



NETBALL WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY

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Happy Holidays and Meri Kirihimete!

Our WBOP team have enjoyed our continued connections with the netball community as the year draws to a close. We hope you enjoy our last newsletter for 2023, and we wish you and your whānau a safe and happy holiday season.



Player Pathways and WBOP SHNL

- Rachel Davis, WBOP Player Pathways Development Lead

Magic in the Making (MIM)

Closing out a very busy but exciting year. We held our four Magic in the Making Development Clusters at the end of October - we managed to have attending in total 99 Players across the four clusters held in Hamilton City, Tauranga, Rotorua and Otorohanga Netball centres. Shortly after that we named 22 Players to attend a Magic in the Making (MIM) Advance camp held in Rotorua. Players were Fitness tested had Specialist Coaching from Avis Magic and WBOP SHNL coaches and played FAST5. It was a day of learning and fun for players, coaches and umpires.



WBOP SHNL

Our weekly SHNL Off-Season Group has continued to meet and put through their paces in all kinds of weather. We are starting to see the results of these girls working hard and look forward to that continuing. At the last session the SHNL trialists were joined by several of the players that have been invited to National Development Camp (NDC). This was a good way for these players to experience a small piece of Netball at SHNL level.



In November we were very fortunate to have appointed Helena Hault as 2024 WBOP SHNL Assistant Coach and we looking forward to the 'magic' that she can create with our players and Head Coach Te Aroha Keenan.

Umpire Development and Support

- Pam Clayton, WBOP Umpire Lead

As we come to the end of 2023 we can reflect, and again be proud of our team of umpires, umpire coaches, and umpire coach developers.

Building on the good work and progress from 2022, our WBOP pathway umpires continue to grow and develop, earning selection to every NNZ Domestic Tournament on the 2023 calendar. Our National Squad umpires have also validated their selection, officiating at both the SHNL and the ANZP.

This year our Christmas message will be to reflect on the amazing mahi being done throughout our Centres across the Zone by our Umpire Coach Developers and Umpire Coaches who are the force behind the success of our umpires.

2023 saw Hamilton City Netball Centre host the huge tournament that is UNISS. With 120 plus umpires of varying skill and experience, a combined team of umpire coaches from Northern Zone and WBOP Zone came together to coach these umpires across five days of netball. The work put in day and night by these incredible people was outstanding. Special thanks to Andrea Hall, Ruth Robinson and Fiona Miller from the HCNC umpires leadership group. Alongside these umpire coaches were a group of umpire coach developers who also worked tirelessly to support the growth of the umpire coaches.

In September, Tauranga Netball Centre hosted the largest gathering of school-aged netballers to date, at the Zespri AIMS Games. The army of mostly student umpires were incredibly well supported by a strong group of umpire coaches under the guidance of the team at Tauranga Netball Centre - special thanks to Rose Powdrell and Maree Body.

With growth and support of our people being at forefront our WBOP plans in 2023, collaboration across umpire, coach, and player development has been our theme. Thank you to our WBOP Player Pathways team for inviting us to be part of the Magic in the Making (MIM) programme held in the latter part of 2023. Our umpire coaching team valued the opportunity and we have definitely put our hand up to be part of this again in 2024. Our Coach Developer Forum in November was a highlight of our collaboration theme. This event saw our Coach Developers (of umpire coaches and team coaches) spend the day sharing experiences and insights with our coaching colleagues. A great day enjoyed by all! Thank you to our WBOP Coach Lead for continuing to support this initiative.

To all our umpire, umpire coaches and coach developers -Kia ora and Meri Kerihimete
To all our Centre whānau who support and encourage our sport - Kia ora and Meri Kerihimete
See you all in 2024!



NetballSmart in the Community

- Nick Burton, WBOP NetballSmart Development Officer

Firstly, a huge thank you to our NetballSmart Centre Activators: Paula Vickers, Tauranga Netball Centre, Monique McLeod, Gisborne Netball Centre, and Amanda Foster, Hamilton City Netball Centre. Their hard work and efforts continue to build awareness of the importance that NetballSmart plays in our game for us to all have fun, safe and enjoyable experiences.

This year has seen great results for NetballSmart in WBOP Zone. There have been multiple opportunities for Centres, teams and schools to connect which has brought about great engagement with the community and an understanding that NetballSmart is 'more than just a warm up'. Here are some highlights:

- ACC reporting 6,050 less netball injuries nationwide in the 2018-2022 window, including 9% less musculoskeletal injuries, 11% less skeletal injuries and 13% reduction in ACL injuries.
- 144 teams participating in Zespri AIMS games participating in power warm ups prior to their games. Team coaches, Tauranga Netball Centre personnel, and players all played a huge part in this success.
- Successful clusters of schools and teams in Morrinsville, Te Aroha, Hamilton and Otorohonga learning NetballSmart together.
- Magic in the Making (MIM) programme players and umpires partaking and completing NetballSmart warm ups also having resources available to them.
- Community coaches attending workshops with players for greater knowledge and understanding of NetballSmart and also utilising resources to help the performance of athletes.
- Under 18 Rep team coaches and managers competing in Celebration Box NZ U18 Champs completing NetballSmart workshops prior to the tournament.
- NetballSmart support available at Celebration Box Netball NZ U18 Champs, WBOP Secondary School Tournament, Upper North Island Secondary School (UNISS), Zespri AIMS Games, and Silver Ferns v England Constellation Cup match.
- NetballSmart presence at various Centre Rep team trainings.
- Centre visits across the zones and Centre Activators engaging their communities.



Cristal Kemp and Moni McLeod at Gisborne Netball Centre

Thank you to all Centres, coaches, Centre Activators, and players for your buy-in, support, and efforts for making 2023 a successful year for NetballSmart. 2024 is still going to be a growing year again and we hope to build on the success this year and continue to make things better with each opportunity.



Coach Development and Support

- Kim Hunt, WBOP Coach Lead

Te Kuiti & Piopio Secondary School Collaboration

A collaborative community of support has organically and successfully launched in Te Kuiti with Maniapoto Netball Centre, Te Kuiti High School, and Piopio College. WBOP Zone team members Kim Hunt (Coach Lead), Pam Clayton (Umpire Lead) and Nick Burton (NetballSmart) were present alongside Staci Crown, Aimee Te Whata and Oceane Maahi (Magic) to run a netball skills session for boys and girls from Year 7 to Year 13. As all great sessions do, the day started with our Netball Smart warm up, followed by a variety of skills activities which challenged all year levels and of course "game time" where we even saw Pam with a whistle in hand shadowing those students umpiring.



MIM Advanced Camp - Magic Coaches in the Making

What a super day we spent in Rotorua where our community coaches attended to observe in action MJ and Rebecca Gabel (Magic), Te Aroha Keenan (SHNL), Shelley Norris (Tauranga NC) and Julia Panoa (Taupo NC). This is a wonderful opportunity for coaches to observe the day and learn as well as have a go coaching at this next level and alongside our Magic and SHNL coaches.

WBOP Coaches Face book page

Don't forget to follow us to see a variety of posts from workshops to coach vacancies <https://www.facebook.com/NWBOPCoachDevelopment/>



WBOP Zone Coach Developer Forum 2023

- Kim Hunt, WBOP Coach Lead and Pam Clayton, WBOP Umpire Lead

20 Coach Developers (CDs) (who support umpire coaches and team coaches) attended our annual Coach Developer Forum in Tauranga. We are so fortunate to have inspiring and knowledgeable CDs in our Zone. Thank you to our wonderful wahine Darne Rawiri, Oceane Maihi, Trudi Kemp, Jan Teesdale, Kimiora Insley, Ruth Robinson, Andrea Hall and Paula Vickers who all delivered vulnerable, motivating and educating presentations. What a great way to end the year. Our theme - "Moving Forward Together".





Avis Magic NDOs in the Community

- Natalie Kelly, WBOP Community Projects

Here are some messages we received after Avis Magic player Oceane Maihi has been out in the community as part of our NDO programme:

"Thank you for arranging Oceane's visit to our Future Ferns Programme. We were able to utilise Oceane to assist with the skill sessions for the week. This was awesome for our players and our centre. A big "Thank-you" to Oceane, she was amazing, lovely and always had a smile."

Netball Rotorua Centre

"Oceane's speech was relevant to the students and they could relate well to it. The topics she spoke about were of her own struggles, challenges, and successes. And it was nice to see that she stayed afterwards and mixed and mingled with everyone. Thank you so much for organising."

Te Kura Waenganui O Tokoroa

"Pleased to say that our Netball Skills Day was a huge success and the feedback has been unreal. Oceane was a hit."

Sacred Heart Girls College

"Mauri ora e te whaanau. We were honoured and privileged to host Oceane who ran a skills training session with a group of our 2024 players. So cool to have someone of Oceane's calibre coming and sharing her experiences and expertise. Very much appreciated and invaluable for the girls. They were buzzing!"

Tainui Waka Netball

"Oceane's visit was great. She ran drills with junior teams and they played 7-a-side Netball. The juniors loved the session and dressed up for the occasion. Lots of fun."

Taumarunui Netball Centre

"Oceane joined the Coach Developer Forum and spoke about her journey, people, coaches, and whanau - 'My Magical Journey'. It was fantastic to have Oceane share her story with us, thank you."

WBOP Zone Coach Developer Forum

Coming Up: Jan - Mar

22 December to 14 January

WBOP office is closed.

16 January

TOA meeting pre NNZ AGM, Online, all Centres welcome

10 and 11 February

WBOP SHNL Trials, Matamata

24 and Sun 25 February

NNZ AGM and Council, Auckland

23 March

WBOP Zone AGM and Centre Connect, Tauranga



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Thank you to these amazing funders for your support. And thank you to all Centre personnel for the hard work you do in your communities. See you again soon!