



# NETBALL MAINLAND ZONE NEWSLETTER

04 November 2013

Well, it has certainly been a good time to be a 'couch potato' and watch plenty of great netball action! In particular, pleased to see GS Mwai Kumwenda our Malawi import player perform well against the Silver Ferns. We will see her in action again in the up-coming Fast 5 series starting Friday 08 November.

## NETBALL MAINLAND END OF FINANCIAL YEAR AND BUDGET 2014

Our end of financial year is fast approaching (30 November) and the Netball Mainland Zone budgeting process for 2014 is almost complete to draft stage, this has been a time consuming process as you will no doubt appreciate, my thanks goes out to NM Board Chair Anne Marett, the finance team at NNZ and staff here at NM for all the time and effort that has gone into this.

## AFFILIATION FEES 2014

With the restructuring of Netball in NZ Junior Netball programmes, NNZ are currently reviewing their fees at the Junior level (the old Fun and Future Ferns) with recommendations to be tabled at the NNZ Board meeting on 22 November. Once we have received confirmation of NNZ fees, Netball Mainland will then be in a position to confirm our fees for 2014. We appreciate that this is late timing, with many of you having your Centre AGMs in the coming weeks, but our 'hands are tied' sorry.

## SUPER CLUB COMPETITION 2014

All Centres will have received information for next season's Super Club competition and are asked to send any feedback to Leigh Gibbs by **Saturday 30 November**. Netball Mainland (NM) will consider this feedback and will confirm the draw and competition rules by **Friday 13 December 2013**. Centres should be thinking and planning how they will determine their top club team(s) so that we have the strongest teams from throughout the zone involved and therefore will contribute to a great competition.

## NETBALL MAINLAND DATABASE

We're very excited about our new database which we've all been trained to use, and is now fully functional.

The sort of information we are now able to collect at Zone level includes:

- Umpire qualifications/awards (from Zone Award onward) and fitness testing (yo-yo) results for NNZ.
- Technical Official qualifications (National onward).
- Coach attendance at NNZ Modules and workshops. This will mean we can report directly to NNZ on this instead of having to email you every quarter and see what you have delivered in your Centre. Also means that if a coach re-locates, we can provide evidence of attendance to their new Centre or Zone.
- Information re: Community and Performance Coach Awards.
- Names of those involved in our Emerging Talent/High Performance programmes (players, umpires, coaches).
- Fitness testing results for all Emerging Talent players and umpires, this will allow us to easily track performance/improvements and easily see 'trends' in this area.
- Names of those attending NNZ events as players, coaches, officials etc.

It is vital, from our perspective, that we are able to gather relevant and accurate information that we can use for various aspects of reporting, for example to NNZ, SportNZ and HPSNZ. This accurate reporting will not only assist us with funding applications, but will also help in keeping Netball as a targeted sport within HPSNZ.

As with any database, we will be very reliant on gathering accurate information to input, and from time to time we may contact you to either gather or confirm individual or team details. We appreciate your co-operation and assistance with this project 😊

## COMMUNITY NETBALL

We have been busy at Zone/community level, finalising the appointments of Netball Mainland's Zone Umpire, and Zone Technical Officials Development Group's. In the coming weeks these groups will take part in planning and preparations for the 2014 season and beyond. We thank them in advance, for their support and assistance in developing our Game Officials of the future!

**Netball Mainland Zone Umpire Development Group** is made up of the following personnel:

Sue James	Christchurch
Trudy Eaden	Christchurch
Robyn Daly	Christchurch
Andy Vincent	Nelson
Diana Walsh	Selwyn
Wendy Hopwood	Mid Canterbury

Sheena Tyrrell, Anne Marie Leach (Ashburton) and Maree Smith (Nelson) will sit alongside this group as members of NNZ Umpire Development Group. They will offer support and guidance as and when possible. The Chairperson of this group will be advised after their first meeting on 23 November 2013.

Very shortly will be looking at coordinating delivery of NNZ's training for **Umpire Coach Assessors**; this training will likely be rolled out in the first quarter 2014. **We would just like to remind those Umpire Coach Assessors who were appointed for one year in 2013, that they need to reapply to retain this role next year (and beyond) by the end of this month.** For more information and an application form, please go to our website and follow this link: <http://www.mynetball.co.nz/zones/mainland/community-netball/game-officials/umpires.html>.

If you have identified others in your Centre who would like become umpire coaches/Assessors, feel free to pass this information on to them, and encourage them to apply 😊 Please also invite anyone who is unsure of their current term of appointment to contact Sue Harris for confirmation ([sue.harris@netballmainland.co.nz](mailto:sue.harris@netballmainland.co.nz)).

**Netball Mainland Zone Technical Officials Development Group** is made up of the following personnel:

Margaret Marsh	Christchurch	NNZ-appointed Bench Officials Coordinator
Maree Morel	Christchurch	
Suzanne Whyte	Christchurch	NNZ-appointed Statistician Coordinator
Claire Lewis	Christchurch	
Kay Norris	Christchurch	Chairperson of this group
Sally Paki Paki	Nelson	

If you would like to find out more about how to include Bench Officials at your Centre, please feel to contact Sue Harris for further information. Sue will put you in contact with members of our Technical Officials Development Group, who will be able to offer support, information and possibly training, if required.

You will also find more information about Technical Officials on our website:

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

#### Reminders:

- NNZ is currently calling for applications for their Youth Advisory Group. We have an opportunity to engage two young people (aged 16 – 21 years) from our Zone to sit on this advisory group, and share their ideas, stories and passion and vision. This is not only a fantastic opportunity for us as a Zone to have another voice at NNZ-level, but it's also a wonderful opportunity for two of our young people to experience our game at another level. Please encourage your young players, coaches and umpires who show good leadership qualities and have the ability to communicate well within a group, to put their hand up and look to be involved. All information can be found on our website, in the 'News' section, or by following this link: <http://www.mynetball.co.nz/zones/mainland/news.html>

**Applications close 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013.**

- If you have any news items, celebratory stories or notices you would like posted on our website, and/or if you would like assistance with planning in general within your Centre for 2014 (and beyond) please contact Sue Harris.
- A number of you are in the process of up-dating/reviewing your Centre Constitution, if you require any help just sing out [brigit.hearn@netballmainland.co.nz](mailto:brigit.hearn@netballmainland.co.nz)

#### Junior Netball Programme

Our very own Amy Eckersley has been out and about all year working with our junior netballers.....



**Kaikoura Netball Centre**



**Selwyn Netball Centre (Springston School)**

If you would like advice/assistance or ideas for any off-season programmes, twilight competitions, or further information regarding the new Junior Netball programme, please feel free to email Amy Eckersley:

[amy.eckersley@netballmainland.co.nz](mailto:amy.eckersley@netballmainland.co.nz)

## **HIGH PERFORMANCE**

### **Congratulations!**

We are very appreciative of the contribution that our Bench Officials, Statisticians and Umpires have made on and off the court during this 2013 season across our Zone. We would like to particularly recognize the following people for their achievements in recent weeks:

- Denise Geayley, for gaining her Zone Qualifying Award.
- Robyn Vermeeren, for gaining her NNZ Zone Bench Officials Accreditation Certificate for both calling and recording at NZSS.
- Michael Wyllie – for his selection into the NZ National ‘A’ Umpire Squad.
- Jayne Dewe, Diana Walsh, Kate Smith, Michelle Stagg and Anna Sheen for being named in the NNZ Emerging Talent Group.

### **2014 EasiYo Tactix:**

Leigh Gibbs (Tactix Head Coach) and Leanne Harris (Tactix Team Manager) had the pleasure of meeting our new ‘import’, Malawi GS Mwai Kumwenda in Wellington around the first test of the New World Netball Series. Mwai is very excited about coming to Christchurch and playing in the ANZC. The Tactix coaches are thrilled with the skills and capability displayed by Mwai, especially her speed, elevation and shooting prowess up against the Silver Ferns defenders. We are all looking forward to getting to know Mwai better when she arrives in late November and I’m sure you will all make her feel very welcome to the mainland.

Netball Mainland extends to our EasiYo Tactix members Julie Seymour (FastFerns Assistant coach), Anna Thompson (FastFerns) and Mwai Kumwenda (Malawi) a successful and enjoyable Fast5.

### **2013 – 2014 Train On Squad:**

NM is pleased to announce the 2013-2014 Train On Squad:

Sarah Hayman

Alice Eddington

Olivia Coughlan

\*Kate Shearer – from Otago

Jess Drummond

\*Kayla Williams - from Manawatu

\*Chloe Williamson

\*Charlotte Elley

Lucy Gunn

Natasha van Koeverden

\* Denotes new to Train On squad members.

Liz Hayman and Moniek van Rossum were unavailable as they will be playing for “Loughborough Lightning” in the English Netball League. We wish them every success in this competition and know they will find the experience hugely beneficial to their netball development.

## 2013 – 2014 Emerging Talent Workshop 1:

Nelson and Christchurch were the venues for the first of Netball Mainland’s Emerging Talent workshops. Fifty selected talented players and 19 years & under umpires from all parts of the Zone attended what was a successful and busy day of netball, aimed at instilling high performance principles and practices.



Video footage from the workshops can be viewed at [www.netballmainland.co.nz](http://www.netballmainland.co.nz)

**Workshop 2** will be held in Christchurch on **Sunday 08 December** and will focus on off season training and continue to reinforce the qualities required to be a high performance athlete.

## National Development Camp: 13 – 17 December 2013

Players:

The NNZ National Emerging Talent selectors have invited the following Netball Mainland players to attend the camp being held at St Peter’s School in Cambridge. Players were invited following observations at a number of events this year including NZAGC, Regional Secondary School Tournaments, and National Secondary Schools Finals. The majority of the invited players will be returning to school next year.

NAME	SCHOOL
Georgia Grieg	Craighead
Madison Lloyd	St Margaret’s
Jessica Shaw	Marian College
Natalie Allen	St Andrews
Charlotte Elley	St Andrews
Hannah Davenport	Waimea College
Portia Barcello	Marlborough Girls
Jessica Prosser	St Margaret’s
Katelyn Inch	St Margaret’s
Hayley Lee	Burnside HS



Umpires:

The NNZ National Emerging Talent Selectors have also selected the following umpires to attend the Development Camp.

NAME	ZONE
Jess Power	Netball Mainland
Jaimie Manual	Netball Mainland
Livvie Kennedy	Netball Mainland
Stacey Hopwood	Netball Mainland

The cost of \$750 per player/umpire for camp includes all travel costs, meals and accommodation and will be the fee required by all players from throughout New Zealand. NNZ initially intended to change the location of the National Development Camp annually to even out the travel costs for the athletes (and associated schools, centres and zones that all contribute to these athletes attendance). However, as NNZ are unable to find another location with suitable facilities all athletes attending will pay the same fee (cost equalisation).

#### **COACH DEVELOPMENT ROUND UP**

It has been flat out in the Mainland Zone for Coach Development. 20 Coaches attended alongside the Emerging Talent Days which were held in Nelson and Christchurch, where they were able to observe the players being put through their paces. Coaches were provided supporting documentation around fitness testing protocols, Individual Performance Plan's (IPP's) and season plans for players. For some of these coaches it was their first introduction to what it means to have a player involved at this level of squad, so having other coaches that have already supported players at this level reminds us that sometimes the networking is just as important as the session its self.

South Canterbury held three Netball New Zealand Coaching Modules during October and now has a group of very excited coaches that have completed their Community Coach Award. A Chocolate fish goes to Amanda O'Brien who has submitted her application to Netball Mainland's Community Netball Manager Sue Harris. Amanda becomes the first Community Coach Award holder from South Canterbury Netball Centre. Keep an eye out on Netball Mainland's website for the photos from these courses.

Christchurch Netball Centre also hosted NNZ Mental Skills 1 during October. Participants on this Module were very lucky to benefit from having Shelly Norris as one of the participants, who was able to speak of her use of Mental Skills as both an Athlete and a Coach.

Please feel free to contact Jennie with any questions you may have in regards to your own or your Centre's Coach Development

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## POSITIONS VACANT

Selwyn Netball Centre are seeking a part-time administrator to work within their Centre. For further information, please follow this link: <http://www.mynetball.co.nz/zones/mainland/news/2619-selwyn-netball-centre-are-seeking-a-part-time-administrator.html>

## NNZ COUNCIL MEETING 2014

The 2014 NNZ Council Meeting will take place at the Novotel Tainui Hotel on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February 2014 – exact format yet to be confirmed by NNZ. Any questions please contact Chris Tennant at NNZ: [Christ@netballnz.co.nz](mailto:Christ@netballnz.co.nz)

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Kind regards,

BRIGIT HEARN – CEO NETBALL MAINLAND ZONE