



NETBALL WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY

"Supporting our communities to have positive experiences through netball"

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Members of TOA at Silver Ferns v England Roses



Taupo Netball Centre



Whakatane Netball Centre (host) and Tauranga Netball Centre



Tokoroa Netball Centre (host) and Rotorua Netball Centre

Hello from the WBOP team

Unsurprisingly, things have not slowed down at all during this phase of the year! With local and national events taking place, plus various Centre visits and initiatives continuing, it has also been an important time for WBOP Zone and Centres to reflect upon 2023 and plan ahead for 2024.

We would like to acknowledge the time and efforts of TOA (Te ohu āwhina o Waikato Bay of Plenty), our Centre Advisory Group, whose purpose is to strengthen connections and communication between Centres, WBOP Zone and NNZ. We were thrilled to invite TOA members to the Silver Ferns v England Roses game on Saturday 30th September at GLOBOX Arena, Hamilton, the third game in the series for the Taini Jamison Trophy. A huge thank you to all TOA members, these busy Centre personnel volunteer additional time to be part of this group.

We have also been excited that Irene van Dyk, NNZ Participation Manager, could join Leigh Ashton, WBOP Relationship Manager, and complete the last three Centre visits to finish our Participation Roadshow: connecting with staff, committees and volunteers working with junior and secondary school netball. All Centre personnel and families who attended were amazing, and on many occasions we were humbly reminded of the care and passion for netball within our wider community. Thank you to all Centres who hosted these sessions!

NetballSmart in the Community

- Nick Burton, WBOP NetballSmart Development Officer

As we near the business end of a very busy netball season, the last couple of months have involved awesome netball experiences and we've continued to build valuable connections in our communities.

We had many NetballSmart school visits in preparation for the annual Zespri AIMS Games tournament for Intermediate and Middle Schools, which involved 142 netball teams from across the country. It was a fun filled week with plenty of great netball games going down to the wire. Lots of teams performed their NetballSmart warm up and cool down very well, and many received celebratory gifts for this. The players also enjoyed winning prizes and having fun doing NetballSmart focused activities in between matches. The buy-in from schools across our Zone was enormous - so a big thanks to all of you for allowing myself and our NetballSmart Activators at Tauranga, Hamilton and Gisborne to come along and help!

The aim for NetballSmart 2024 is to continue growing awareness and developing coaches, managers, players and parents. We want everyone to understand that there is so much on offer from NetballSmart as it is "more than just a warm-up". There are other aspects we can offer our community such as PlayerSmart, HealthSmart, Recovery, Concussion, Training etc. This may be of interest to some teams more than others, but it is something for coaches to ponder over the off-season. Check out the NetballSmart website netballsmart.co.nz for all of the resources NetballSmart has to offer you. 😊

Recent nationwide statistics show that NetballSmart is making a positive impact to reduce the risk of injury in our athletes, including our umpires who are also athletes. For the period 2018-2022 soft tissue injuries have decreased by 13%, musculoskeletal injuries by 11% and ACL reconstructions by 9%. Within the same period there have been 6050 less netball injury claims which highlights the importance of our programme in the community. Injuries are never completely preventable in sport, but they can be drastically reduced and NetballSmart will continue to work with our community to make this happen.



Player Pathways and WBOP SHNL

- Rachel Davis, WBOP Player Pathways Development Lead

Our Player Pathways team have been busy out and about identifying players for upcoming pathways programmes, attending the NetballSmart NNZ Open Champs and NZSS tournament. We named our Magic in the Making (MIM) development session invitees on the 18th September and have been working with Netball Centre personnel to host these. We released our I am Strong video on Friday 15th September and have had really good feedback about the important messages it shares. SHNL trial registrations opened and closed in October, and we have begun off season training with 33 interested trialists.

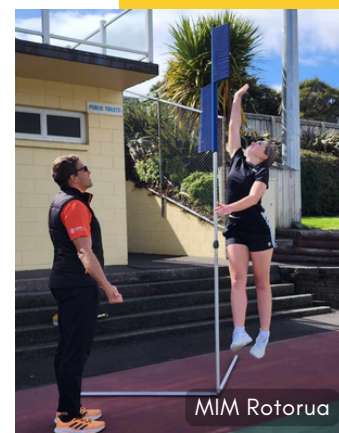


Player Pathways and WBOP SHNL continued...

Current WBOP Zone Talent Identification Process

Here is how the current process works:

Centre Talent Spotters send player profiles of nominated players to WBOP Zone Player Pathway Lead (PPL)	Jul 2023
WBOP Zone Talent Spotters attend tournaments to view nominated players, and other standouts, to create an invitee list for Magic in the Making (MIM) Development sessions.	Jul-Sep 2023
Players announced and invited to one of four MIM Development sessions	Sep 2023
Invited players attend Magic in the Making sessions - WBOP Zone Talent Spotters attend to select 20-28 players for MIM Advance Camp	Oct 2023
20-28 Selected players attend MIM Advance camp	Nov 2023
WBOP Zone PPL provides NNZ with nominations for National Development Camp (NDC)	Nov 2023
NNZ considers all Zone nominations, and selected players are invited to attend NDC	Jan 2024
From NDC players are selected to trial for NZ Secondary Schools (NZSS) and potentially be chosen for team.	2024



WBOP Zone Talent Identification Information

Here is some of the key info we are reflecting upon as we plan for 2024:

Tournaments Attended	# WBOP teams viewed
New Plymouth North Island Champs	15
Celebration Box NZ U18 Champs	6
WBOP Zone Secondary Schools	32
Upper North Island Secondary Schools (UNISS)	47
NetballSmart NNZ Opens Champs	5
New Zealand Secondary Schools	1
TOTAL	106



Pathways Process	#
Invited Players to MIM Development sessions	123
Reserve players for MIM Development sessions	19
Invited Players to MIM Advanced Camp	22
Reserve players for MIM Advanced Camp	8
WBOP SHNL trialists	33

Centre Talent Spotter Processes	#
# of Centre Talent Spotters	19
# of Centres who sent player profiles	10
# of Centres not able send profiles due to lack of viewing opps	3
# of Centres with no profiles and no communication	6

WBOP Zone Talent Spotters	Role
Rachel Davis	WBOP Player Pathway Lead
Mary-Jane Araroa	Avis Magic 2023 Head Coach
Helena Hoult	Avis Magic 2023 Assistant Coach
Te Aroha Keenan	WBOP SHNL 2023 Head Coach
Rebecca Gabel	WBOP SHNL 2023 Assistant Coach
Sonya Noble	WBOP Zone Talent Spotter
Emma Haigh	WBOP Zone Talent Spotter
Rhiana Wheadon	WBOP Zone Talent Spotter
Kim Howard	WBOP Zone Talent Spotter

Umpire Development and Support

- Pam Clayton, WBOP Umpire Lead

New Zealand Secondary School Tournament

WBOP Zone umpires continue to progress on the National stage, with five from WBOP being selected by the Netball New Zealand Umpire Selection Panel to officiate at the New Zealand Secondary School Champs held at Trust Arena Waitakere, Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th October. These umpires, along with eleven others from across New Zealand, were supported by a four-person coaching panel including three members of the National Selectors Panel and one National Squad umpire coach. Such a great experience for umpires.

Thank you to the Umpire Coaches who have supported these umpires with their preparation leading into the tournament. We can be proud of the willingness to learn and grow displayed by all five umpires at the tournament, with special mention to Connor Pascoe who was appointed to reserve the Final.

Magic in the Making (MIM) Development Sessions

With MIM Development Sessions taking place across the Zone to identify and develop emerging talent on court, WBOP Zone staff have taken the opportunity to collaborate across player-coach-umpire development and utilise these sessions to identify and develop emerging umpires and umpire coaches. The four MIM Development Sessions across the Zone have provided an exciting opportunity for our emerging umpires and coaches to train alongside our emerging players.

Here are some snaps to share...

MIM Saturday 14th October, Hamilton City: Wids Wilson, National Umpire Squad umpire and Hamilton City Umpire Coach, takes umpires through vision skills, a key component of becoming a good umpire.

MIM Sunday 15th October, Rotorua: A small but enthusiastic group of student umpires, supported by Umpire Coach Raewyn Compton, joined in with the players for fitness components before moving into some umpire skills work.

- Pictured: Mareikura Warua, Zara Winika, Raewyn Compton, Tara Akurangi and Satahn Moa

MIM Saturday 28th October, Tauranga: A strong contingent of mostly student umpires were well supported by Coach Developers Rose Powdrell and Maree Body, and Umpire Coaches Louise Turner, Chrisine Healey, and Annette Friel.

- Photo 1: Ivy Bennett-Hodgson, Poppy Plank, Lily Cameron, Lisa Cooper and Christine Healey. Photo 2: Louise Turner, Victoria Geck, Casey Congdon, Maree Body, Amy Eason and Jane Hartman

MIM Sunday 29th October - Otorohanga: Our final MIM session where Umpire coaches Marianne Walton and Ange Telfer worked with umpires Holly Greenaway, Danielle Ahdler and Holly Car-Patterson. A key learning from the day for these umpires was the importance of the NetballSmart Umpire Smart Warm Up.



Coach Development and Support

- Kim Hunt, WBOP Coach Lead

Silver Ferns Training Observation

An excited group of coaches and umpires travelled from across the motu to attend a Silver Ferns training, with training game, in Hamilton. We took notes of skills activities and observed a variety of different combinations that, as Head Coach Dame Noeline Taurua shared later, was to explore player strengths and develop a spine in each area of the court. The team worked with great intensity and high energy communications, and after the training finished Dame Noeline joined us to openly share stories and answer questions. This session was open to coaches that have been actively engaged in learning or have completed their Community Coach Award (CCA1).

Community Collaboration

Pam Clayton (WBOP Umpire Lead), Kim Hunt (WBOP Coach lead) and Staci Crown (Maniapoto Development Officer) have connected with Te Kuiti High School and Piopio College to identify opportunities to improve Secondary School participation and enjoyment in 2024. Students have been invited to connect, share and grow their Leadership skills through Netball.

Coach Developer Tipu

Coach Leads across all NNZ Zones run regular Coach Developer Tipu - national online huis for Coach Developers (CDs) and Coach Leads. At the most recent, Leigh Gibbs and Kyle McLean presented "Story Telling". This was an informative session to inspire CDs to use story telling as a hook to engage participants at workshops.

Sideline YAK in Gisborne - Navigating the Netball

Sport Gisborne Tairawhiti produce a podcast called Sideline YAK, and recently Wade Manson caught up with Gisborne Netball Centre dynamic duo Cristal Kemp and Monique McLeod. They shared their sporting experiences growing up, coaching their own children, balancing being a mother and coach with it's learnings, their coaching philosophies and minimum game time thoughts. Listen on Spotify!

Magic in the Making (MIM) Observations for Coaches

Coaches have attended MIM Development Session's at four different Centres. Coaches loved networking with other coaches, observing Avis Magic players and coaches and WBOP SHNL coaches coach skills and tactics, the fitness testing, NetballSmart warm up techniques, game play, and observing other coaches engage with players during team talks and activities.



WBOP Zone Forum 2023

- Leigh Ashton, WBOP Relationship Manager

Sunday 15th October was busy at Netball Rotorua Centre (NRC). While players, coaches, umpires, and parents attended the Magic in the Making (MIM) Development Session outside/downstairs in the Centre Pavilion, representatives from nineteen of our twenty-three Centres gathered upstairs for a full and fun day.

Attendees were able to observe the beginning of MIM and enjoy a cuppa and a scone together before the Forum commenced at 9.45am. Freda Horomia (President of NRC) welcomed us all, Leigh Ashton (WBOP Relationship Manager) outlined the plan, and we had the pleasure of watching a video message from Dame Noeline Taurua (Silver Ferns Head Coach) which set the scene for what would be a collaborative and productive series of workshop, activities, and opportunities to connect with each other.

Here is what we covered:

- Tracy Walters (Tauranga NC), Allisa Hall (Gisborne NC) and Raewyn Compton (NRC) shared **competition formats**, and why they work well in their communities.
- Ruth Southwood (NNZ Community Manager) spoke about alignment within the **community netball system** and shared NNZ updates.
- Jenna Murie (NNZ National Programmes Manager) explained the Centre Management resource hub coming next year, and led an activity where we shared ideas and completed a shortened **Volunteer Management Plan**.
- Jenna, supported by Ang Montgomery (Taupo NC), highlighted key info and tips about **Sporty**.
- Ang and Clare Frankhouser (Hamilton City NC) shared their Centres' **Complaints Policy**, highlighting what worked well and what was being revised.
- Leigh introduced a new **Centre Self-Reflection Tool**, which attendees completed in small groups, prompting reflection and ideas for 2024.
- Leigh shared **WBOP Zone membership data**, and each WBOP staff member shared their **draft Operations Plan** and welcomed input.
- Rachel Davis (WBOP Player Pathways Lead) and Kim Hunt (WBOP Coach Lead) facilitated discussion and sharing about **Player Development and Representative Programmes** at Centres
- Ruth and Leigh ran a **breakout session** with Thames Valley Centres.
- Justine Dixon (Avis Magic General Manager) spoke about strengthening **relationships between Magic and Centres**, and Mary-Jane Araroa (Avis Magic Head Coach) gave insights to the team's growth and performance in 2023, and the Avis Magic **team vision** heading into 2024.

The day wrapped up with spot prizes, more laughter, and a closing by Freda. Feedback from the Forum was hugely positive, and we look forward to connecting with everyone again at our AGM in March 2024.

Thank you to the volunteers at NRC, and to everyone who attended!





Tauranga Netball Centre



Cambridge Netball Centre



Hamilton City Netball Centre



Volunteers Thank You Evening

Avis Magic NDOs in the Community

- Natalie Kelly, WBOP Community Projects

Recently we have been able to re-activate our Avis Magic Netball Development Officers (NDOs) to connect with the WBOP community. Here's where they have been visiting:

- Hamilton City Netball Centre School Holiday Skill Camp
- Tauranga Netball Centre School Holiday Programme
- Cambridge Netball Centre Summer League
- Te Whatu Ora Waikato Hospital Revue Preview and visit to three paediatric wards to meet patients
- Otumoetai College Prizegiving
- Magic in the Making Development days at Hamilton City, Rotorua, Tauranga, and Otorohanga Netball Centres
- Hamilton City Netball Centre Volunteers Thank You Evening

Coming Up: Nov/Dec

14th November

Sport Waikato Growing Connections Conference, Hamilton

17th November

Sport BOP Secondary Schools Sport Conference, Tauranga

19th November

WBOP Zone Coach Developer Forum

22nd December

WBOP Zone last office day 2024



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Thank you again to all Centre personnel, for the hard work you do in your communities. See you again soon!