


09 December 2013



Well it is hard to believe that another year is nearly over and  will soon be calling this way!  
Speaking of Christmas, the EasiYo Tactix squad got right into the festive season yesterday, handing out lollies to the over 100,000 people who attended the Christchurch Christmas parade...



## TACTIX LAUNCH SEASON MEMBERSHIP AND TICKETS

Monday, 16 December will see the 2014 Tactix Season **Memberships** launched. This season we have had a make-over on the memberships and are focusing on why you want to become a Tactix Member. We want you to be part of the Tactix family, Team and Members – together forever!

Memberships will be able to be purchased through our website [www.tactix.org.nz](http://www.tactix.org.nz) and make the ideal Christmas gift.

Note: Membership package available for Christchurch home games only in 2014.

**Tickets** to the 5 Christchurch home games will go on sale on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December and will be great stocking filler presents for your mums, daughters, friends and family or better still, purchase a Tactix membership package. The Nelson game on the 11<sup>th</sup> May (Mother's Day) will be on sale in mid-January.

## NETBALL MAINLAND END OF FINANCIAL YEAR AND BUDGET 2014

Our end of financial year, 30 November has rolled around and our accounts will be audited in the middle of January, for presentation at our AGM on 01 March 2014.

A draft budget has been approved by the Board of Netball Mainland (NM) and has now been submitted to Netball New Zealand (NNZ) for final approval/sign off and integration into their accounting system.

## NETBALL MAINLAND ZONE AFFILIATION FEES 2014

The Board of NM Zone has set affiliation/membership fees as follows for 2014;

(including GST)

Year 1 & 2	\$12
Year 3 & 4	\$12
Year 5 & 6	\$109
Year 7 & 8	\$121
Sec Schools	\$155
Seniors	\$265
Social/Sum	\$0

Please accept our apologies in that this has taken longer than expected to communicate what our fees would be for 2014 but our 'hands were tied' awaiting resolution from NNZ on what the fee structure would be under the new Junior netball programme.

NNZ have sent you correspondence by separate email outlining their Affiliation Fees for 2014 (and Regulation changes), if this is not the case, please let us know and we will forward a copy to you.

## NETBALL MAINLAND FACEBOOK PAGE

Netball Mainland has a FaceBook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/netballmainland>

Please feel free to send in any news items/stories/links or photo's you would like posted to Sue Harris ([sue.harris@netballmainland.co.nz](mailto:sue.harris@netballmainland.co.nz)). We can only upload jpeg items on this page, so if you have forms or flyers,

please send them in jpeg format, or simply send us the link to your website page where these can be found and we can imbed that in our post. We're really keen to make this page friendly and informative, so make sure you 'like' us and add your Centre's flavour to our Zone page ☺

## COMMUNITY NETBALL

**Netball Mainland's Zone Umpire Development Group (NMZUDG)** met on November 23rd, and started the process of looking at how we can best roll-out support to our 18 Centres across the Zone in 2014, with additional assistance from our NZUDG members. We have scheduled another full-day meeting in February, at which time we'll do some further strategic as well as more specific planning for 2014 and beyond.

Rest assured you have a very committed and pro-active bunch of people on this Group, who are very keen to contribute to the growth and development of Umpires across NM. AND they're a great-looking lot as you'll see below! These good folk have 'allocated' themselves hubs/groups of Centres to work with, so be prepared to hear from them next year. I'm sure you'll all make the most of their considerable experience expertise.



Back Row Left to Right: Sheena Tyrrell (NZUDG), Robyn Daly, Wendy Hopwood, Anne Marie Leach (NZUDG), Andy Vincent  
Front Row Left to Right: Diana Walsh, Sue James, Trudy Eaden  
Not Present: Maree Smith (NZUDG)

### A Big Thank You!

We'd also like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank Karen King. Karen has been involved with us for a number of years as a member of the then Canterbury Regional, and now NM Zone Umpire Development Groups. Karen has assisted Umpires in a huge number of ways over many years, and has certainly spent plenty of hours traveling between Timaru, Ashburton and Christchurch. I'm sure we will continue to see Karen around the courts, and wish her all the best for the future, and whatever may come with all the extra time she'll have on her hands!



Karen

### **NNZ Youth Advisory Group Appointments**

Congratulations to Nicole Lloyd (Christchurch NC) and Stacey Hopkins (Mid Canterbury NC) who will be representing NM on NNZ's Youth Advisory Group (YAG). We received 7 exceptional applications for these two available positions after advertising it through our Zone Centres and on our website.



Nicole



Stacey

We were so impressed by the calibre of the young people across our Zone who were keen to be involved in this programme, that we have decided to create a **Netball Mainland YAG** which will be made up from of this year's applicants. We would like to provide this group with some leadership workshops/opportunities throughout 2014, as well as looking to them for suggestions and feedback to Zone plans for the future, particularly focussing on the 'Youth Space' as per NNZ's Community Netball Plan going forward. Our two NNZ YAG representatives will be involved in coordinating this programme, and will take ideas from our collective Zone group back to NNZ throughout the year. Keep an eye out on our website for further information.

### **Reminder to NM Centres re: NNZ Coach Development Opportunities**

Jennie Hooper (NNZ CoachForce) is keen, willing and able to come to your Centre to run both formal and informal Coach Development opportunities in 2014. We also have a number of NNZ Trained Facilitators across the Zone who are able to run NNZ Modules/Workshops. If you would like to organise a NNZ Module for Coaches within your centre, please complete the relevant form on our website (follow this link: <http://www.mynetball.co.nz/zones/mainland/community-netball/coaching.html>) and send it to Sue Harris for coordination.

As discussed at this year's forum, NM recommend that all Centres charge all coaches \$20/workshop or module regardless of photocopying, venue hire and NNZ trained facilitator costs incurred. NNZ trained facilitators should always be paid by the host Centre for their delivery if NNZ CoachForce is unavailable. This rate should be between \$25 - \$30/hour and will include reasonable travel and planning time.

Note: There may be an exception for costs incurred by coaches in the case of the 'Starting Out in Coaching workshop' as that has an additional cost of approximately \$70 for the required resource folder. This would mean the total cost could exceed \$90/workshop if additional \$20 is added to each coach to assist with venue hire etc. which may make it cost-prohibitive for many to attend. In this instance NM recommends Centres cover all photocopying, venue hire and NNZ trained facilitator costs, thus leaving a total of approximately \$70/coach to attend.

### **Netball New Zealand Community Netball Development Forum**

NNZ held their inaugural Community Netball in Forum in Auckland from 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> November. The main focus of this year's delivery was around NNZ's new Junior Netball Programmes. As a Zone, we were able to send along (paid) Development staff who will be predominantly working in this area in the future. With that in mind, Amy Eckersley (NM Youth Development Officer), Erin Williams (South Canterbury Netball Centre Development Officer), Vanessa Hika (Marlborough Netball Centre Development Officer) and Lee McKenzie (on behalf of Kirsten Hill, Christchurch Netball Centre's Netball Development Coordinator) made their way north with enquiring minds and plenty of questions.

NNZ did a great job of filling in gaps in information and offering suggestions on how to roll out delivery of these new programmes from 2014. There will be an official 'launch' of the Junior programmes at NNZ's Council weekend next February, at which time branding etc. will be announced. NM is very keen to see as many Centres within our Zone as possible rolling out the Year 1 and 2 programmes next year. If you have any queries or you would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Back Row Left to Right: Vanessa Hika, Erin Williams and Lee McKenzie  
 Front Row Left to Right: Jennie Hooper (NNZ CF), Sue Harris and Amy Eckersley

## HIGH PERFORMANCE



### EasiYo Tactix 2014

BACK ROW: Julie Seymour (Asst Coach), John Wilson (Strength and Conditioner), Hayley Saunders, Jessica Moulds, Louise Thayer, Mwai Kumwenda, Sophia Fenwick, Jane Watson, Julianna Naoupu

FRONT ROW: Leigh Gibbs (Coach), Keshia Grant, Leanne Harris (Manager), Zoe Walker, Anna Thompson, Nicola Mackle

ABSENT: Jade Clarke (joins the squad in late January)

## 2014 EasiYo Tactix

NM is pleased to announce that Anna Thompson has accepted the captaincy of the EasiYo Tactix for the 2014 ANZ Championship season.

Thompson is a seasoned campaigner for the Tactix and has remained faithful to the team for what will be her seventh straight year, while England's Jade Clarke has been named vice-captain after recommitting to the team for the second consecutive season.

Malawi Queens player Mwai Kumwenda, has arrived safely in Christchurch and taken to the city and the Tactix squad like a 'duck to water.' She is delighted to be here, although the weather has been a little cooler than she would like!

## Training Programme

It is all go these days at the HPSNZ Apollo Centre with the Tactix, Train Ons and members of the ET squads into their training programmes. It is really exciting to see our top netballers training alongside some of the NZ's top rowers, swimmers, hockey and rugby players in a vibrant and energetic environment.



Having our 'one stop training shop' and Tactix home under one roof and fully operational is fantastic and saves everyone a lot of time not having to travel all over the city for court work. The players will be training hard right up to Xmas.

## 2013 – 2014 Emerging Talent Workshop 2

Workshop 2 was held in Christchurch on Sunday 8 December, with over 40 players and umpires in attendance. NM was really pleased with the turnout for the workshop considering the 'clash' with national secondary school sports events. The workshop focused on the training intensity needed for the off season with the players and umpires put through a series of challenging physical activities located in Victoria Park on the Port Hills in the morning. In the afternoon, it was back to the HPSNZ Apollo Centre for some less intense workshop activities.

NM would like to thank Crystal Pratt very much for her time in the ET Coordinator role this year. Crystal finishes at Xmas time to get married. During her time, Crystal has really got the ET programme back up and running well. Best wishes to Crystal and Pete for their new year wedding and future together.



#### **New Netball Mainland Selection Panel Member**



With Lynn Stratford's recent resignation from the NM selection panel, NM would like to thank her very much for her contribution and input over the last 2 years. The NM Selection panel are responsible for the selection of the Train On and Emerging Talent Squads.

Barry Tucker will take over Lynn's selection responsibilities covering the southern part of the zone. We welcome Barry on board and know that his passion for netball and experience coaching the Craighead School team will be valuable to the panel.



#### **2014 Super Club**

Thanks for the feedback received from Centres. We have taken this into consideration and with the overriding view that this competition will be of value to Netball Mainland Zone we are going ahead next year with the 12 team format that was presented at the Centre Forum.

The aims of the competition are to:

- Strengthen the zone identity
- Improve the standard of play at premiere club level
- Attract, develop and retain players, coaches and officials to netball in the zone
- Freshen up club netball

The SuperClub competition also provides us with the opportunity to conduct rules trials. More information about these will be sent out in early 2014.

We look forward to receiving your entries in March.

## **National Development Camp: 13 – 17 December 2014**

Best wishes to the players, umpires and coaches who will be attending the National Development camp in Cambridge. The camp is a fantastic opportunity to meet others from all around the country, learn new skills and test themselves against the best in NZ for this age group.

## **POSITIONS VACANT**

### **NM Umpire Development Squad Coach**

NM are currently advertising the role of Umpire Development Squad Coach. For further information and to obtain a Position Description and application form, please follow this link to our website:

<http://www.mynetball.co.nz/zones/mainland/community-netball/game-officials/umpires.html>

## **REQUEST FOR HELP**

The Marlborough Colleges (Boys' and Girls') are producing High School Musical next year and are looking for a set of 20+ red pleated netball skirts.

If anyone knows where we can get our hands on some skirts please let Dianne or Jan know (contact details below).

Dianne Woolf, Marlborough Netball Centre Manager

Phone: 03 5779050

Email: [admin@marlboroughnetball.org.nz](mailto:admin@marlboroughnetball.org.nz)

Or Jan Gallop, Sports Co-ordinator, Marlborough Girls' College

Phone: 03 5208448 extn 866 Mobile: 0273565974

## **NNZ COUNCIL MEETING 2014**

The 2014 NNZ Council Meeting will take place at the Novotel Tainui Hotel, Hamilton on **Saturday 22nd February 2014** (changed to one day only) – Registration details and forms have been sent to all Centres, if you have any questions please contact Chris Tennant at NNZ: [Christ@netballnz.co.nz](mailto:Christ@netballnz.co.nz)

## **NETBALL MAINLAND ZONE AGM 2014**

The 2014 Netball Mainland Zone AGM will be held at the Apollo Projects Centre, Jellie Park, Christchurch on **Saturday 01 March 2014 at 1.00 p.m.**, preceded by light lunch at 12 noon. This also coincides with the first game of the ANZ Championship for the EasiYo Tactix against the Magic at CBS Arena in Christchurch at 4.20 p.m. Put this date in your diary, make a weekend of it and come and support your team!

## **TENTATIVE DATE NETBALL MAINLAND ZONE CENTRE FORUM 2014**

It does seem ever such a long way off but pop this tentative date in your diary for next year...Netball Mainland Zone Centre Forum **18 and 19 October 2014** in Christchurch. Again, we will look to put together an informative and interesting two day programme. Any suggestions you may have with regard to the format or content would be most welcome.



## CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR NETBALL MAINLAND OFFICE CLOSURE

The NM Office will be closed from end of business **Friday 20 December 2013 back on deck Monday 06 January 2014**, for our staff to take a well-deserved break and re-charge the batteries.

NNZ Office will be closed from Friday 20 December until Monday 13 January 2014.

This is our last Newsletter for 2013, next exciting issue in the new year, look out for it in February.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

In closing, it just wouldn't be Christmas without some 'cracker' jokes....

- What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? Tinselitis
- Why should you never invite a team of footballers for Christmas? Because they are always dribbling
- What are the wettest animals in the world? Reindeer
- What do angry mice send each other at Christmas time? Cross mouse cards
- What do you call a little lobster who won't share his Christmas presents? Shell-fish
- What do you drain your carrots with at Christmas? An advent colander
- How do you know Santa is a man? No woman would wear the same outfit every year
- What do sheep say to each other at Christmas? Merry Christmas to ewe!



**Wishing you and your families a wonderful festive season, keep safe  
and see you in the New Year, from all the team here at**

**Netball Mainland**