy with that just 20 months into our new structure 😊

## **CENTRE PLANNING VISITS**

Amy Eckersley and Leigh Gibbs are catching up with Centres to share Netball Mainland's player development and High Performance pathway planning. Further discussions will be had regarding our planning at the Centre Forum in October. Amy and Leigh are looking forward to meeting with more Centres over the next month or so to ensure alignment in this area.

## **ANZ CHAMPIONSHIP 2015**

### **Marketing and Memberships**

We are preparing the membership programme for 2015, as well as reviewing our Tactix brand positioning and brand strategy. As part of that, we have undertaken some high level membership research and broadcasting review with TTNL – our cumulative TV audience in 2014 compared to 2013 increased by 46% (NZ 44% and Aust. 48%) ranking us first out of all teams in terms of year-on-year change (2014 vs 2013) and match day attendance increased by 15%. This is extremely encouraging and we will be looking at strategies to grow our membership, fan base and match day attendance in 2015.

### **Venues/Draw**

Securing venues for Tactix home games in 2015 is again proving tricky, with a lack of date availability at Horncastle Arena in Christchurch (ex CBS Arena) and at Saxton Stadium in Nelson. We are working really hard to find venue availability that sees home games stay in our Zone. Balancing broadcasting and event standards, as well as consideration of venue availability across the other nine franchise teams makes for difficulties in draw construction for TTNL.

### **Tactix Head Coach 2015/2016 – Sue Hawkins**

Following a thorough and rigorous recruitment process, the Netball Mainland Board made the unanimous decision to appoint Sue Hawkins, which was approved by Netball New Zealand.

A shooter in her playing days, Hawkins played 28 tests for Australia in the 1980's (including the World Champion 1983 team), and was Netball Australia's first appointed High Performance Manager in 1999. Taking over the reins of England in 2007, she coached the team to a bronze medal at the Mission Foods World Netball Championships 2011 in Singapore.



- Head Coach with NSW Institute of Sport 2011-2014 (including specialist Coach to the NSW Swifts ANZC franchise team 2012)
- National Coach England 2008-2011 (ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011)
- Head Coach Trust Auckland Diamonds National Bank Cup team (pre-ANZC) 2004-2007 (semi-finalists 2007)
- Head Coach Queensland Firebirds/QAS 1999-2003
- Prior to 1999; a variety of roles including first High Performance Manager for Australian Netball, and Senior Netball Coach with the Australian Institute of Sport
- Current member of the INF Coaching Advisory Panel

## **UNDER 17 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Netball Mainland congratulates and thanks all the teams and officials from the Zone who took part in the U17 National Championships held at North Harbour last month. The Zone was represented by 7 teams and 7 umpires at this important development event. The U17 event is currently the first step on NNZ's national championships ladder and provides valuable experience and learnings for players, coaches and officials.

Big congratulations to the following players who gained selection into the “tournament selection” – well done!

**U17 Tournament Selection:**

Laura Dorgan – South Canterbury (3<sup>rd</sup> left in back row)

Sophie Worsfold – Mid Canterbury (absent from photo)

Jess Shaw – Christchurch (far right in front row)



**Final Placings**

1st - AMI Auckland 1

3rd - Dunedin

**5th - Christchurch**

7th - Taranaki

9th - Kapi Mana

11th - Hutt Valley

13th - North Harbour 1

15th - Thames Valley

17th - Wanganui

19th - Southland

**21st - Canterbury Country**

23rd - EIT Hawkes Bay

25th - Eastern BOP

27th - Waitakere 2

29th - North Harbour 2

31st - Rotorua

**33rd - Mid Canterbury**

2nd - Waitakere 1

4th - Wellington

6th - Waikato Trust Hamilton City

8th - AMI Auckland 2

10th - Manawatu

12th - Mangere-Otahuhu

14th - Harbourside

16th - Tokoroa

18th - AMI Auckland 3

20th - Howick Pakuranga

22nd - Kapiti

24th - Papakura

26th - Waipa

**28th - Nelson**

**30th - South Canterbury**

32nd - Pukekohe

34th - Northern Wairoa

35th - Horowhenua

36th - Marlborough

37th - East Waikato

38th - Selwyn

39th - Waiuku

40th - Auckland Under 15

## **SOUTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL TOURNAMENT**

We would like to wish all teams and match officials attending SISS tournament a successful and enjoyable time.

Over 80 teams from throughout the South Island will be travelling to Invercargill for the tournament which will be held in the recently re-opened ILT Stadium from September 1 – 4.

The top five 'A' grade teams from this tournament will qualify as the South Island Representatives at the New Zealand Secondary School National finals and will compete against 11 teams from the North Island. The NZSS Championships will be held in Palmerston North from Oct 7-10th 2014. Netball Mainland Selectors will be in attendance during the tournament as part of the Emerging Talent selection process.

## **LION FOUNDATION NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

A busy eight weeks of preparation is ahead of the squad that was recently named by Christchurch Netball Centre. The championships are being held at the Trusts Arena in Waitakere (North Zone) from Monday 29 September to 3 October 2014.

**Coach:** Tania Hoffman **Assistant Coach:** Lee McKenzie **Manager:** Clare Kissick

**Squad:** Ellen Halpenny, Hannah Poff, Anna Thompson, Tori Harding, Julianna Naoupu, Lucy Gunn, Sarah Hayman, Hayley Saunders, Jane Watson, Olivia Coughlan, Sophia Fenwick, Keshia Grant, Gemma Hazeldine, Louise Thayer, Chloe Williamson

## **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

### **Player Development**

We are excited to pilot a Centre Player Development Programme (CPDP) for 2014/15 throughout the Mainland Zone. The purpose of the CPDP is to increase the skill and ability level of players aged 8-15 years and offers children a fun introduction and advancement pathway to developing the skills to play netball. The programme is based on Netball Development guidelines and is designed for players to progressively learn Fundamental Movement & Ball Skills, Shooting, Attacking, Defending and Tactical Skills. Block 1 is due to commence in Centres in Term 4, 2014 so please contact Amy if your Centre is keen to implement this programme. Amy's email: [amy@netballmainland.co.nz](mailto:amy@netballmainland.co.nz)

### **Holiday Programme**



The mid-year School Holidays were a great opportunity to take the 'Skills Queen' Clinic to Selwyn Netball Centre, where a massive 60 players were involved in the 1-day netball skills day. This was so popular, we had to close registrations and put players on a waiting list. The day was a great success and special thanks to all who helped make it possible including the fantastic support by our Tactix, Train-On's and Netball Mainland staff. We will be running another clinic early next year so keep an eye out on our Facebook page and website for dates and locations ☺

### **School Visits – Term 3**

With netball well underway, Amy has been fortunate to get out and about in schools delivering netball skills sessions. Yaldhurst, West Melton, Darfield, Sheffield, Hororata, Ladbroke Primary Schools have received netball skills sessions to date, with Springston, Rangiora Borough and Rolleston School visits to come later this Term. Thank-you to Julianna Naoupu for all her support and assistance with school delivery at these schools – the opportunity to be coached by a Tactix player will have no doubt inspired many of our young players to take the next step and embark on their netball journey.



### **Centre Visits / Workshops**

During July Amy visited Mid Canterbury / South Canterbury / Marlborough and Kaikoura Netball Centres to discuss opportunities for player development at Centre level and look at ways Netball Mainland can provide support in this area.

KiwiSport Co-ordinators descended upon Sheldon Park during the school holidays for a development day which Netball Mainland delivered information on what's happening from a Netball perspective in our areas. Co-ordinators were provided with an overview of the NNZ Junior Netball Programmes and took part in practical demonstrations on how to coach the basic fundamental movement and ball skills important for netball.

### **COACHFORCE**

#### **Netball Mainland and NNZ CoachForce 'Out and About'...**

Jennie Hooper has been in Golden Bay, Motueka, Temuka, Geraldine and Malvern Netball Centre's in recent weeks, providing coach development opportunities and support. It's been fantastic hearing about the number and quality of coaches who have taken up the opportunity to learn alongside Jen. Over 30 coaches have been along to informal workshops in Temuka and Golden Bay alone! That's fantastic, and not only a credit to Jen's hard work, but to the coaches in these Centres who are willing to give up more of their volunteer time to make our game that much better.

#### **Temuka Netball Centre**



## Golden Bay Netball Centre



### NZ Theory Umpires Exam Reminder

Just a reminder to Umpires who are looking to sit NNZ's NZ Theory Exam paper that registrations for this close on **11 August 2014.**

The prerequisite to sit this exam is that you must be a current Zone Umpire Award holder. Centre administrators have been sent the link required for registration and payment options.

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Very best wishes from us all here at Netball Mainland 😊