



NETBALL WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY

"Supporting our communities to have positive experiences through netball"

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Taupo Netball Centre



Tokoroa Netball Centre

Hello from the WBOP team!

We have loved connecting with our netball communities these past two months. The amazing work by Centre volunteers, committees and staff positively impacts everyone who chooses to play and support this fabulous game. Of course, community sport in NZ comes with many challenges too, and things can get very testing for volunteers, committees and staff when supporting multiple stakeholders and juggling multiple roles and responsibilities at the same time.

We thank you for your care for your community, and it is a privilege to support you where we can.

Umpire Development and Support

- Pam Clayton, WBOP Umpire Lead

Umpire Coaches have been out in force these past months, attending practical workshops to hone the skills they learned at our Introduction to Coaching and Refresher Updates that were completed by many earlier this year.

We are grateful to Hamilton City Netball Centre and Tauranga Netball Centre for hosting a group of our Umpire Coaches and Umpire Coach Developers at their respective tournaments. Thank you to some of our amazing Umpire Coach Developers Andrea Hall, Ceri Hills, Ange Telfer, and Rose Powdrell who worked alongside our coaches at these tournaments.

Photos (anti-clockwise from left):

- Umpires Aiden Vanner and William Kopa excited as they prepare for the upcoming Celebration Box Netball NZ U18 Champs.
- Umpire Coaches Jenny Hansen, McKenzie Morris with Ceri Hills in Hamilton.
- Umpire Coaches Sharmain Loomans, Pania Tomoana, Sue Bruce and Aaron Falwassser, with Coach Developer Ange Telfer, at the Umpire Coach workshop held in Tauranga.



Umpire Development and Support, continued

- Pam Clayton, WBOP Umpire Lead

Umpire Appointments:

Congratulations to the following umpires on their appointment to the Celebration Box Netball NZ U18 Champs being hosted by Hamilton City Netball Centre 10-13th July 2023:

Aiden Vanner, Hamilton City Netball Centre
Gemma Groenwald, Tauranga Netball Centre
Jessica McIntyre-Tate, Hamilton City Netball Centre
Jill Harrison, Te Awamutu Netball Centre
Keni Kingi, Tauranga Netball Centre
McKenzie Northcott, Hamilton City Netball Centre
Nicole Jackson, Hamilton City Netball Centre
Tekaweora Enoke-Barton, Hamilton City Netball Centre
William Kopa, Eastern Waikato

Reserves:

Melanie Twyford, Tauranga Netball Centre
Joanie Coles, Whakatane Netball Centre

We wish you all the best for the tournament!

Spotlight on Taupo Netball Centre:

Taupo Netball Centre have had a big increase in young umpires coming through to umpire Year 5 & 6 futureFERNs and Year 7 & 8 games. Coach Developer Julia Panoa is supporting this group, and told us "this has never happened before!"

The Centre has run five workshops this season, with more than 35 umpires attend overall and 80% completing the online module. As of mid June, 80% of umpire workshop attendees have been allocated to a team for the season and Julia is looking to catch up with all of these umpires and get feedback from their games so far. Julia, along with several Taupo Netball Centre board members, will watch the young umpires' games and offer court-side support because, in their words, "how daunting is it for a 10 or 11 year old to umpire, when there are parents all along the side-line offering their own calls!". Awesome stuff.

Coach Development and Support

- Kim Hunt, WBOP Coach Lead

Our Coach Developers have been busy supporting coaches at their Centres these past months, with many connecting also with their neighbouring Centres too. I have loved being out and about supporting Coach Developers, at workshops and with coach observations.

NNZ ran a fantastic online workshop on Monday 18th June specifically for Centre Under 18 Representative Coaches, with ANZ Premiership Coaches Mary Jane Araroa (Magic), Kiri Wills (Stars) and Marianne Delaney-Hoshek (Tactix) and hosted by Leigh Gibbs.

Coming Up: We have Kim Howard back for her second workshop 'Tips n Tricks' in Tauranga on Sunday 23rd July. Coach support will be available at the Celebration Box NNZ Under 18 Champs (Hamilton, July 10th-13th), our WBOP Zone Secondary School Tournament (Rotorua, August 13th) and the Upper North Island Secondary School Tournament UNISS (Hamilton, August 28th - September 1st).



WBOP Coach Lead Kim Hunt and Taupo Netball Centre Coach Developer Julia Panoa



U18 Representative Coach
National Zoom Workshop

NETBALL NZ
U18 CHAMPS



Coach Connect and Centre Leaders Connect on Sunday 7th May

- Kim Hunt, WBOP Coach Lead and Leigh Ashton, WBOP Relationship Manager

One huge highlight has been our Coach Connect and Centre Leaders Connect, which took place on Sunday 7th May at Globox Arena, Hamilton, and involved a full day of guest speakers and live games.

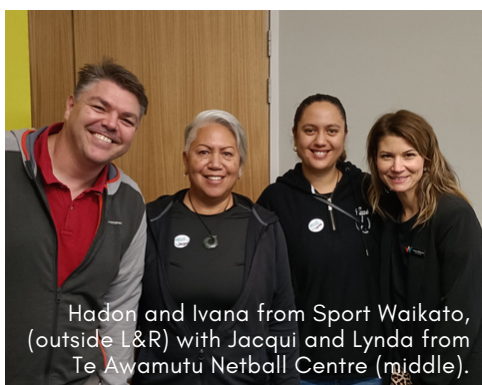
Twenty-two coaches from across WBOP Zone followed up Avis Magic (Magic) & WBOP SHNL training observations in April with this opportunity to attend two live game observations at the Magic & SHNL's last home games in Hamilton, plus access guest speakers before, in-between, and after the games.

The first pre-game workshop welcomed SHNL Head Coach Te Aroha Keenan who spoke with both coaches and Centre Leaders to share what the team had been working on and was bringing into game day. Following that, Magic General Manager Gary Dawson shared insightful details and stories about what has been happening in the Magic environment.

Next, our groups split, with WBOP Player Pathways Development Lead Rachel Davis giving the attending coaches specific information to support their athletes' growth and development and WBOP Umpire Lead Pam Clayton sharing snippets from the umpiring space. Meanwhile, our fourteen Centre Leaders plus Ivana Milkovic and Hadon Westerby, Sector Capability Advisor and Regional Connectivity Coordinator for Sport Waikato, enjoyed a round-table discussion about common challenges our Centres are facing.

For the remainder of the day, all attendees came back together. Post SHNL game we had Te Aroha re-join us along with Assistant Coach Rebecca Gabel and Captain Reeghan de Bono, to unpack their game. And lastly, following the edge-of-your-seat Magic game, Magic coaching team Mary Jane Araroa and Helena Hoult took the time to speak with our group and generously share their reflections and insights.

This was a fantastic opportunity for coaches and Centre Leaders to network with coaches and personnel from other centres, our WBOP staff team, and be inspired by our SHNL and Magic Performance Coaches.



Hadon and Ivana from Sport Waikato, (outside L&R) with Jacqui and Lynda from Te Awamutu Netball Centre (middle).



Reegan de Bono, Rebecca Gabel, and Te Aroha Keenan speak to our group.

Fun Highlights from Centres

- Kim Hunt, Coach Lead, and Leigh Ashton, Relationship Manager

In this newsletter we would love to share some of the great initiatives that are taking place out and about at Centres! Of course, with 23 awesome Centres across our Zone, there are so many more amazing things than we can't fit here, so we highly recommend that our wider netball communities and neighbouring Centres visit each other's facebook pages to see all the fun!

Water Netball and Youth at Gisborne Netball Centre

GNC continue to offer a variety of ways to make Netball fun for their youth, and this year they have taken Netball from the court to the water. Water Netball was explored in two different formats: Game 1 with 6v6, 3 players in each third where everyone had to receive a pass before passing to the next third. And Game 2 where players could move anywhere and anyone could shoot. Both versions were a lot of fun! Plus, five GNC Youth Advisory Group members were recognized for their contribution to Netball at the Gisborne Volunteer Centre Youth Recognition awards. This amazing group have supported water and walking netball events as part of Well Wahine Week, as well as supporting the Secondary Schools Fast 5 Festival. Thank you to these special young ladies.



Gisborne Netball Centre



Charity Rounds at Maniapoto Netball Centre

New this season, Manawa Energy Maniapoto Netball Centre ran two Charity Rounds as part of their winter competition schedule - the first event supporting I am Hope, and the second celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness week. Great stuff everyone!

No Exceptions Netball at Tauranga Netball Centre

Since 2012, Tauranga Netball Centre has offered 'No Exceptions' netball. This is a wonderful programme that caters to the disabled and special needs community. The "No Exceptions" netball programme helps to build self-esteem and enhance skill development, and offers the opportunity to make new friends. The programme runs alongside futureFERNs on a Saturday.

Rainbow Themed futureFERNs at Taumarunui Netball Centre

We love to visit and hear about futureFERNs fun days and festival days across the WBOP Zone, and loads of Centres have been running fun and vibrant junior netball events. These snaps from Manawa Energy Taumarunui Netball Centre showed such fun (and made us grin so much) that we had to share em.



Maniapoto Netball Centre



Taumarunui Netball Centre



Tauranga Netball Centre



WBOP SHNL v Southern Blast



Avis Magic and the WBOP SHNL Team

Player Pathways and WBOP SHNL

- Rachel Davis, WBOP Player Pathways Development Lead

The last game for the WBOP Synergy Hair League Team was on Sunday 7th May at Globox Arena, Hamilton. With their average player age as 20-years-old, the team has made great progress over the season to place 5th overall. Several close games resulting in losses of less than five points have set a great foundation for the next few years. The WBOP SHNL team loved their time spent training with, and against, the Avis Magic team during the season. The aim is now to close the gap between our WBOP SHNL players and the Avis Magic so work will begin on that shortly with the establishment of a small Emerging Talent group. This newly established group will meet to work on improving conditioning and skillsets in the offseason.

Our WBOP SHNL team were recognised at the Avis Magic Awards Night and were pleased to announce Reeghan de Bono as the SHNL Player of the Year for 2023.

The player pathways area will be busy over the next little while with the Centre Talent Spotters compiling player profiles of players they wish to nominate for the Magic in the Making clusters in Hamilton, Rotorua, Tauranga and Otorohanga in October. Zone Talent Spotters will be attending tournaments, viewing the nominations and looking out for any other players to be included.

Look forward to seeing many of you around the courts!



SHNL Head Coach Te Aroha Keenan and SHNL Player of the Year 2023 Reeghan de Bono

NetballSmart in the Community

- Nick Burton, WBOP NetballSmart Development Officer

There have been many tournaments and in-season events going on which has been great for getting NetballSmart warm ups promoted, and sessions happening across the Zone. Many Centres have been preparing for their U14 and U16 teams to attend the North Island Junior Champs in New Plymouth in July, along with Centre U18 teams preparing for the Celebration Box NNZ Under 18 Champs in Hamilton.



Our next goal for NetballSmart is to get into schools before their next big events of the netball calendar: AIMS games and UNISS! We would love to visit as many schools as we can, to build connections and drive home the importance of NetballSmart.

If you would like to make an appointment for a session for your school/Centre team, please contact me on netballsmart@netballwbop.co.nz.

Regional Groups and Projects

- Leigh Ashton, WBOP Relationship Manager

Here are some awesome groups and projects that are having a great impact across our wider community.

Thames Valley Centres - Operating Model Review Project

WBOP is working with our eight Centres in the Thames Valley Cluster (Hauraki Plains, Thames, Mercury Bay, Waihi, Paeroa, Te Aroha, Morrinsville, and Matamata) to identify challenges in the current delivery model and explore opportunities for community netball to be healthy and vibrant, and fit for purpose into the future. Areas that will be considered include, but are not limited to, funding, governance, facilities, legal structures, fees, collaboration between Centres, resources including personnel, and best utilising existing skill sets/roles/support. The project is facilitated by independent consultant Jamie Tong and the first meeting was held on Thursday 15th June, with the second scheduled for July.

Te ohu āwhina o Waikato Bay of Plenty (TOA)

TOA is the Centre Advisory Group for Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone, whose purpose is to strengthen connections and communication between Centres, WBOP and NNZ, and for Centres and WBOP to work collaboratively and effectively to identify and prioritise what key areas of community netball support are required. Members include representatives from 12 different Centres, plus WBOP and NNZ.



TOA was established in early 2021 when WBOP came under the administration of Netball New Zealand (NNZ), and provided a crucial communication platform conveying key priorities for Centres to NNZ and having input into the direction and decisions of WBOP during this time. Now, in 2023, as WBOP has rebuilt staff levels and evolved in operational capability the purpose and scope of TOA has evolved alongside.

TOA has just undergone a refresh of its Terms of Reference, if anyone in our netball community would like to view these, please let us know.

Sport Waikato / Sport NZ Regional Sport Development Leaders Course

From Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th May, WBOP staff members Kim Hunt and Leigh Ashton, as well as Hamilton City Netball Centre Manager, Clare Frankhouser, attended a three-day Regional Sport Development Leaders Course led by Sport New Zealand in partnership with Sport Waikato.

Sixteen sport leaders from different Regional Sport Organisations around Waikato, plus two secondary school principals who are members of the Waikato Secondary School Sports Association, came together to connect and learn more about leading, influencing and successfully implementing positive change in their sporting systems. The programme was delivered by selected Sport NZ trainers: Andrew Hewetson - Sport New Zealand National Sport Development Consultant, Charissa Barham - Sport New Zealand Regional Sport Development Consultant, Kelly Curr - Sport New Zealand Regional Sport Development Consultant, Mike Hester - New Zealand Rugby Participation Development Manager, and Amigene Metcalfe - Sport Waikato Sport Development Manager.

Sessions included Evidence and Insights, Futures Thinking, Levels of Perspective, Alternative Structures, Influence, and Change Management, with the provision of quality sport experiences and Balance is Better principles as the contexts for the tools and concepts that were taught. The three days included whole group workshops, small group and 1:1 time with trainers, practical tasks, collaboration across sports, and times of reflection. It was fantastic to be involved.





Te Puke Intermediate School



Rototuna High School

Avis Magic NDOs in the Community

- Natalie Kelly, WBOP Community Projects

In newsletter #1 I shared some of the messages I receive after our Avis Magic (Magic) Netball Development Officers connect with the WBOP community, and here are some more.

"Charlotte visited Hamilton City Netball Centre and worked alongside Shannon and Margaret Webby engaging with netballers. Offering advice and support to teams warming up, playing and cooling down, and talking with people. So good to have our Magic Netball Development Officers out and about being courtside at our Centre."

Hamilton City Netball Centre

"The workshop with Charlotte was excellent. The girls (and myself) took a lot away from it."

Waihi College

"Charlotte worked alongside Debbie Fuller and Tauranga Netball Centre Rep coaches and players, working on specific areas of the netball court with requests from coaches and interacting."

Tauranga Netball Centre

"We had approx 60 girls attend the NDO session where Charlotte took the girls through some basic footwork, landing and turning drills. They had time at the end to ask questions which Charlotte have some great insight into being an Elite player. Charlotte was awesome and the girls enjoyed themselves."

Rototuna High School

"I just wanted to say a big thanks for an amazing session with Charlotte. She was brilliant with the girls and had loads of different drills which were pitched at the correct level - our players loved the opportunity to be taken by a Magic player! It was such a fun, positive experience for our girls, thank you for this opportunity."

Te Puke Intermediate School

Coming Up: July/August

2nd - 4th July

Enviro NZ North Island Junior Netball Championships, New Plymouth

10th - 13th July

Celebration Box NNZ Under 18 Champs, Hamilton

29th July- 6th August

World Netball Championships, South Africa

7th August

Zone Theory Umpire Exam

13th August

WBOP Zone Secondary School Tournament, Rotorua

28th August - September 1st

Upper North Island Secondary School Tournament, Hamilton

Check out the Zone Calendar

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for Coach and Umpire Workshops, Player Development Programmes, and Representative Tournaments, run at Centres across WBOP Zone.

To add your fixtures, email admin@netballwbop.co.nz.



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

See you again soon!