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NEW ZEALAND
POITARAWHITI AOTEAROA

101st
Annual Report
2025

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101st Annual Report and Financial Statements for the 12 months 1 December 2024 to 30 November 2025. The Annual Report and Financial Statements will be presented to the 99th Council Meeting of Netball New Zealand to be held on 28 March 2026.



Board Chair's Report

Heamana Poari

Tēnā kotou katoa. Netball New Zealand (NNZ) has navigated one of the most challenging periods in its recent history.

Our operating environment has continued to shift significantly, with changes to broadcasting revenues, competition structures and workplace dynamics being felt across the wider sporting sector. Against this backdrop the NNZ Board has remained focused on safeguarding the long-term future of Netball in Aotearoa New Zealand.

We do not shy away from the reality that this has involved uncertainty and, in some cases, the prospect of change to aspects of the broadcast landscape as we have traditionally known it. Our responsibility as a board has been to provide clarity, make decisions in the best interests of the sport, and ensure Netball is well positioned for the future. While a substantial body of work has been undertaken, we recognise that much of it has not been visible. Improving transparency and strengthening communication, particularly with our Zones and Centres, is a key priority for us as we move forward.

In December our long-term Chief Executive, Jennie Wyllie, resigned. While this Annual Report formally covers the period to 30 November, it would be remiss not to acknowledge such a consequential event. Jennie's contribution to NNZ and to the sport more broadly over her 16 years with the organisation, including nine years as CEO, has been significant. She has led Netball NZ through considerable change, especially in the professional game and high-performance space, and has demonstrated resilience and adaptability through challenges such as the disruption caused by COVID-19. We thank Jennie sincerely for her leadership, passion for the game and dedication, and we wish her and her whānau every success for the future.

Substantial work has also continued on future-proofing the ANZ Premiership in the face of the evolving commercial market, ensuring it remains a strong, sustainable and compelling competition that supports elite performance while strengthening the wider Netball system.

At the heart of Netball's success is the community game. We pay tribute to the enormous contribution made by our Zones and Centres, whose commitment and leadership continue to underpin participation across the country. Participation at community level grew by three per cent – a remarkable achievement growing the largest participation base in women's sport in Aotearoa, and reflecting the impact of sustained manākitanga and genuine care for our people and communities. The tireless mahi of our Netball Centres, Zones and their Boards throughout Aotearoa New Zealand has been central to this success.

Our volunteers deserve special recognition. Those who give their time across Centres, clubs and schools are the lifeblood of our sport. Without their commitment and generosity, Netball simply would not happen.

Building on this growth, there are a number of initiatives that our Community

team is leading to further enhance the Netball experience, and we remain deeply committed to ensuring that volunteering within our sport is supported, valued and rewarding.

We are grateful for the ongoing support of our commercial partners, Sport New Zealand and High Performance Sport New Zealand, and our broadcast partners Sky TV and TVNZ. ACC's renewed commitment to NetballSmart through to 2026 is a strong endorsement of the programme's ongoing impact and importance.

Our Youth Board continues to demonstrate leadership through innovation and collaboration, helping to extend Netball's reach and influence across the broader sporting and community landscape.

I also extend my sincere thanks to the NNZ staff, whose dedication, resilience and care for the sport and its people have been exceptional.

For me personally, this will be the final letter I write as Chair, having recently stepped down from the NNZ Board. After more than eight years of service, including the past two and a half years as Chair, it has been both a privilege and an honour to serve Aotearoa's vibrant Netball community. This role has been deeply fulfilling, and I am sincerely grateful to my fellow Board members for

their commitment, integrity and support throughout my tenure.

As the notion of 'normal' continues to evolve, we remain focused on adapting to changing participation patterns, economic pressures and audience behaviours. Through all of this, Poipoia remains our guiding purpose: connecting and inspiring communities through Netball. As the most participated sport for young women in Aotearoa New Zealand, Netball plays a foundational role in the health and wellbeing of our society, transcending cultures, regions and communities across the whenua.

The events of the past year have reinforced the importance of ensuring that all those involved in netball feel safe, respected and supported. A positive and high-performing culture must sit alongside performance success, and we are committed to continuing the work required to uphold those standards.

Finally, I want to assure you that the NNZ Board acknowledges the events of 2025 have underscored the need to rebuild trust, confidence and pride in the brand of Netball in New Zealand and within NNZ. We are committed to working closely with our community to do this – listening, communicating more clearly, and strengthening relationships as we shape the next chapter of Netball in Aotearoa.

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata – goodwill towards others is a precious treasure.

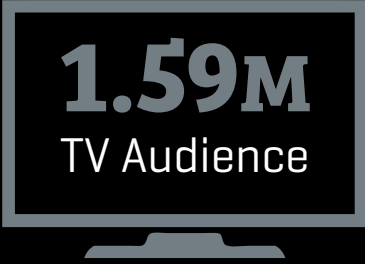
Kua tawhiti kē tō haerenga mai, kia kore e haere tonu. He nui rawa ō mahi kia kore e mahi tonu - We have come too far not to go further. We have done too much not to do more.



Matt Whineray
NNZ Board Chair




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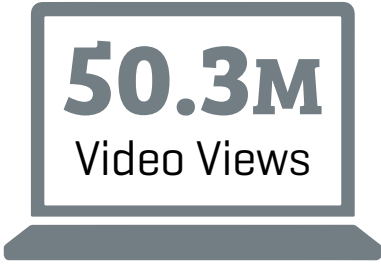
1.59M
TV Audience

Website Visits
Silver Ferns: **948K**
ANZ Premiership: **1.4M**
NNZ: **774K**



12%
growth

We are proud that
Netball continues to be the **#1**
sport played in
SECONDARY SCHOOLS



50.3M
Video Views




SILVER FERNS
WORLD RANKING
#2



Total NNZ-
affiliated Players
149,930



654K
TOTAL SOCIAL
AUDIENCE



124M
impressions
5.7M
engagements
4.6%
average engagement rate



12,267
NNZ registered coaches



NNZ-accredited umpires
1,109

SilverFans
32K

President's Report

Mai I Te Perehitini

I maumahara I te hunga aroha – Loved ones remembered. E hiahia ana a Netball NZ ki te tuku mihi aroha ki o tatou hapori Poitarawhiti.

NNZ wishes to extend its heartfelt condolences to our Netball communities who endured sadness and loss of loved ones during 2025. At this time, I personally also wish to extend a message of love to Jan Teesdale on the loss of Graeme, a devoted husband, father, poppa and friend. Remembered too is Mrs Betty Irving (PBNA and GNC), who died peacefully at the tender age of 101 prior to Christmas 2025.

2025 ANZ PREMIERSHIP

This was an exciting series, with the Northern Mystics crowned Minor Premiers and hosts of the 2025 Grand Final. The VIP Frame and Trusses Tactix faced Te Wānanga o Raukawa Pulse in the Elimination Final and won, confirming a final's berth. The Grand Final of the season set the perfect scenario with the No. 1 Mystics and No. 2 Tactix squaring off.

The Tactix played a superb game, winning the 2025 ANZ Premiership in style. This maiden performance win was spearheaded by head coach Donna Wilkins and experienced assistant coach Te Huinga Reo Selby-Rickit. It had taken the Tactix 28 seasons to achieve this win, but their motto 'find a way' was firmly entrenched in their game plan. The Tactix beat the defending champions the Mystics 58-46 at The Trusts Arena in Auckland in July.

NETBALL NZ UNDER 18 CHAMPS

Waitākere Netball Centre hosted the 2025 Netball NZ U18 Champs in July 2025 with eight pools closing out the women's U18 grade consisting of 36 women's teams and nine men's teams across two pools. Exciting games were played over the four days of competition

in all weather conditions. Waitākere A women's U18 won top honours against Dunedin, and Waitākere men's team secured top place also, against Howick Pakuranga who came second.

NETBALLSMART NETBALL NZ OPEN CHAMPS

The NetballSmart Netball NZ Open Champs was held in September in Ōtautahi, Christchurch at Ngā Puna Wai Netball Stadium, involving 20 teams in total. It was exciting to have teams coming back to compete in this national competition. The West Coast team had been absent for 14 years and Selwyn over 20 years. The winners of the trophies were: NZ Cup winner of A grade – Counties Manukau; the Annie Brown trophy – runners-up Wellington; the Lady June Blundell highest goals scored – Violet Gilmour, lowest goals scored and Gisborne Cup, best dressed.

The passion and enthusiasm demonstrated by players and officials representing their Centres and Zones at the Open, along with ANZ coaches scouting potential talent was heartening.



NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS NETBALL CHAMPS

The 2025 NZ Secondary Schools Netball Champs was held in Porirua at the Te Rauparaha Event Centre from 30 September to 3 October. The players competed for the honour as the top Secondary School team in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The two teams competing for bragging rights were schools from Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland region with Mount Albert Grammar beating Howick College by two goals in a closely contested final, 34 v 32. Congratulations, Mount Albert Grammar School.

In closing my overview of domestic Netball competitions it would be remiss of me not to mention that national competitions are made possible by the work of hundreds of volunteers behind the scenes who actively participate as umpires, bench officials, managers, coaches, administrators and players. Your dedication and the commitment of parents, caregivers, supporters and sponsors are much appreciated.

NEW ZEALAND VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR WINNERS

It was a privilege to present NNZ Volunteers of the Year Awards alongside Ingrid Cronin Knight of WM New Zealand. The awards were presented prior to the third Constellation Cup game in Kirikiriroa Hamilton. The well-deserved winners were:

- **Administrator of the Year:**
Barbara [Barb] Bialy, Netball Hutt Valley [Netball Central]

- **Official of the Year:** Alison Tranter, Howick Pakuranga [Netball Northern]
- **Coach of the Year:** Emily Amey, Auckland [Netball Northern]
- **Youth Volunteer of the Year (U21):** Isabella [Izzy] Harrison, Mellons Bay and Howick Pakuranga [Netball Northern]
- **Community Champion of the Year:** Lahraine Sagaga, Ulalei Wainuiomata [Netball Central]
- **Highly Commended Administrator:** Adrienne Ensor, Dunedin Netball [Netball South]

NETBALL NZ AWARDS

The awards celebrate excellence, passion and commitment, highlighting the people who continue to shape and strengthen Netball throughout Aotearoa New Zealand. The sport's most prestigious honour, the Dame Lois Muir Supreme Award, was presented to Karin Burger. This award recognises the best Netballer across all elite competitions and Silver Ferns campaigns. Refer to page 46 for a full list of our 2025 New Zealand Netball Award winners.

At community and pathway level, Avah Sila was recognised as NetballSmart Secondary Schools Player of the Year, while Geni Ah Tong received Synergy Hair National Netball League Coach of the Year honours. Caleb Binns was named G.J. Gardner Homes National Netball League Umpire of the Year, and Anne Harrison received the G.J. Gardner Homes Outstanding Contribution to Netball by a Technical Official award.

NNZ also wishes to convey a hearty congratulations to members of our Centres and Zones who received 2025 NZ Honours Awards.

2025 NETBALL WORLD YOUTH CUP (WYC)

The NZU21 team managed to clinch a final's berth at the Netball World Youth Championships held in Gibraltar, overcoming a gritty England team by 51-49 in a semi-final play-off. The NZU21's played the final against arch-rivals Australia. New Zealand coach Julie Seymour said that while hoping for a record-breaking third successive



title, Australia prevailed 63-48 in the final, winning the coveted Netball WYC for 2025. Julie Seymour and Te Aroha Keenan [assistant coach] were thrilled with the overall performance of their team.

NNZ was delighted with the announcement of Myron Elkington, Tania Fink, Sasha McLeod, Zak Middleton and Cory Nicholls, being appointed as umpires at the World Youth Championships in Gibraltar.

SOUTHLAND STALWART

NNZ recognised the contribution umpiring stalwart Colleen Bond has made to the sport at an international level as she steps down from her roles with World Netball. The long-standing umpire and umpire coach's tenure with World Netball came to an end at the third Test in the Taini Jamison Series. Colleen helped set global standards, supported international tournaments and guided the development of umpires

at the highest levels. She is a stalwart of Southland Netball and has been involved with the sport for more than 50 years as a player, coach, umpire and administrator.

CHAIR OF THE WORLD NETBALL RULES ADVISORY PANEL (RAP)

Fay Meiklejohn has been appointed as the Chair of the World Netball Rules Advisory Panel [RAP]. The RAP is responsible for advising and working with the World Netball CEO and Board to support the development and implementation of agreed priorities in the Strategic Plan, particularly in relation to supporting the development of the Rules of Netball.

Fay brings a depth of Netball knowledge, leadership, communication and decision-making skills to the panel and is "committed to thoughtful, robust and inclusive leadership that ensures the rules evolve with clarity, fairness and in alignment with World Netball's strategic direction".



2022 INCORPORATED SOCIETIES ACT (ISA)

There has been a significant amount of work carried out by our management team in ensuring that NNZ constitutional changes were well considered to meet the revised compliance standards of the 2022 ISA Act by April 2026. To those behind the scenes, your mahi was appreciated and valued.

BICULTURAL STRATEGY

NNZ has continued to develop a bicultural strategy aligning with our existing Poipoi strategy. A particular focus has been to strengthen relationships with Aotearoa Māori Netball Oranga Healthy Lifestyle [AMNOHL] and I was privileged to attend the Annual General Meeting in Whāngarei on 22 November. Elections were held with Nanaia Mahuta elected AMNOHL National Netball Coordinator, Mary Jane Ararua, Netball Manager and Denise Ewe, Health Coordinator. The incumbent's Elaine Wi is National Netball Manager and Hera Black, AMNOHL Cultural Advisor. NNZ wishes AMNOHL well for the annual tournament to be hosted in the rohe of Te Taitokerau Northland, in Whāngarei, on 3 to 5 April 2026.

I also enjoyed meeting Ali Tucker-Munro, First Nations General Manager with Netball Australia, in an online hui to provide an overview of NNZ and AMNOHL with regard to indigenous Netball. I understand that Ali attended the Indigenous Age Group tournament hosted in Sydney in September, which

was won by the AMNOHL team. We also provided an online introduction between Ali and Nanaia to continue indigenous deliberations.

In addition, it has been a privilege to work with Rochelle Leef from Switch it Up regarding the mihi whakatau [welcome] and kapa haka entertainment provided

during the international series. Much respect and aroha to Kerry Manders, Rochelle, Jack Te Moana, iwi and kapa haka groups involved in sharing and including our indigenous culture with Netball.

Netball NZ has continued to develop a bicultural strategy..."

NETBALL CHALLENGES

Like many other sporting codes, Netball has experienced a number of challenges this year, which were particularly evident with Yvette McClausland-Durie and Liana Leota appointed into interim Silver Fern coaching roles during the suspension of Dame Noeline Taurua prior to the Taini Jamison Trophy series against the Proteas in July.

Operating under a period of heightened scrutiny and pressure, Yvette and Liana led the team recording a three-Test series win against South Africa and regaining the Taini Jamison Trophy.

In addition, the Silver Ferns turned in some brilliant performances – winning both return matches against the Diamonds at home in the Constellation Cup and

being pipped by one goal in the extra time decider in Ōtautahi Christchurch.

The Silver Ferns also went on to win both series in the Northern Tour – sweeping Scotland and beating England 2-1.

NNZ reinstated Dame Noeline as Silver Ferns coach in October with everyone looking forward to the continued success of the Silver Ferns in 2026.

CONCLUSION

So, in closing my President's Report, I wish to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the NNZ team who continued to provide support to the Centres and Zones during extremely difficult times. Many thanks to Kereyn Smith and Shirley Hooper for your guidance and support with challenges that arose. To our Netball communities, thank you for your ongoing commitment and dedication to our sport and for the kind invitations to attend functions.

Finally, to Jennie Wyllie: thank you for your 16 years of service to Netball. Noho pai – stay well.

Kei te tumanako matou ki tetahi wa pai 2026 – we look forward to a positive 2026 season.

Karaitiana

**Dr Tina Karaitiana
NNZ President**



Netball New Zealand Board and Staff

Anna Drumm

High Performance Administrator

Amanda Murphy

Strength & Conditioning Lead

Ashvina Patel

Community Netball Coordinator

Cameron Walter

Digital & Content Lead

[started April 2025]

Chynna Laughton

Events & Competitions Lead

[started April 2025]

David Cooper

Chief Commercial Officer

Esther Molloy

Silver Ferns Team Manager

Hannah Coutts

NetballSmart Marketing & Special
Projects Manager

Hannah Lester

Events & Competitions Coordinator

[started March 2025]

Irene van Dyk

Participation Manager

Jacinta Caldwell

Finance Manager

Jenna Murie

National Programmes Manager

Jennie Wyllie

Chief Executive

Jenny Storey

NetballSmart Programme Manager

[currently on Maternity Leave]

Jorja Swain

Finance Administrator

[started May 2025]

Josh Bowring

National Technical Officials Manager

Katie Pinfold

Executive Manager – People & Culture

Kerry Manders

Senior Media & PR Advisor

Leigh Gibbs

Community Coaching Manager

Lisa Greenaway

Head of Finance

Madeline van Wichen

Graphic Designer

Nicky Cattermoul

Pathway Programme Manager

Dame Noeline Taurua

Silver Ferns Head Coach

Ruth Southwood

Head of Community

Rhianna Watson

Brand & Marketing Lead

[started March 2025]

Sandra Daniel

Chief Marketing Officer

[started April 2025]

Stacey Klysz

Finance Business Partner

Seb Heath

Digital & Content Creator

[started May 2025]

Soraya Gurney

Commercial Partnerships Coordinator

[started July 2025]

Tania Fink

Community Umpire Programme Support

Tania Karauria

National Pathways Coaching Manager

Henry Matthews

Commercial Partnerships & Events
Manager

[started June 2025]

Andrea Cairns

Finance Administrator

[started February 2025 – finished August 2025]

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Aimee Preest

Sponsorship & Funding Manager

[finished April 2025]

Alice Greatbatch

Commercial Partnerships Coordinator

[finished May 2025]

NNZ Board Members

Dr Tina Karaitiana

NNZ President

Matt Whineray

NNZ Board Chair

Julie Coney

Elected NNZ Board Member

Pavan Vyas

Appointed NNZ Board Member

Sue Gordon

Elected NNZ Board Member

Stephen Cottrell

Appointed NNZ Board Member

Aliesha Staples

Appointed NNZ Board Member

Lynette Rayner

Elected NNZ Board Member

Gabby Wright

Youth Board Representative

Briana Valgre

Youth Board Representative

Dan Robinson

Events Manager

[finished January 2025]

Emma Fowlie

General Manager Lead (ANZ Premiership)

[finished May 2025]

Kieran Bingham

Communications Executive

[finished April 2025]

Melissa Phillips

Senior Events & Commercial Servicing Manager

[finished January 2025]

Megan Avis

Accountant

[finished January 2025]

Talei Robson

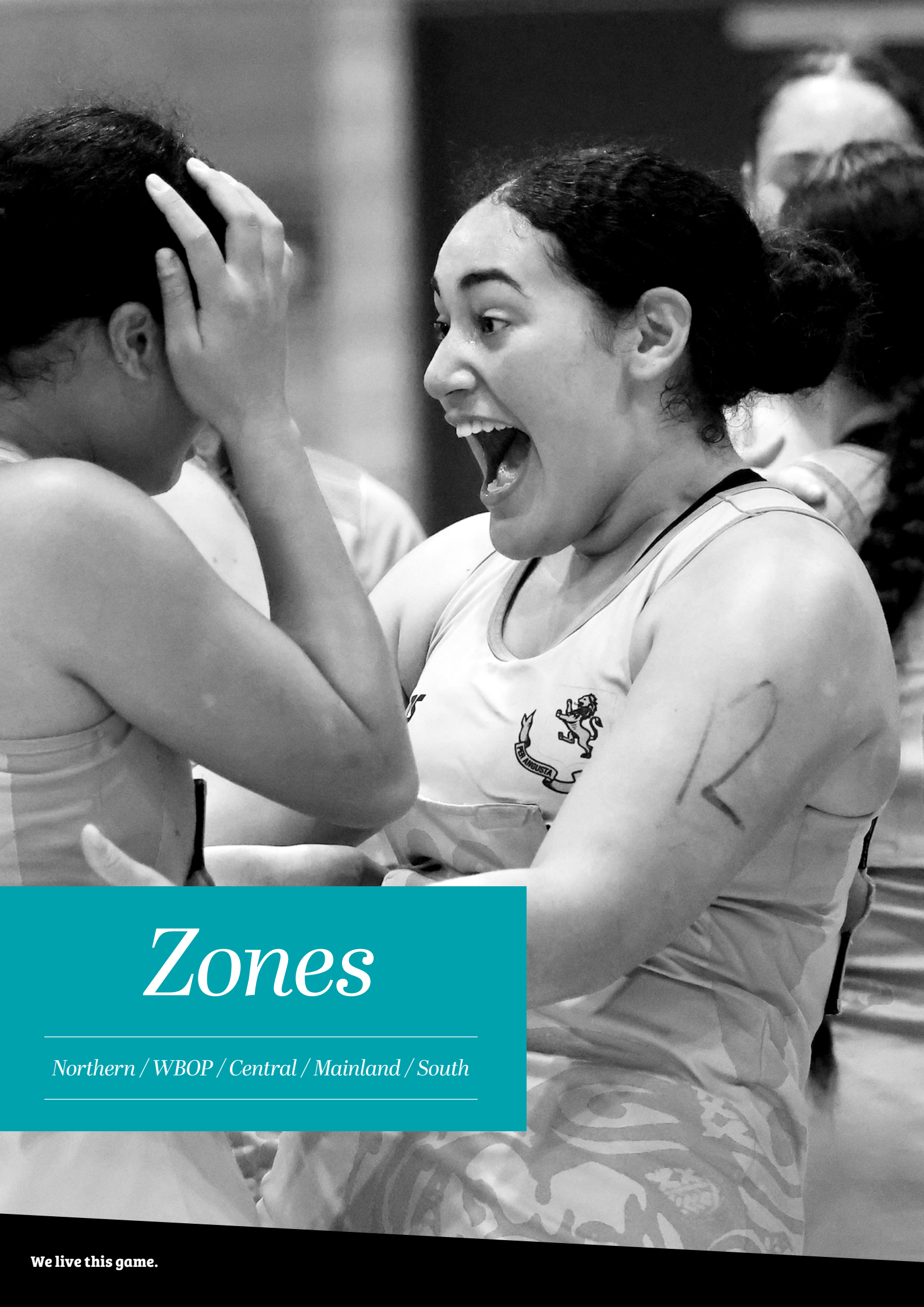
Accounts Officer

[finished March 2025]

Lucy du Chateau

Sponsorship & Funding

[Maternity Cover – finished June 2025]



Zones

Northern / WBOP / Central / Mainland / South

We live this game.

Netball Northern

The 2025 season marked a year of strong progress in participation, performance, facilities, governance and engagement, reinforcing the Zone's commitment to growing and strengthening Netball across the region.

GROWING PARTICIPATION

Participation continued to trend positively, with total numbers reaching 50,073, just exceeding the Zone's 50,000 target! Coaching performance was a standout, with coaches Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) met or exceeded across most areas. NetballSmart principles were embedded consistently across workshops and initiatives, supporting safe and positive experiences for participants.

Key initiatives included the launch of Love Their Game, in collaboration with Aktive, engaging 10 Centres, alongside targeted participation projects that delivered measurable impact. Three Tū Manawa projects were completed, supporting participation and stronger relationships with schools. Coach and official development was also evident, with strong growth in coaching qualifications and umpire awards across Centre, Zone and national levels.

ENHANCED DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS

The Zone demonstrated its strength as a leading developmental environment, delivering dominant results across national teams and competitions for players, coaches and officials. Development Days and squad programmes provided high-quality athlete development and coach and umpire professional development. In addition, collaborative initiatives such as Composite Coaching Qualification (CCQ) delivery and umpire development opportunities strengthened pathways at all levels.



Competitive success was reflected in outstanding performances at national tournaments, including victories at Upper North Islands Secondary Schools (UNISS), NZ Secondary Schools, Under 18s, and Opens, for teams from our Zone. Congratulations to the schools and Centres that achieved great success in 2025.

PERFORMANCE

It was another outstanding year for the Mystics, reaching the Grand Final of the ANZ Premiership for a third successive year (and fourth in five years). Unfortunately, it wasn't to be, and we were beaten by a better team on the day. Congratulations to the Tactix on their win this year.

STRENGTHENING FACILITIES

Facility development progressed well during 2025, with key projects aligned with the Auckland Region Facilities Plan. Court renewals at Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre were completed, while major upgrades at Rodney Netball Centre and Netball North Harbour are well underway. Also, planning continued towards the development of a Northland Netball Facilities Plan in 2026.

GOVERNANCE

Thank you to the Centres that have completed the process to re-register under the new Incorporated Societies Act. It is a substantial amount of work for each Centre to undertake, and we are well on track for all Centres to re-register by the deadline of April 2026.

VISIBILITY AND ENGAGEMENT

Engagement across Centres and with the Zone remained strong and highly collaborative. Centre Connect forums were well attended and positively received, supporting shared learning and connection. Communication reach continued to grow, with increased newsletter engagement and a 28 per cent rise in social media following, enhancing visibility and connection across the Netball community.

NGĀ MIHI

Finally, a big thank you to our Netball Northern staff and board, Centre staff and boards/committees, and all the volunteers who work so hard throughout the year to grow and strengthen Netball within our region.

Netball WBOP



In 2025, the Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty (WBOP) Zone continued to build and support a connected and capable Netball system, assisting our Centres and their staff, volunteers, players, coaches and officials, as well as delivering Zone-wide learning and development opportunities.



Coach and umpire development remained a highlight, with programmes including the CCQ, Magic in the Making coach and umpire sessions, involvement in National Development Camps, Tipu Series workshops, formal and informal workshops, mentoring, and live observations. Coaches, umpires and bench officials all performed well at regional, national and international levels.

Netball WBOP Zone player pathways were effective through Magic in the Making, Centre Spotters, National Development Camps, and a Netball WBOP Zone Development Squad tour to Melbourne. We were also thrilled that several WBOP athletes progressed to national squads or ANZ contracts. The Netball WBOP Matarau Synergy Hair Netball League [SHNL] team embraced a new name and waiaata, and player wellbeing, fitness, and injury prevention was reinforced through NetballSmart workshops and coach education.

The year was marked by individual and collective achievements, including Centres delivering fantastic Netball opportunities, players representing at national and international levels, coaches completing national qualifications, umpires and bench officials earning honours, and teams performing well at national tournaments.

Overall participation grew again, and Centres worked tirelessly meeting local needs, adapting season timing, introducing secondary school grades, and optimising programmes for younger players. Netball WBOP Zone supported Centre projects and community events, to help Centres create positive experiences for players and build stronger connections within the community. We were thrilled to deliver and support Good Sports and Positive Vibes Only initiatives to promote and reinforce safe, inclusive and enjoyable environments.

Centre leadership and governance was supported through forums and meetings, workshops, planning tools, and professional development opportunities, while funding for Centres enabled targeted improvements in participation, coaching, umpiring, and school engagement. Centres also received support to meet new Incorporated Societies Act standards, and both Zone and Centre personnel had many opportunities to be involved in NNZ initiatives and project working groups.

Overall, 2025 was a year of growth, collaboration, and strengthened capability. We hope that these efforts will lead to continued achievements and high-quality Netball experiences in 2026.

Netball Central

The strength of Netball Central Zone continues to come from the collective effort across our Netball Centres, community partners, volunteers and staff. Thank you for the work you all do to create opportunities for players, coaches, umpires and supporters to stay connected with our game.



This year saw the implementation of our new Strategic Plan, with Centres beginning to identify the first set of shared projects that will guide participation and capability over the coming years.

COMMUNITY GAME HIGHLIGHTS

Centres continued to deliver strong representative programmes, with notable results across junior, secondary and senior competitions. Participation trends varied this year, with some areas of pleasing growth and some where numbers dipped slightly. This reinforces our focus on capability support, targeted participation initiatives and high-quality delivery across the Zone.

A significant milestone in 2025 was the establishment of the first Netball Central Men's team. They played against Waikato Men and completed two pre-season matches against Te Wānanga o Raukawa Pulse. This marks an important step in our male participation strategy and reflects the growing appetite and momentum for men's Netball.

Umpire coaches and our Pulse Manager, Jill Clapcott, continued to represent the Zone strongly through national programmes and development opportunities, contributing to the depth and stability of our pathway.

TE WĀNANGA O RAUKAWA PULSE

This year marked the end of an era for the Pulse, with several long-serving players completing their time with the franchise. The team finished third in the ANZ Premiership and showed consistency during the season.

We were again proud to have strong national representation, with Maddy Gordon, Kelly Jackson, Paris Mason and Amelia Walmsley named in the Silver Ferns. Amelia captained the New Zealand U21 team at the Netball World Youth Cup.

Fan engagement reached a new high this season. Several home games sold out, and our social media audience and engagement grew significantly. This reflects the strength of the Pulse brand throughout our communities and the increasing connection between our teams and supporters.

CENTRAL MANAWA

Central Manawa delivered another strong season, finishing second in the National Netball League [NNL]. Their performance represents the depth of talent across our pathway and the commitment of coaches and support staff.

LOOKING AHEAD

The 2025 season highlighted the commitment of everyone involved in the Netball Central Zone.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2026 season – new names, same heart – and continuing the progress of our strategic projects as we work alongside Centres and communities across the region.

Mainland Netball



The 2025 year has been one of exceptional success and achievement for Mainland Netball. Our community continues to thrive thanks to the dedication of players, coaches, umpires, volunteers and supporters. We focused on strengthening communication, enhancing technical official pathways, and celebrating success at every level.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND ENGAGEMENT

- **Membership Increase:** Mainland Netball recorded a 7 per cent growth in membership across 2025, reflecting the growing passion for Netball throughout our region.
- **Social Media Return:** We successfully redeveloped Mainland Netball's social media presence, connecting with our community more, celebrating achievements, and sharing our stories.

UMPIRING ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Opportunities Provided:**
 - » Participation in Tactix trainings, NNL trials and NNZ tournaments.
- **NNZ Appointments:**
 - » 6 umpires and 3 reserves to U18 competition.
 - » 3 umpires to Opens, 2 to Netball NZ Secondary Schools [NNSS].
 - » 2 national bench officials and 8 zone bench officials.
- **Key Achievements:**
 - » 8 umpires attained the NZC Award.
 - » 12 umpires achieved Zone or Endorsed Awards.
 - » 91.2 per cent pass rate for theory exams.
 - » Kate Fraser achieved the NZB qualification.
- **Development Initiatives:**
 - » 84 umpire coach applications received.

- » Multiple development opportunities provided through tournaments and the Player Development Programme [PDP].
- » 10-week umpire support email programme enhanced learning and engagement.

• **National Recognition:**

- » Rebecca Reside and Jamie Smith named as being on the NNZ National Watchlist.

• **Leadership:**

- » Sue James, David Pala'amo and Sheena Tyrrell continued their invaluable contributions as umpire coaches and selectors.

MAINLAND SHNL TEAM – 2025 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

For the first time, Mainland Netball claimed the SHNL 2025 National Championship title. Some season highlights were:

- A stunning comeback against the Comets after trailing by 16 points.
- A thrilling Grand Final victory over Central, 58-56, featuring 8/8 long-range shots under pressure.

This historic achievement reflects the depth of talent and resilience within our region.

TALENT DEVELOPMENT

- **Mainland Advanced Camp [MAC]:** 56 Year 11 & 12 players attended the

September camp at Selwyn Sports Centre, featuring:

- » Fitness testing and match play.
- » Specialist sessions with Anna Galvan and Anna Kennedy.
- » Elite insights from Hannah Glen.
- » NetballSmart workshops on warm-ups, training and nutrition.

- **Ongoing Support:** Weekly Teams catch-ups offered guidance, peer connection, and advice from former NNL player Charlotte Coughlan.
- **National Development Camp [NDC]:** 15 players were selected from MAC for NDC in January 2026, with additional training opportunities provided by high-performance coaches.

COACHING DEVELOPMENT

- **Observation Opportunities:** Coaches benefitted from a range of learning experiences, including:
 - » Advanced Camp exposure to high-performance environments.
 - » NDC fostering emerging coaching talent.
 - » King's Birthday tournament support offering practical learning.
 - » Game Analysis with Jill McIntosh delivering elite-level insights.
- **Development Initiatives:**
 - » Tipu Series designed to nurture coaching capability across all levels.
 - » 10-week coach support email programme providing regular guidance.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we move into 2026, our focus areas include developing coaches, growing junior participation, and sustaining quality experiences across all areas of the game. Mainland Netball is incredibly proud of our 16 Netball Centres. As a collective with strong foundations, the future of Netball in Mainland is brighter than ever.

Netball South



The 2025 ANZ Premiership season was the start of a new era for the Ascot Park Hotel Southern Steel, with Wendy Frew at the helm as head coach in her rookie year.

The team delivered a significantly improved campaign marked by competitive performances, renewed culture, and a strong connection with our fans and community.

Two Steel icons returned to guide the team as our exceptional leaders – local legend Wendy Frew as head coach and internationally-acclaimed coach Liana Leota as our assistant coach. Together, they formed a formidable partnership that revitalised our franchise and restored our competitive edge. Their commitment, expertise and leadership were nothing short of outstanding.

The shift to a two-round ANZ Premiership format intensified competition from the outset, making every match count. Despite early injury setbacks, including co-captain Kate Heffernan's knee injury and the season-long loss of Australian recruit Dakota Thomas, the Steel delivered a vastly improved campaign. The team finished the regular season with five wins, narrowly missing the play-offs after ten fiercely-contested rounds.

Adversity created opportunity, with rising star Khanyé-Lii Munro-Nonoa emerging as an exceptional addition to the Steel whānau, supported by strong contributions from interim replacement Kate Lloyd. The return of Aliyah Dunn, alongside recruits Kimiora Poi and Carys Stythe, further strengthened both the playing group and the wider community connection.

Steel supporters once again proved among the most passionate in Netball

within Aotearoa New Zealand. Crowds in Invercargill and Dunedin delivered a formidable home court advantage, with membership surpassing pre-COVID levels and two full-house games creating one of the strongest match-day atmospheres in the ANZ Premiership.

Looking ahead, the foundations laid in 2025 position the Steel strongly for 2026, with seven players returning and the addition of Australian imports Josie Bingham and Jessica Milne, together with Ashleigh Poi from the championship-winning NNL Mainland team.

Individual excellence was celebrated nationally, with Kate Heffernan named ANZ Silver Ferns Player of the Year at the 2025 NZ Netball Awards. Khanyé-Lii Munro-Nonoa claimed both the Aspiring Silver Fern and NZU21 Player of the Year awards, while Kirstie Simpson was named joint ANZ Premiership Umpire of the Year alongside Gareth Fowler.

In the performance pathway, Southern Blast provided valuable national exposure for a young squad, while athlete development milestones included Holly McRae's ANZ Premiership debut and Laura Balmer securing an Injury Replacement Player [IRP] contract with Central Pulse. Four South Zone athletes – Laura Balmer, Serina Daunakamakama, Khanyé-Lii Munro-Nonoa and Ella Southby – were selected for the NZU21 World Cup team, which finished second overall.

Netball South's community impact continued to grow through initiatives such as the Steel Roadie programme, delivering skill sessions across every Centre and strengthening connections with tamariki and rangatahi. Participation increased across the Zone, with growth in junior, secondary, senior and recreational players, reflecting the commitment of Centres and volunteers.

Secondary school Netball enjoyed a standout year, with strong national championship results and high representation in talent identification programmes. The Steel Steps programme engaged around 80 secondary-aged athletes, providing development and accelerator pathways

supported by camps, regional sessions and ongoing mentoring.

Technical officials and coaches across the Zone achieved success nationally and internationally. Umpires excelled – with numerous recognitions, including emerging talent at South Island Secondary Schools [SISS] in Dunedin, an NZC award for Isla Redgrave [Dunedin], and endorsed NZC award for Becky Slade [Central Otago], alongside deserved representation on umpire panels and A-grade appointments. Officials were selected for major events such as: the NNZ Open Champs; Under 18s; Secondary Schools – where Susan Fitzgibbon was appointed to the final; the Taini Jamison Trophy – Colleen Bond Umpire Panel; and the Netball World Youth Cup in Gibraltar, where Sasha McLeod earned an international appointment.

Coaching capability continued to strengthen through the Performance Coaching Qualification [PCQ] and Community Coach Award participation. This year brought staffing changes and welcomed new contributors to the Community team; Kara Alvarez Rizzo as Participation Lead and Rachel Templeton as Coach and Umpire Coordinator. A special thank you to Josh Bowring, Liana Leota, Lana Morrison and Kristie Simpson for leading coach and umpire development workshops on behalf of Netball South.

The year concluded with important opportunities for collaboration and recognition, including a well-attended Centre Forum and the presentation of 10 Netball South Service Awards at the AGM. In addition, Adrienne Ensor was highly commended for the NNZ Volunteer Administrator of the Year Award.

Netball South extends sincere thanks to all staff, volunteers, funders, partners and supporters for their dedication in 2025, and to the Netball South Board and staff for another year of outstanding commitment to growing and strengthening Netball in the south.

Silver Ferns

Despite facing challenges at the start of their 2025 international window, the Silver Ferns united strongly to showcase a growing resilience and with it the hallmarks of an impressive team unit on the rise.

The international season started with the appointment of interim coaching team Yvette McCausland-Durie and Liana Leota, supported by high performance personnel Tracey Fear and Waimarama Taumaunu.

With these interim appointments in place, the Silver Ferns readied themselves for their first international outing in almost a year when taking on South Africa in the WM New Zealand Netball Series for the Taini Jamison Trophy in September.

The Silver Ferns put a stamp on their superior world ranking to clinch a decisive 77-51 win over the Proteas in the series opener in Auckland.

The second-ranked Silver Ferns proved too efficient for the fifth-ranked South Africans as they galvanised and rose from a challenging couple of weeks to rubber-stamp a comprehensive outing on the back of a sizzling start.

In the process, all the game-day 12 players were awarded court time while providing the opportunity to explore playing combinations. Adding the icing, shooter Martina Salmon and defender Catherine Hall made their Silver Ferns debuts.

The Silver Ferns responded to a stirring South Africa challenge to claim a compelling 70-58 win in the second Test staged in Napier.

The Silver Ferns wrapped up the prized Taini Jamison Trophy with one Test to play after being pushed hard by the Proteas second time around, the Silver

Ferns absorbing and then extending to finish well in control.

After a disjointed start, ace shooter Grace Nweke grew into her game and was suitably rewarded with a commanding individual performance when notching a career high and new personal best having nailed a significant haul of 60 goals for the first time in a match.

There was also the end of a long wait for shooter Filda Vui, who after previously being involved with the Silver Ferns in 2020 was finally able to make her international debut when joining the action during the last quarter.

The plucky Proteas provided the perfect response to their first Test woes with a determined and productive start to the second showdown.

With improved ball placement, Grace clicked up a gear to impose herself on the game in devastating fashion during the second half. Surging in confidence, the Silver Ferns repelled the Proteas' spirited challenge to pull away for a comfortable win.

The Silver Ferns completed a clean sweep in dramatic fashion with a last-gasp goal to pip South Africa 57-56 in the third Test held in Invercargill.

On track to record just their second-ever win over the Silver Ferns in a history stretching 41 matches, South Africa held the upper hand for much of the game. Chasing possession throughout the first three quarters, the Silver Ferns regained parity in the early stages of the final quarter, which provided any number of

drama-filled moments to leave the game delicately poised right to the end.

Adding to the tension, both teams had players – Silver Ferns' midcourter Kimiora Poi and South Africa's defender Nicola Smith – stood down for two minutes apiece after persistent infringing at different stages during the final 15 minutes.

Neither team took a backward step in a frenzied goal-for-goal finish with the scores all tied up. Pouncing on an opportunity, Silver Ferns' midcourter Maddy Gordon grabbed a late turnover, the ball landing in rookie shooter Martina Salmon's hands, who calmly slotted the winning goal with five seconds left on the clock.

The Silver Ferns were back in action soon after with the more imposing challenge of defending the Constellation Cup for which interim head coach Yvette McCausland-Durie and interim assistant Liana Leota remained at the helm during October's four-match series.

With the first two matches of the 15th edition of the Constellation Cup staged in Australia, the Silver Ferns quickly found themselves under pressure and with their backs to the wall.

Although they delivered a brave challenge for three-quarters of the match, the Silver Ferns couldn't prevent Australia from storming home and posting a 69-52 win to strike the first blow in the series opener in Melbourne.

The Silver Ferns played an admirable hand for much of the match with a crop of young talent in their mix, but unravelled in the final quarter when the class of Australia took charge.

The Silver Ferns struggled to contain Australia's ball speed and relentless approach. This eventually took its toll, the visitors' having their moments but lacking overall consistency and unable to create enough turnover opportunities while slipping to a record loss.

... shooter

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and defender
Catherine Hall
made their
Silver Ferns
debut.*



Falling behind nil-2 in the series, the Silver Ferns faced an uphill battle to retain the Constellation Cup after losing the second Test 68-51 in Sydney.

The second Test followed a similar pattern to the first Test loss in Melbourne with the Silver Ferns producing strong first-half performances before unravelling in the second half.

This time the damage was done in the third quarter. The Silver Ferns trailed by just two points behind at halftime before the Diamonds flexed their collective array of talent with a storming 15 minutes to shut the New Zealanders out of the game.

Although the statistics were fairly even at halftime, the Australians ability to stay in the grind, punish and push on was all too evident. That eventually led to the home side enjoying a healthy 27 more shots at goal by game's end. The Silver Ferns had better accuracy under the hoop but simply lacked the volume to mount a serious challenge.

Back on home soil for the New Zealand leg of the series prompted an encouraging response from the Silver Ferns. Under the pump to deliver, the women in black responded in perfect fashion to keep the Constellation Cup series alive after clinching a satisfying 61-52 win in Hamilton in the third test.

Using quicker reactions in their changes of personnel throughout the match, the Silver Ferns had all 12 players on court. The emergence of the young brigade was a feature while a standout third quarter provided the winning impetus.

For the first time in the series, the Silver Ferns had more ball than the Diamonds, with 67 shots at goal compared to Australia's 58. Grace Nweke made the most of it with a 44 from 46 return as the team completed the most remarkable of turnarounds, leaving everything to play for in the fourth match-up.

A one-goal lead to the Silver Ferns at the end of the first quarter, followed by a drawn second quarter and a nine-goal advantage to the home side in the third,

restricted Australia to just one winning quarter, the last, by one goal. This told the tale of the match.

As Australia led the series 2-1 heading into the decider, the Silver Ferns were in must-win territory to keep their hopes of retaining the Constellation Cup alive. And they did just that after clinching a 62-57 win.

In a pulsating conclusion, Australia reclaimed the Constellation Cup when the final match went to the wire, with the Diamonds pipping the Silver Ferns 12-11 as they were forced into a Series Decider in Christchurch.

In an initiative introduced for the Constellation Cup last year, the winner of a drawn series is determined by a Series Decider. This involves two seven-minute halves of extra time being played following a 12-minute break for the teams at the completion of the regular 60 minutes and with the scores starting fresh.

The New Zealanders had the edge early on before being reeled in by the Diamonds, who took a 7-5 lead into the first break. As they have done throughout the New Zealand leg of the series, the Silver Ferns showed their resilience and ability to stay in the contest.

Down by three points with just a couple of minutes to go, a turnover helped the Silver Ferns level up at 11-all with just over a minute remaining. Australia showed their poise and experience to run down the time expertly and nail the win with time almost up.

With a crop of young talent in their mix, the Silver Ferns played an admirable hand..."

From two record defeats in Australia, the Silver Ferns showed plenty of ticker on home soil, the introduction of a host of young

talent showing bright prospects for the team moving forward.

The ability of Maddy Gordon and Kate Heffernan to rotate between centre and wing attack, and wing defence and centre, respectively, proved a masterstroke with both excelling. With

improved feeding, Grace Nweke was a standout under the hoop while Georgia Heffernan was an influential figure at goal attack.

Experienced defenders Karin Burger and Kelly Jackson were a menacing presence and provided the missing ingredient on the New Zealand leg in gaining more turnover opportunities. Rising young in-circle defender Catherine Hall proved the find of the series with her quick footwork, aerial skills and athleticism belying her rookie status and the promise of more to come.

There was little time for the Silver Ferns to take stock, departing for their Northern Tour several days later and the prospect of a quick-fire five Test matches in 10 days – two against the Scottish Thistles and a three-Test series against the England Roses.

Setting the Northern Tour in motion, the Silver Ferns dusted off their long-haul travel effects to complete a 63-41 first-win over the Scottish Thistles.

In their first visit to Scotland since the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in 2014, the Silver Ferns got their whirlwind Northern Tour off to a positive start in a comfortable opener where young shooters Amelia Walmsley and Martina Salmon carried the scoring load for the entire match.

To give the full squad opportunities during the tour and following the heavy workloads carried by some during the previous series, some of the Silver Ferns' rising young guns were set up with starting spots in the Scotland opener. That included Carys Stythe, who made her international debut, at goalkeeper.

A strong final-quarter burst pushed the Silver Ferns out to a comprehensive 80-48 win over the Thistles in the second match to complete a sweep of the series.

As they prepared for the more challenging prospect of the three-Test series against England, the Silver Ferns had all 12 players on court to reveal a mix of combinations in their second match-up with Scotland. A powerful 20-7 final quarter indeed put the stamp on their day's work.

Facing a step-up in opposition, the Silver Ferns delivered a composed final quarter to secure a tight 61-58 win over England

in the first of the three-Test Vitality Netball International Series in London.

Continuing their close clashes of recent times, the world No. 2 Silver Ferns bounced back with a well-executed outing after losing three of their last four against the fourth-ranked Roses, with plenty of intrigue surrounding how the pair would match up eight months out from next year's Commonwealth Games. The Silver Ferns showed their growing stature and ability to stay the distance in a tight contest.

Grace, with 53 goals from 57 attempts, was an immense figure under the Silver Ferns' hoop, the attack end showing continued improvement to deliver safe ball into her hands. In a riveting contest throughout and with the scores level at three-quarter time, it was anybody's game. The Silver Ferns impressed with their game smarts in closing out the tightest of tussles through effective hustle on defence, where Kate Heffernan and Kelly Jackson were key spoilers, and the necessary composure on attack proving vital.

The Heffernan twins were key contributors with Georgia playing an excellent hand in the play-making role at goal attack while Kate was a decisive distributor and disruptor from wing defence.

Facing a short recovery time, the pair locked horns again less than 24 hours later, England sending the series into a last match decider when reversing the outcome of the first with a 61-58 win of their own.

A dramatic fourth quarter delivered opportunities for both teams to take the win, the scores level in the opening minutes of the final stanza. A dogged defensive display by England and sharp shooting caused the Silver Ferns to falter in the big moments.

The Silver Ferns lacked the same accuracy as England, despite another strong effort from shooter Grace [51 goals for the match] and the ever-present Maddy at wing attack.

The Silver Ferns clinched the series 2-1 following an impressive 55-49 win in the decider in Manchester, finishing up their Northern Tour in style. This showed



The Silver Ferns showed their growing stature and ability to stay the distance in a tight contest.”



The Silver Ferns impressed with their game smarts...”

their resilience to rebound from illness that swept through the team and signs of fatigue following a gruelling international campaign.

As with the opening two matches, the series decider was another close tussle before the Silver Ferns pulled out the big plays when it counted most to shake off the Roses.

Winning all but the opening quarter, the Silver Ferns bounced back time and time again when England often threatened to break their resolve. In a rare occurrence, the Silver Ferns stuck with the same seven throughout while forcing England into multiple changes, including using four different shooters in a bid to break the impasse.

The Silver Ferns had a four-goal lead heading into the final quarter. Through the fine efforts of Kelly Jackson, the midcourt unit, and stellar shooting of Grace, the New Zealanders eventually got the better of the gallant Roses to finish the season on a high.

Following 12 tests in the space of a few short weeks against four different opponents, the Silver Ferns headed into their summer break with a commendable nine-win, three-loss record.

Throughout this time, the Silver Ferns have built admirably on their depth of talent – from the established front-runners, who, with increased top-flight match-play under their belts have enhanced their credentials, to the crop of rising young players being given their opportunities on the international stage with promising outcomes.

In the wake of a highly challenging year, the Silver Ferns highlighted their strength of character through adversity to emerge with flying colours, exposing their potential, both individually and as a collective, of being a team clearly on the rise.

Silver Ferns physio hits major milestone

An ever-present figure on the sidelines, long-serving physiotherapist Sharon Kearney has been honoured by the team after posting her 200th match with the Silver Ferns following the second Test against the Scottish Thistles in Glasgow on 12 November 2025.



Appointed as the Silver Ferns physio for her first Test, against the Cook Islands in 1993, Sharon has become the cornerstone of NNZ's high-performance and injury prevention landscape for the intervening 32 years.

Widely regarded as one of the country's leading experts in physiotherapy and injury management, Sharon's influence has extended across generations of athletes and support staff.

Sharon has remained at the forefront of developing injury prevention, physio and management programmes, working closely with the Accident Compensation Corporation [ACC] at community level to help decrease significant sporting injuries in New Zealand.

Her research work and the subsequent reduction in major knee injuries in Netball is an ongoing legacy to Sharon's vital contribution to health and wellbeing. She was formally honoured when made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit [NZOM] in 2020.

Affectionately known as Shaz, Sharon has been involved across several sports but has left her considerable mark most noticeably in Netball.

Beginning with New Zealand's national youth Netball teams and the Silver Ferns in the 1990s, Sharon was subsequently appointed Medical Coordinator and touring physiotherapist for the Silver Ferns. Over her distinguished career, she has represented New Zealand at six Netball World Cups, two Commonwealth Games and three World Youth Cups.

Sharon continues to lead the development of innovative physiotherapy and management programmes designed to keep athletes at all levels of the game performing at their best – with her NetballSmart programme. Her work has also extended beyond the court, including roles as a Specialist Advisor in Physiotherapy for the New Zealand Academy of Sport [2005–2006] and as Lead Physiotherapist for High Performance Sport New Zealand [2001–2015].

Alongside her national commitments, Sharon has shared her deep knowledge as a tutor and clinical educator at the University of Otago's Physiotherapy Clinic, helping shape the next generation of health professionals.

Her 200th Test is a fitting tribute to a career defined by care, excellence, a great sense of humour and an unwavering commitment to athlete wellbeing.

...continues to lead the development of innovative physiotherapy...”



#1 Margaret Matangi, #2 Jean Mitchell, #3 Elva Divers (née Howard), #4 Muriel Boswell (née Howe), #5 Mary Martin, #6 Ethel Withell (née Neame),
#7 Jean Lomax (née Willson), #8 Oonah Shannahan (née Murray), #9 Azalea Sinclair (née Clark), #10 Dixie Cockerton, #11 Josie Hickey,
#12 Alison Preston-Thomas (née Hughes), #13 Mary Sullivan, #14 Dell Bandeen (née Turner), #15 Beverley Malcolm (née Avery), #16 Leslie Purvis (née Black),
#17 Joyce Sullivan, #18 Thelma Turner (née Trask), #19 Rona Woodgier, #20 Betty Plant, #21 Natalie Wicken (née Nicholls), #22 June Mariu (née Waititi),
#23 Judy Blair (née Dunlop), #24 Pamela Barham (née Smith), #25 Marion Law (née Johnston), #26 Colleen Falloon (née McMaster), #27 Lois Muir (née Osborne),
#28 Shirley Annan (née Patrick), #29 Betty Steffensen (née Pratt), #30 Margaret Pawson (née Elliott), #31 Rebecca Chaplow (née Faulkner), #32 Betty McNamara,
#33 Elva Simpson (née Tait), #34 Joan Harnett (née Martin), #35 Lesley Harris (née Baker), #36 Mirth Solomon (née Te Moananui), #37 Tilly Hirst (née Vercoe),
#38 Ann Rankin (née Blair), #39 Pam Marsden (née Hamilton), #40 Billie Irwin, #41 Sandra Easterbrook (née James), #42 Margaret Filippini (née Gardiner),
#43 Elizabeth Rowley (née Story), #44 Nancy King (née Carroll), #45 Shirley Langrope, #46 Lynne Macdonald, #47 Frances Webster (née Hawe),
#48 Brenda Rowberry (née Walker), #49 Sandra Richards (née Norman), #50 Coral Palmer, #51 Lorraine Mair, #52 Olwyn McKay (née Frethey), #53 Lyn Gunson,
#54 Beth Huntington (née Carnie), #55 Frances Granger (née Rawstorm), #56 Marilyn Munro, #57 Christine Pietzner (née Cottrell), #58 Georgina Salter (née Hapuku),
#59 Yvonne Willering, #60 Maxine Blomquist, #61 Anne Taylor (née Downey), #62 Margharet Matenga (née Kamana), #63 Pauline Knaggs (née Flynn),
#64 Leigh Gibbs (née Mills), #65 Ruth Aitken (née Fathers), #66 Margaret Forsyth, #67 Lyn Robertson (née Proudlove), #68 Geane Hohipuha (née Katae),
#69 Janice Waddy (née Henderson), #70 Waimarama Taumaunu, #71 Te Aroha Keenan (née Clarke), #72 Tracey Fear, #73 Rhonda Wilcox (née Meads),
#74 Rita Fatialofa, #75 Sandra Edge, #76 Annette Heffernan (née Blomquist), #77 Karen Henrikson, #78 Julie Townsend, #79 Liz McJorrow (née Neilson),
#80 Julie Carter, #81 Tracy Shortland (née Eryl), #82 Denise Felix, #83 Joan Hodson (née Solia), #84 Angela Bell (née Pule), #85 Sharon Gold (née Burridge),
#86 Cathrine Wilkinson, #87 Robin Dillimore, #88 Ana Noovao, #89 April Ieremia, #90 Louisa Wall, #91 Tanya Dearn (née Cox),

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#92 Carron Jerram (née Topping), #93 Pania Papa, #94 Leonie Leaver (née Wendt), #95 Sheryl Waite, #96 Margaret Foster (née Bray), #97 Lisa Wilson,
#98 Bernice Mene, #99 Sheryl Burns (née George), #100 Gael Nagaiya (née Robinson), #101 Sonya Hardcastle, #102 Linda Vagana, #103 Leilani Read,
#104 Teresa Tairi, #105 Belinda Charteris (née Blair), #106 Julie Seymour (née Dawson), #107 Lesley Rumball (née Nicol), #108 Noeline Taurua,
#109 Debbie Fuller (née Matoes), #110 Anna Stanley (née Rowberry), #111 Elisa Taringa, #112 Belinda Colling, #113 Tania Dalton (née Nicholson),
#114 Donna Wilkins (née Loffhagen), #115 Gail Parata, #116 Jenny-May Clarkson (née Coffin), #117 Sheryl Scanlan (née Clarke), #118 Jo Morrison (née Steed),
#119 Lorna Suafoa, #120 Adine Wilson (née Harper), #121 Temepara Bailey (née George), #122 Irene van Dyk, #123 Vilimaina Davu,
#124 Anna Galvan (née Veronese), #125 Victoria Edward, #126 Angela Mitchell (née Evans), #127 Daneka Tuineau (née Wipiiti), #128 Anna Harrison (née Scarlett),
#129 Leana de Bruin (née du Plooy), #130 Jodi Brown (née Te Huna), #131 Joline Johansson (née Henry), #132 Amigene Metcalfe, #133 Laura Langman,
#134 Maria Folau (née Tutaia), #135 Casey Kopua (née Williams), #136 Jessica Tuki, #137 Debbie Christian (née White), #138 Maree Bowden (née Grubb),
#139 Paula Griffin, #140 Katrina Rore (née Grant), #141 Liana Leota (née Barrett-Chase), #142 Wendy Frew (née Telfer), #143 Anna Kennedy (née Thompson),
#144 Larrissa McAlister (née Willcox), #145 Grace Kara (née Rasmussen), #146 Camilla Poyser (née Lees), #147 Kayla Johnson (née Cullen),
#148 Cathrine Tuivaiti (née Latu), #149 Sulu Fitzpatrick, #150 Bailey Mes, #151 Courtney Tairi, #152 Shannon Saunders (née Francois),
#153 Te Huinga Reo Selby-Rickit, #154 Katarina Cooper, #155 Phoenix Karaka, #156 Ellen Halpenny, #157 Amelianne Ekenasio (née Wells),
#158 Temalisi Fakahokotau, #159 Malia Vaka (née Paseka), #160 Jane Watson, #161 Te Paea Selby-Rickit, #162 Storm Purvis, #163 Maia Wilson, #164 Gina Crampton,
#165 Samantha Winders (née Sinclair), #166 Kelly Jackson (née Jury), #167 Whitney Souness, #168 Claire Kersten, #169 Michaela Sokolich-Beatson,
#170 Elisapeta Toeava, #171 Karin Burger, #172 Aliyah Dunn, #173 Erikana Pedersen, #174 Kimiora Poi, #175 Erena Mikaere, #176 Monica Falkner,
#177 Maddy Gordon, #178 Tiana Metuarau, #179 Grace Nweke, #180 Georgia Takarangi (née Tong), #181 Mila Reuelu-Buchanan, #182 Kate Heffernan,
#183 Elle Temu, #184 Amelia Walmsley, #185 Georgia Heffernan, #186 Amorangi Malesala, #187 Tayla Earle, #188 Claire O'Brien, #189 Parris Mason,
#190 Martina Salmon, #191 Catherine Hall, #192 Filda Vui, #193 Carys Stythe



National Squads and Teams

Silver Ferns Squad

Shooters:

Georgia Heffernan **TCN**
 Grace Nweke **TCN**
 Martina Salmon **TCN**
 Saviour Tui
 Filda Vui **T**
 Amelia Walmsley **CN**

Midcourters:

Tayla Earle
 Maddy Gordon **TCN**
 Kate Heffernan **TCN**
 Kimiora Poi **TCN**
 Mila Reuelu-Buchanan **TCN**
 Peta Toeava **TCN**

Defenders:

Karin Burger **TCN**
 Kate Burley
 Catherine Hall **TCN**
 Kelly Jackson **TCN**
 Parris Mason **TCN**
 Carys Stythe **TCN**

Key:

T – Taini Jamison Trophy Team
C – Constellation Cup Team
N – Northern Tour Team

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Laura Balmer *Pulse*
 Serina Daunakamakama *Steel*
 Taiana Day *Mainland*
 Losa Fifita *Northern*
 Sarah Guiney *Central*
 Kaiya Kepa *WBOP*
 Charlotte Manley *Mystics*
 Khanyé-Lii Munro-Nonoa *Steel*
 Josie Seymour *Mainland*
 Ella Southby *South*
 Kate Taylor *Magic*
 Amelia Walmsley *Pulse*

Non-Travelling Reserves:

Stacey Ah Van *Northern*
 Avah Sila *Northern*
 Summer Temu *Steel*

Silver Ferns Development Squad

Aliyah Dunn
 Georgie Edgecombe
 Khanyé-Lii Munro-Nonoa
 Michaela Sokolich-Beatson

2025 New Zealand Secondary Schools Squad

Northern:

Talia Chatfield *Westlake Girls High School*
 Aria Gardiner *Mount Albert Grammar School*
 Sierra Lau'ese *Howick College*
 Charlie Lindsay *Howick College*
 Zermahnia Manu *Howick College*
 Tayla-Rose Mose *Mount Albert Grammar School*
 Anika Pihema *Drewa College*
 Avah Sila *Howick College*
 Imani Rasmussen *Westlake Girls High School*
 Romi Ropati *Mount Albert Grammar School*

WBOP:

Mihiwai Henare *Trident High School*
 Kaziah Riley-Rata *Hamilton Girls' High School*
 Hinemaioha Rolleston-Gabel *Ngā Taiātea Wharekura*
 Liliana Wills *Rotorua Girls' High School*

Central:

Destiny Aleka *Scots College*
 Zoe Jacobs *Scots College*
 Arna Paewai *Napier Girls' High School*
 Fo'i Sau-Lemana *St Mary's College (Wellington)*
 Maggie Shields *Wairarapa College*
 Ruby Thompson *Feilding High School*
 Lucy Trenberth *Queen Margaret College*
 Te Arani Vulu *St Mary's College (Wellington)*

South:

Ruby Hore *St Hilda's Collegiate School*
 Aya Moetaua *St Hilda's Collegiate School*

Reserves:

Kiana Brown *South - Columba College*
 Sasha Tobin *Northern - Mount Albert Grammar School*
 Anuella Vagana *Northern - St Dominic's College*

ANZ Premiership

Highlighting the need to keep evolving, the 2025 ANZ Premiership unveiled a fresh look from previous years, the introduction of a new format and innovative rule changes offering a new dynamic on several fronts.

Previously played over three rounds (45 matches), the ninth edition in 2025 was reduced to two full rounds played over a 10-week period. This incorporated 30 round-robin games leading into a two-match Finals Series involving the three top teams at the end of the regular season.

The more compact nature of the season left little wriggle room for teams to make up lost ground with a greater emphasis being on the need to be ready to go and firing from the opening round.

Feedback from fans, players, coaches and officials confirmed that the rule innovations added another layer to the challenges teams were grappling ahead of the new-look season. Four key changes were introduced with the two-point shot being the most significant.

Coming into effect for the final five minutes of each quarter, long-range shots (3.5m from the goal post) were worth double points. While adding an element of exciting play and rewarding long-range shooting, this also required tactical strategies from the teams in how they navigated that phase of play.

Although widely embraced as an exciting addition, the two-point shot changed the dynamics of the game with most teams taking time to find their feet in this phase and looking to refine this throughout the season. Some teams had the luxury of two-point specialists in their mix while others were happy to tick over the one-pointers.

In adopting the three-match-per-round format, this means that games being played on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings were

The other changes included:

- **The Coach's Box** where head coaches had a designated space in front of their team bench, allowing for direct engagement with their players oncourt.
- **Team timeouts** gave each team the opportunity to call one timeout per half to reset, strategise and adjust tactics during a game.
- **Live umpire audio.** Umpires wore microphones with live audio broadcast in the stadium, offering audiences greater insight into officiating decisions and adding clarity.

all broadcast live across multiple Sky and TVNZ platforms during 2025.

All ANZ Premiership Sunday and Monday matches, including the Elimination Final and Grand Final, were available live on Sky while Saturday afternoon games were broadcast with a delay on Sky Sport, Sky Sport Now and Sky Go. The two Finals Series matches also featured live with free-to-air coverage on Sky Open.

All the Saturday-afternoon round-robin matches were broadcast live and free-to-air on TVNZ exclusively, with the option of watching live on TVNZ 2 or live and replayed on TVNZ+.

Viewership numbers continued to rise during 2025 with significant increases in the broadcast audience and attendance in-house featured sell-out crowds at the majority of games. There was as well, a high demand from overseas audiences through the Netball Pass platform.

Print, radio and television were valuable allies in providing topical coverage of the league where significant stories of interest were a feature throughout a season of strong media interest.

This was helped by assistance from NNZ in offering teams opportunities to create more of their own content, including video material for their social channels. Team media liaisons were strong drivers also, in facilitating greater exposure through interviews, story angles and generally keeping mainstream media up to date and informed about their respective teams.

Several teams experienced injury problems, which in a shorter, more compact season had its challenges with some losing key players for lengthy spells – even for the entirety of the season. This handed opportunities to a host of rising young talent with many from the Synergy Hair Netball League (SHNL) grabbing their moment to play at the elite level. And with that came many success stories while adding to the development of New Zealand's depth of talent.

It also involved several familiar faces at the other end of the age spectrum lending a hand in their team's hour of need. This included, most notably, assistant coach Liana Leota (Ascot Park Hotel Southern Steel), fellow assistant coach Liana de Bruin and Kayla Johnson (both Go Media Stars) suiting up for the cause.

Highlighting the shortened season and the unknown effect of the new two-point shot, all teams had a busy pre-season to assess and work on their tactical strategies. This included the traditional Te Wānanga o Raukawa-hosted tournament in Ōtaki during March.

Several teams went to Australia, where the two-point shot has been in action for several years, while all six teams had plenty of game-time opportunities in the lead-up to the season itself.

Completing a year of change, three teams – the Stars, VIP Frames and Trusses Tactix and Ascot Park Hotel Southern Steel – introduced new coaches for 2025 with former Silver Ferns Temepara Bailey, Donna Wilkins and Wendy Frew, respectively, stepping up to the plate for the teams in which their own Netball careers started.

Defending champions the Northern Mystics and the Tactix, chasing an elusive first title, set the pace from the outset, being the only teams to sit in the top three after each round of the regular season.

Te Wānanga o Raukawa Pulse were there or thereabouts for most of the season. However, without the midcourt pairing of Maddy Gordon and Whitney Souness for most of the pre-season, as well as losing shooter Khiarna Williams for much of the campaign, this presented challenges.

Despite losing key shooting import Donnell Wallam for several weeks due to a fractured wrist, the Mystics didn't miss a beat when going on to secure the Minor Premiership to finish on 27 points and just the one loss.

Rookie shooter Sophia Lafaiālī performed admirably during the three rounds she filled in for Donnell while the combined depth of the Mystics' line-up across the court gave the northerners a formidable look.

The orchestrator in the middle, Peta Toeava, was a shining light with her attacking exploits, vision, sparkling play and ability to work seamlessly with all her shooters. Rising young goalkeeper Catherine Hall was an immense presence for the Mystics, delivering a standout season and highlighting her bright future.

With the experienced figures of Tayla Earle, Holly Rae and Michaela Sokolich-Beatson providing the reliable backbone during the regular season, together with the form of ice-cool shooter Filda Vui from two-point range, the Mystics headed directly into the Grand Final as favourites.





The Tactix finished the regular season five points adrift of the Mystics and with three losses, wrapping up in second spot and with the hosting rights against the Pulse in the Elimination Final.

Needing to win their last three games of the regular season to make the Elimination Final, the Pulse delivered and they arrived in Christchurch on the back of that winning momentum.

A storming fourth quarter propelled the Tactix into their third ANZ Premiership Grand Final when they came from behind to beat the Pulse 57-52 while also keeping their unbeaten home record at Wolfbrook Arena intact for the season.

They had to rally a huge defensive effort in the last super-shot period of play as the Pulse, renowned for their accuracy with two-pointers, netted four super shots in an attempt to steal back the lead.

However, backed by their home crowd and some key gains from goal defence Karin Burger, the Tactix held their composure to push them through to the Grand Final – a celebrated first for new coach Donna Wilkins.

It was a mix of the collective defensive pressure through the court and the growing confidence to let the ball go to Ellie Bird which ignited the Tactix late in the third spell. That momentum carried through to the deciding quarter as the hosts started to take control of the match after trailing by four at halftime.

With the Pulse falling away, the Tactix continued to apply the pressure, overcoming their earlier tentativeness to end with a flourish and on top, despite a late flurry of two-point shots from Amorangi Malesala.

Few gave the Tactix much hope in their return visit for the Grand Final two weeks later, having been soundly beaten 56-70 by the Mystics in Auckland, in the last round of the regular season

But with five centurions – Ellie Bird, Karin Burger, Erikana Pedersen, Te Paea Selby-Rickit and Jane Watson – in their mix, a shrewd coach in Donna Wilkins, the bonus of a largely injury-free season and years of heartache and near misses, the Tactix delivered when it mattered.

Making history with their first title in 28 seasons of franchise Netball in New Zealand, the Tactix outplayed the much-fancied Mystics from start to finish,

bursting out of the blocks to silence the home crowd and never looking back to post a convincing 58-46 win.

With Erikana marshalling the efforts on attack and the accuracy of Ellie in the shooting circle, who eventually finished with the impressive figures of 50 from 53, this ensured the southerners held onto the lead they built after a commanding 17-8 first-quarter score.

The Mystics made numerous personnel and positional changes in a bid to get back in the game, but the visitors were able to nullify everything they had thrown at them and remained composed throughout.

The old defensive form of Karin Burger and Jane Watson were at their menacing best as they challenged everything while shutting down the key figure of Donnell Wallam. The Mystics were never really in the game and try as they might could not make a dent in the passion and desire that heralded a famous Tactix win.

Injury and illness hampered the Pulse throughout the season. The loss of key midcourters Maddy Gordon and Whitney Souness for much of the pre-season resulted in former Australian Diamond midcourter Gabi Simpson being drafted in as permanent injury cover.

It was a similar story at the shooting end where Amorangi Malesala was also added to cover for a luckless Khiarna Williams. Despite not having played Netball for a couple of years, the experience of Gabi and the impact of Amorangi from two-point range added real value for the Pulse.

Losing Parris Mason (neck injury) and Whitney Souness (concussion) at the business end of the season didn't help the Pulse's continuity but there was plenty to celebrate in a challenging year.

In their two rocks – shooter Amelia Walmsley and goalkeeper Kelly Jackson – at either end of the court, the pair were consistently impressive performers for the Pulse.

Amelia, who continues to build on her credentials, missed just 19 shots at goal all season and topped the accuracy count across all shooters at 96 percent. Being her usual consistent self, Kelly finished second in the rebound, deflection and intercept stakes across all-comers.

There was a joyful return to top-flight Netball for talented midcourter Ainsleyana Puleiata after a horror run of injuries, following her hard work behind the scenes in coming back from three anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) knee injuries.

In her rookie season, rising young defender Laura Balmer took her chances late in the season while highlighting her future potential.

Wendy Frew made significant strides in her first tilt at coaching at the elite level following several disappointing seasons for the Steel.

With smart recruiting and a renewed focus, the Steel showed real progress throughout their 2025 campaign and chased the Pulse all the way in the race for third spot and the Elimination Final, falling just short when finishing two points adrift.

The return of reliable and accurate shooter Aliyah Dunn to her home franchise provided the stability and scoring opportunities to keep pace with other teams while helping goal attack Georgia Heffernan to deliver a strong season.

Although missing Kate Heffernan, through injury, for the early rounds of the season, the addition of Kimiora Poi added a strong element to the Steel midcourt. She was ably assisted by Renee Savai'inaea (wing defence/centre), who had a fine all-round campaign, and the growing capabilities of young midcourter Serina Daunakamakama.

Carys Stythe had a memorable season as she continued to stamp her mark as one of the country's top young defenders, making the move from Auckland to the deep south. She finished as the top defensive rebounder in the league while finishing third for intercepts.

Carys was well supported at the defensive end by injury replacement player Khanyé-Lii Munro-Nonoa, who showed she had a bright future while making the most of her opportunity, and the hard-working Abby Lawson.

Much was expected of AVIS Magic, given the strong roster and the least number of changes of all the teams coming into the 2025 campaign. However, despite a largely injury-free season, the team was never able to build on the momentum gained from the tail end of last season and failed to deliver on their talent.

In a disappointing season, the Magic never really got going. They were able to show fleeting glimpses of brilliance but lacked consistency and connection as a team, posting just the two wins.

When on-song, shooters Ameliaranne Ekenasio and Saviour Tui were a breath-taking duo with their athleticism, movement and scoring ability. Saviour was particularly effective from two-point range, yet they came unstuck too often. Costly decision-making and poor execution from their feeders counted against the dynamic duo being able to unleash on a consistent basis.

The midcourt pairing of Ali Wilshier and Claire O'Brien had slow starts to the

season, eventually finding their feet later on but, with the shorter season, it proved too little too late.

The Magic had strong contributors in Georgie Edgecombe, Erena Mikaere and Georgia Tong at the defensive end. The trio were key figures throughout with Georgie, in particular, having an excellent season in the wing defence role.

Erena and Georgia were wholehearted performers and got their hands to a lot of ball but it was a disjointed campaign from the team in general. An impressive player, the fleet-footed, energetic and athletic Georgia called time on her career at season's end.


The injury curse struck early for the Stars and they faced a situation from which they never recovered. From their opening game of the season, which resulted in an unprecedented three players having to leave the court injured, and emptying the bench completely, the horror season for the Stars had begun.

Two of those players – Kate Burley and Greer Sinclair – were subsequently ruled out for the season. In addition, the Stars lost Monica Falkner later in the season, had Mila Reuelu-Buchanan on managed minutes after coming back from injury, and Samon Nathan started the season late due to injury.

That meant a succession of fill-ins for the Stars with numerous players being used to shore up the gaps throughout the campaign, which proved hard-going.

Facing a losing battle, captain Maia Wilson stood up gallantly for her side under the shooting hoop in a frustrating season while rising young defender Lili Tokaduadua highlighted her promise with some impressive showings.

Without a consistent team base to call on and the necessary build-up work missing, it was a season of struggles for the Stars. However, they never waived in giving it their best shot.


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Teams

1st

VIP FRAMES AND TRUSSES TACTIX



Ellie Bird
Karin Burger
Charli Fidler
Paris Lokotui
Holly Mather
Erikana Pedersen
Martina Salmon
Te Paea Selby-Rickit
Parris Petera
Jane Watson

NORTHERN MYSTICS



Tayla Earle
Hannah Glen
Catherine Hall
Charlotte Manley
Holly Rae (née Fowler)
Michaela Sokolich-Beatson
Katie Te Ao
Peta Toeava
Filda Vui
Donnell Wallam

3rd

TE WĀNANGA O RAUKAWA PULSE



Laura Balmer
Maddy Gordon
Fa'amu Ioane
Kelly Jackson
Parris Mason
Tiana Metuarau
Ainsleyana Puleiata
Whitney Souness
Amelia Walmsley
Khiarna Williams

ASCOT PARK HOTEL SOUTHERN STEEL



Serina Daunakamakama
Aliyah Dunn
Georgia Heffernan
Kate Heffernan
Abby Lawson
Kimiora Poi
Renee Savai'inaea
Carys Stythe
Summer Temu
Dakota Thomas

AVIS MAGIC



Reeghan de Bono
Georgie Edgecombe
Ameliaranne Ekenasio
Oceane Maihi
Erena Mikaere
Claire O'Brien
Kate Taylor
Georgia Tong
Saviour Tui
Ali Wilshier

GO MEDIA STARS



Charlie Bell
Kate Burley
Monica Falkner
Remi Kamo
Lisa Mather
Samon Nathan
Mila Reuelu-Buchanan
Greer Sinclair
Lili Tokaduadua
Maia Wilson

Synergy Hair Netball League

A short sharp season did nothing to detract from a closely contested Synergy Hair Netball League (SHNL) during 2025 which highlighted a growing base of young talent coming through the pathway.

In changes to the format for 2025, which included just the one full round of matches, the SHNL also introduced the two-point super shot, coming into effect for the last five minutes of each quarter.

The change to the draw meant there were few second chances and teams had to be up to speed from Round 1.

Introduced in 2016, the SHNL underpins the ANZ Premiership by providing a performance pathway for the next tier of elite Netballers, coaches and management and in its 10th edition this year continued to showcase its importance.

The growing partnership between the SHNL teams and their sister teams in the ANZ Premiership was in evidence during the year with more players having the opportunity to be involved at the higher level.

Providing a win-win situation, SHNL teams can name up to two ANZ Premiership players on their match-day list – those who are not getting much court time at the top level, alongside the emerging players from their Zone.

On the flip side, many of those from the SHNL teams made the jump up to ANZ Premiership as injury cover, with several gaining full-time contracts.

The purpose of implementing the two-point shot in the SHNL was to align with the ANZ Premiership. This added cohesion with coaching strategies and philosophies within each Zone for players moving between the two leagues.

The Northern Marvels, Comets, Waikato Bay of Plenty, Central Manawa, Mainland and Southern Blast competed in the round-robin one-round format over several weeks between May and July. This included 15 matches, of which seven from the regular season as well as the Grand Final were televised live with others featured in delayed broadcasts.

With little wriggle room, the race to secure a spot in the Grand Final went right to the wire and was not decided until the final match of the regular season between Mainland and Manawa.

Mainland, with an unblemished record through the quick-fire season, had already confirmed their status as one of the grand finalists while Manawa and the Comets were battling the right to join them.

Manawa spoiled Mainland's unbeaten run to clinch second spot and an eighth Grand Final appearance ahead of the defending champion Comets. And that meant a rematch with the southerners for the 2025 title.

In a big fourth-quarter effort, Mainland turned the tables, going on to win their first SHNL title 48-44, in an electrifying see-sawing match against Manawa, in the Grand Final held at Wellington's TSB Arena, on 5 July.

The match remained on a knife-edge for the first three quarters, Manawa having their noses in front 14-13, 28-26 and 39-38 at each of the breaks. However, a storming final quarter from Mainland, which they won 10-5, sealed the deal.



Goal shooter Te Ata Hassan was a standout for the red and blacks, accurate in both the one- and two-point zones while scoring six super shots, and she was well assisted by Vika Koloto at goal attack.

Down the other end of the court, Lose Fainga'anuku finished the match with six gains and five deflections, ultimately being awarded Player of the Match.

The goal keeper did a great job shutting down Manawa goal shooter Phoenix Schwalger, who was incredibly accurate when her feeders found her, missing just one of her 32 attempts. Phoenix was one of six NZU21 trialists to take the court in the Grand Final, showing the strength of the league.

Final Placings

- 1st:** Mainland
- 2nd:** Central Manawa
- 3rd:** Comets
- 4th:** Waikato Bay of Plenty
- 5th:** Northern Marvels
- 6th:** Southern Blast

Netball World Youth Cup

Having been an important pathway for many aspiring Silver Ferns over the years, the return of the Netball World Youth Cup 2025 after an absence of eight years was a welcome addition to NNZ's international calendar.

Under the guidance of head coach Julie Seymour and assistant coach Te Aroha Keenan, the NZU21 programme was put in place two years ahead of this year's pinnacle youth event. It was held in the unique setting of Gibraltar, the British Overseas Territory located at the southern tip of Spain.

After being closely observed for 12 to 16 months through national U21 camps, international tours and domestic competitions, including this season's SHNL and ANZ Premiership, 23 athletes were chosen for a final trial to select the NZU21 team for the Netball World Youth Cup 2025.

The final team of 12 was selected in early August for the 10-day event held during September following a comprehensive trial process. The team members reflected strong representation from across the Zones and ANZ Premiership teams with the players having the potential to progress to the elite level.

Rising young shooter Amelia Walmsley, a standout in the ANZ Premiership while also having played for the Silver Ferns, was appointed captain of the team with defender Khanyé-Lii Munro-Nonoa named as vice-captain.

The future of the Netball World Youth Cup remains up in the air, with World Netball looking to restructure the international calendar. The New Zealand team participated in the ninth edition of the event and aimed to create a

slice of history. Winning the last two tournaments after claiming back-to-back titles in Botswana in 2017 and Scotland in 2013, New Zealand were keen to make it three in a row, which no team had ever achieved.

The 2021 event, set to be hosted in Fiji, was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

New Zealand had little trouble in the round-robin matches, topping their pool after completing the early stages of their campaign unbeaten. Having won their first match by default when Zambia failed to arrive in Gibraltar followed by 74-47 and 80-20 wins over the Cook Islands and Malaysia, respectively, New Zealand completed their fine-tuning in style with an emphatic 95-8 win over hosts Gibraltar ahead of their quarter-final match-up against Malawi.

In the process, the New Zealanders gained valuable time to test all players, keep them fresh during a hectic schedule and find their feet in the heat of Gibraltar, while preparing for more challenging times ahead.

Maintaining their composure and superior playing ability, New Zealand advanced to the semi-finals after dispatching Malawi 67-34. Apart from a challenging second-quarter fightback from a spirited Malawi, New Zealand held the upper hand for much of the match, regaining their poise at the halftime break to impose a dominant second half in a bruising clash.



Next up for the defending champions in the semi-final was a match-up against England. Rising to the occasion, the New Zealanders dug deep to clinch their place in the final when overcoming a gritty England 51-49.

New Zealand held the narrowest of edges throughout against a spirited England. Looking comfortably-placed halfway through the last quarter, the New Zealanders had some anxious moments as a late-charging England closed to within two points but did enough to hold on for the all-important win.

The New Zealand U21 team's hopes of a record-breaking third successive title were scuppered when Australia prevailed 63-48.

New Zealand and Australia continued their great rivalry coming into this year's Netball World Youth Cup. The pair had won four titles apiece in the previous

eight editions and were both keen to extend that record as the event is likely to be paused by World Netball in the foreseeable future.

Having met in seven previous Netball World Youth Cup matches, Australia squared the ledger when outclassing New Zealand in this year's event at four wins each, putting their foot down with a decisive third-quarter burst.

The 15-goal losing margin in the finale was a disappointing outcome for the New Zealanders after a strong campaign, but captain Amelia Walmsley was a rock with her impressive presence in the shooting circle throughout.

Defender Charlotte Manley and midcourters Serina Daunakamakama, Taiana Day, Kaiya Kepa and Josie Seymour highlighted their growing stature in the game with fine all-round performances during the tournament.

NZU21 TEAM FOR THE WORLD YOUTH CUP:

Amelia Walmsley Pulse
Charlotte Manley Mystics
Ella Southby South
Josie Seymour Mainland
Kaiya Kepa WBOP
Kate Taylor Magic
Khanyé-Lii Munro-Nonoa Steel
Laura Balmer Pulse
Losa Fifita Northern
Sarah Guiney Central
Serina Daunakamakama Steel
Taiana Day Mainland

MANAGEMENT:

Julie Seymour Head Coach
Te Aroha Keenan Assistant Coach
Jill Clapcott Manager
Amanda Foster Physiotherapist
Nicole Misseldine Strength & Conditioning Coach
Penelope Day Doctor
Brianna Ellis Performance Analyst
Nicky Cattermoul NNZ Pathway Programmes Manager

NON-TRAVELLING RESERVES:

Stacey Ah Van Northern
Avah Sila Northern
Sienna Stowers-Smith Mainland





Tania Dalton Foundation

Launched in 2018 to honour the legacy of former Silver Fern (#113) Tania Dalton, the Tania Dalton Foundation (TDF) Scholarship Programme provides a three-year financial scholarship to support young Netballers on their high-performance pathway.

The programme is built on four pillars: financial support, mentoring, personal development, and paying it forward, ensuring recipients are supported both on and off the court.

Since its inception, the TDF has supported 25 young Netballers. While not all have progressed to Silver Ferns' honours, many have represented New Zealand at national level and continue to advance through high-performance pathways.

Former Silver Fern Captain and TDF Trustee Bernice Mene [#98] provides ongoing personal development support to recipients, with former Silver Fern Adine Wilson MNZM [#120] serving on the Board of Trustees.

At the end of 2025 Netballers Anne Kirikiri, Praise Hola, Jaime-Lee Tainoa-Knight, Phoenix Schwalger and Braxton Gallagher graduated from the programme. At the same ceremony, NZ Secondary Schools representative and

Westlake Girls High School student Imani Rasmussen was inducted into the 2026 cohort, alongside 12 other recipients.

Imani joined other Netballers Jaimee Rika, Avah Sila and Syla Tainui-Takerei, who completed their first year of the programme in 2025. Netballers Caitlin Lafaele, Priscilla Rasmussen and Grace Tiko are scheduled to graduate at the end of 2026.

Netball NZ U18 Champs

Waitākere 1 repelled a fast-finishing Dunedin to win the Margaret Forsyth Cup after posting a 37–34 win in the final of the Netball NZ U18 Champs – fittingly, on their home courts at the Waitākere Netball Centre in July.



This year, the popular event has welcomed 35 teams in the U18 women's grade, while the U18 men's grade has highlighted its growing stature to increase from last year's seven teams to nine.

Launched in 2021, the Netball NZ U18 Champs honour former Silver Ferns' shooting great Margaret Forsyth (#66), who passed away in 2021, with teams vying for the trophy which bears her name.

There was double reason for home celebrations when Waitākere 1 successfully defended their title in the men's U18 grade with a 34–29 win over Howick Pakuranga.

Final Placings

WOMEN (U18):

- 1st: Waitākere 1
- 2nd: Dunedin
- 3rd: Wellington Black
- 4th: Christchurch Red
- 5th: Hamilton City A
- 6th: North Harbour A
- 7th: Auckland
- 8th: Hutt Valley
- 9th: Tauranga
- 10th: Whakatāne
- 11th: Howick Pakuranga
- 12th: Manawatū Green
- 13th: Hawke's Bay
- 14th: Waitākere 2
- 15th: Invercargill
- 16th: Kapi-Mana
- 17th: Pukekohe
- 18th: North Harbour B
- 19th: Hamilton City B
- 20th: North Canterbury
- 21st: Taranaki

- 22nd: Papakura
- 23rd: Whangārei
- 24th: South Canterbury
- 25th: Wairarapa
- 26th: Manawatū White
- 27th: Nelson
- 28th: Kāpiti
- 29th: Northland
- 30th: Waihi
- 31st: Eastern Southland
- 32nd: Maniapoto
- 33rd: North Otago
- 34th: Marlborough
- 35th: Te Tai Poutini

MEN (U18):

- 1st: Waitākere 1
- 2nd: Howick Pakuranga
- 3rd: Dannevirke
- 4th: Kerikeri
- 5th: Hamilton City
- 6th: Taranaki
- 7th: Invercargill
- 8th: Tauranga
- 9th: Waitākere 2

NetballSmart Netball NZ Open Champs

Counties Manukau clinched the New Zealand Cup for the first time after delivering a well-crafted 45–32 win over Wellington in the final of the 2025 NetballSmart Netball NZ Open Champs at the Christchurch Netball Centre in September.

An integral part of the domestic calendar and important step in the high-performance pathway, the Open Champs is Netball's oldest competition with teams competing for the New Zealand Cup, which was first played for in 1926. This year there were 20 competing teams, three more than in 2024.

Both sides came into the final unbeaten. The majority of the line-up were well versed in playing together over several seasons, while Wellington fronted with a youthful but talented team, exceeding their expectations having had the original objective of just making the top eight.

Counties Manukau were the beaten finalists in 2024.



Final Placings

- 1st:** Counties Manukau
- 2nd:** Wellington
- 3rd:** Manawatū Green
- 4th:** Waitākere
- 5th:** Tauranga
- 6th:** Christchurch Whero
- 7th:** Dunedin
- 8th:** North Harbour
- 9th:** Auckland
- 10th:** Hamilton City
- 11th:** Manurewa
- 12th:** Christchurch Pango
- 13th:** Kerikeri
- 14th:** North Canterbury
- 15th:** South Canterbury
- 16th:** Taranaki
- 17th:** Invercargill
- 18th:** Rotorua
- 19th:** Selwyn
- 20th:** West Coast





NZ Secondary Schools Netball Champs

Following several lean years, Mount Albert Grammar School climbed back to the top after securing a gripping 34–32 win over Howick College in the final of the NZ Secondary Schools Netball Champs at the Porirua-hosted tournament in October.

With a strong tradition in the popular event, Mount Albert Grammar School soared from 15th at last year's tournament to top of the pole in 2025 after last winning the title in 2018. During a golden era for the school, Mount Albert had previously won four straight titles between 2012 and 2015.

The tournament features the top 16 secondary schools who qualified following the respective Upper North Island, Lower North Island and South Island Secondary School events held during the season.

Final Placings

- 1st:** Mount Albert Grammar School
- 2nd:** Howick College
- 3rd:** Westlake Girls High School
- 4th:** Trident High School
- 5th:** St Hilda's Collegiate School
- 6th:** St Mary's College, Wellington
- 7th:** Queen Margaret College
- 8th:** Rotorua Girls' High School
- 9th:** Scots College
- 10th:** St Margaret's College
- 11th:** Columba College
- 12th:** Napier Girls' High School
- 13th:** St Dominic's College
- 14th:** Nayland College
- 15th:** St Andrew's College
- 16th:** Manukura



Commercial Report

In 2025, NNZ's broadcast audience for the ANZ Premiership grew significantly and the fans continued to tune in for the Silver Ferns matches.

The shortened ANZ Premiership format created demand and interest across our broadcast partnerships this year. The 2025 league saw a split in the broadcast delivery for the first time, with the Saturday-afternoon match shown live on TVNZ and the Sunday-afternoon and Monday-night matches shown live on Sky. The result was another significant lift, 33 per cent, in average live audience across the season. Since the 2023 ANZ Premiership, the average live audience via broadcast has seen a jump of 100 per cent and remains the most watched female sports league in the country on that measure.

Netball Pass continues to be an important platform to take the ANZ Premiership to the world with a continuation of both strong numbers as well as positive revenue growth from the subscription platform.

While the broadcast landscape in New Zealand has seen change in recent years, we continue to stay close to developments as we explore our future broadcasts. We appreciate how important it is for New Zealanders to see our incredible athletes, umpires, coaches and many others show off their abilities in our own domestic league.

An agreement for the 2026 ANZ Premiership to be shown live on TVNZ was signed during 2025, opening up the potential for even more New Zealanders to watch our sport.

Silver Ferns

The excitement of the Constellation Cup once again shone through with the 2-all Test match result, with Australia taking the cup from New Zealand in the extra time to decide the series winner – what a special occasion.

The WM New Zealand International Series was filled with other special moments, including the last-second shot in Invercargill for the Silver Ferns to sweep the South Africans 3-nil. It was exciting to introduce WM New Zealand to our fans and for them to join our family of partners who support the game so passionately.

We extended partnerships with many of our Partners, including ANZ, and welcomed back NZME as one of our Media Partners too.

With sold-out stadiums and strong broadcast viewership, alongside growing social media presence, our

Partners stepped up to make the fan experience even better than before, while enjoying being associated with the strength of the Silver Ferns brand.

ANZ Premiership

This year was not only about a more focused ANZ Premiership, with teams vying for final series spots with fewer rounds to take the top spots, it was also about innovation with the introduction of new elements to the game.

The innovations added were the umpires' voices carried out to fans via the in-stadia sound system, the introduction of timeouts, the opportunity for coaches to step out into the Coaches Box courtside, and of course the introduction of the Summerset Super Shot – the two-point shot.

We retained a strong suite of Partners from 2024, with the introduction of Gallagher Insurance at a national level and the return of NZME to the ANZ Premiership also. A new gym partnership was formed, with City Fitness providing outstanding facilities where our players and umpires can prepare themselves.



We live this game.

Synergy Hair National Netball League

The SHNL once again had broadcast matches alongside the ANZ Premiership. It remains a key stepping stone between amateur and professional level and we thank Synergy Hair for their continued support of this all-important league.

NNZ Partners

We do not take for granted the work our Partners do to spread the love for our game. Their association with us works both ways, but we thank them for allowing us to be who we are as a sport and achieve what we do.

We continue to love the support of Woolworths as the naming rights Partner of the futureFERNs programme. The Woolworths futureFERNs is Netball that both NNZ and Woolworths are very passionate about. Watch out in 2026 for Netball continuing to be part of the Woolworths' advertising campaigns.

Tip Top Bakery continued to support the futureFERNs as major sponsor and many of our other Partners provided support for our community game.

ANZ reaffirmed its support of Netball in 2025. As our Principal Partner for nearly two decades, ANZ remains a highly valued and trusted champion of the game – not just for what they do for the Silver Ferns and ANZ Premiership but also for supporting community Netball clubs and schools.

WM New Zealand took over as the Official Community Volunteer Partner, using their relationship with the Silver Ferns to provide a magical occasion for our volunteers of the year to be recognised in Kirikiriroa Hamilton at the Constellation Cup match there.

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The Silver Ferns are grateful for the support of their Partners:

ANZ, Sky, WM New Zealand, NZME, Chemist Warehouse, PUMA, Suzuki, Summerset, Go Media, MYOB, ASICS, Woolworths, JBL, Gilbert, SKINS, Voyager, Augustine, USL, McDavid, Athena, Mercury IT, Manuka Doctor and Benefitz.

A thank you goes to our Partners who contribute to the success of ANZ Premiership too: ANZ, Sky and TVNZ, NZME, Summerset, Go Media, Suzuki, Gallagher Insurance, Tip Top Bakery, G.J. Gardner, Mercury IT, Paladin, ASICS, Gilbert, SKINS and JBL.

We also want to recognise the special partnership that NetballSmart has with our game.

Funding Organisations

NNZ offers its grateful thanks and appreciation for the support received from the following funding organisations (in no particular order):

- Sport NZ
- High Performance Sport NZ
- ACC
- One Foundation
- New Zealand Community Trust
- The Lion Foundation
- Aotearoa Gaming Trust
- Grassroots Trust
- Trillian Trust
- Pub Charity
- Rātā Foundation

We also wish to thank the many other trusts and funders who support Netball throughout the country. Your support is highly valued by the sport.



Community Report

It has been another positive year for Community Netball in 2025, with participation growth of three per cent across the country a continuing and encouraging upward trend for our sport.

This steady growth reflects the strength of our grassroots game and the enduring appeal of Netball within communities nationwide. At the heart of this progress is the outstanding work of our Zones and Centres. Their leadership, commitment and tireless efforts have ensured that Netball remains accessible, inclusive and well organised for players, coaches, officials and volunteers at every level.

Volunteering

NNZ continues to help acknowledge and recognise our wonderful Netball volunteers and ensure they feel valued and supported. One way we do this is through running the Volunteer of the Month Awards that all Centres were eligible to promote and join. We also had WM New Zealand on board as a Partner this year to help celebrate our outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award winners from across the country. You can find a list of our winners on the NZ Netball Awards page. The Volunteer Management Plan document (created by Centres, for Centres) continues to be promoted and utilised by Centres, enabling a more sustainable flow of volunteers into Netball. We also increased the visibility of volunteers and shared Netball volunteers' stories on NNZ, Zone and Centre communication channels featuring six volunteers from Centres across New Zealand.

Woolworths futureFERNs

The visible joy among participants, through their increased confidence, teamwork and sportsmanship, remains

one of the most rewarding outcomes of our futureFERNs programme.

The programme continues to play a critical role in educating young players and their parents, while emphasising the values of fun, inclusivity and growth. The consistent delivery of modified, age-appropriate formats ensures that children develop strong foundations in both skill and character.

The success of futureFERNs is a testament to the commitment of Zones, Centres, volunteers and families who contribute to a thriving junior Netball system. Their dedication ensures that Netball continues to be accessible, enjoyable and developmentally aligned for every child who steps onto the court.

futureFERNs remains well supported by research and is delivering highly positive experiences for children. To increase participation, greater emphasis is needed on strengthening the environment around young players. Parents, coaches, umpires and coordinators all play an essential role in shaping the overall experience.

The current game format will remain unchanged. Some Centres have made local modifications, often driven by adult preference rather than children's developmental needs. A balanced approach is needed to ensure any adaptations are aligned with programme intent and child-focused outcomes.

FUTUREFERNs RESEARCH AND YEAR 5 & 6 GAME FORMAT

In 2025, a significant focus was on the futureFERNs research project that explored the Year 5 & 6 game format. AUT conducted the research, with representation from all five Zones and selected Centres. While the findings were inconclusive, the process highlighted the importance of engaging our Netball community, and all Centres have been invited to provide feedback on what the game format should look like moving forward.

Early insights have made it clear that education around the modified game is essential to ensure our communities understand what is most important for the development of our young Netballers. We are currently refining the Year 5 & 6 format, but it will not be implemented in 2026. Our focus next year will be on education, communication, and providing support to ensure that the futureFERNs game is future-proofed, so all players can enjoy the game with their friends while having a quality experience.

FESTIVAL DAY HIGHLIGHTS

Centres created vibrant, celebratory environments that reinforced inclusion and enjoyment. Modified game formats were showcased, giving participants experiences suited to their age and stage

FUTUREFERNs PARTICIPATION NUMBERS (2025)	
Years 1 & 2.....	6,245
Years 3 & 4.....	12,991
Years 5 & 6.....	18,500
Years 7 & 8.....	23,560
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Junior Recreation Total:	7,890
Junior Total:	69,186



of development. Parents expressed strong appreciation for the programme's emphasis on fun, skill development, and inclusivity, while children demonstrated clear excitement, confidence and enthusiasm for the game.

No Limits Netball

NNZ continued to strengthen its commitment to inclusion through the ongoing growth of No Limits Netball, our disability-inclusive programme designed to ensure Netball is truly a sport for everyone. Supported by the Sport NZ Disability Inclusion Fund, this initiative focuses on creating quality, equitable participation opportunities for disabled tamariki, rangatahi and adults.

This year No Limits Netball expanded from an initial six Centres to 15 Centres nationwide, offering flexible programme models such as school-based sessions, Centre-based delivery, and festival-style events. This adaptability enabled each Centre to design an approach that best suited their community. Participation grew significantly, with 835 regular participants engaged across the country and more than 3,400 touch points recorded in Wellington alone.

Collaboration was a key feature of the programme's success. Centres worked closely with the Halberg Foundation, Parafed, Regional Sports Trusts, disability organisations, and schools, ensuring the right expertise, education and support were embedded throughout. Coaches, volunteers, and administrators received training in inclusive delivery practices, helping build capability and confidence throughout the system.

Feedback from families, participants and Centres shaped continuous improvement. Programmes focused on fun, social connection, and belonging, shifting mindsets away from traditional competition and towards inclusive, participant-focused experiences. The mentoring model, where experienced Centres supported new ones, strengthened consistency and sustainability.

Although challenges in terms of facilities, resourcing, and initial confidence levels were encountered, Centres overcame these by targeted training, flexible programme design, and strong partnership support.

NNZ will continue to grow No Limits by supporting these Centres ready to establish new programmes, enhancing connections with disability providers, expanding training opportunities, and

embedding ongoing evaluation. The aim is clear: build a Netball system where every person, regardless of ability, has the chance to participate, belong and thrive.

Youth Board

The Youth Board continues to play a crucial role in elevating young voices across Aotearoa New Zealand. Guided by the principle "Nothing About Us Without Us", the Board ensures rangatahi are not only present in decision-making spaces but also meaningfully shaping the future of our sport.

In 2025, three focus groups explored key areas of opportunity:

- **Rural Participation:** Identifying ways to make it easier for rural communities to access NNZ initiatives and stay connected to what's on offer.
- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:** Leading a cross-code collaboration with wheelchair basketball and wheelchair tennis, culminating in a multi-sport festival that gave participants the chance to try all three sports.
- **Participation Growth:** Examining trends and opportunities throughout Aotearoa New Zealand to understand how youth can influence and strengthen participation pathways.

Each group contributed in different ways, but collectively they reinforced a powerful message: youth voice strengthens every part of our sport and keeps it relevant.

This year, the Youth Board also welcomed new members and appointed two dynamic Co-Chairs, Sophie Macintyre [Netball WBOP] and Georgia Soper [Netball South]. Their energy, leadership and passion have already set the tone for another impactful term.

The Youth Board's insights and initiatives are instrumental in ensuring Netball remains inclusive, engaging and future focused. We remain committed to supporting this important programme and look forward to seeing these young leaders continue to grow, inspire and influence the direction of Netball across the country.

Coaching

FUTUREFERNs

Participation in Foundation workshops and access to online coaching resources continued to provide coaches with valuable opportunities for learning and development during 2025. Delivering quality coaching remains essential, as it enhances participants' enjoyment of their early experiences, encouraging them to return and stay engaged in the sport for years to come. Some highlights this year were:

- 231 Foundation workshops held
- 2,382 coaches attended these workshops
- 18,062 users accessed the futureFERNs online coaching website, with 600 views of the futureFERNs coaching videos.

COMMUNITY COACHING

The Zone Coach Leads (CLs) continue to play a crucial role in building and enhancing coaching confidence and competency across the country. In the Netball South Zone, Lana Morrison stepped down from her role in late 2024. Rachel Templeton took on the position of Coach and Umpire Co-Ordinator for the Southern Zone. After nearly three years as Mainland Zone Coach and Umpire Lead, Kelly Bodger moved on to join Canterbury Cricket. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Lana Morrison and Kelly Bodger for their passion, dedication and significant contributions to coach learning and development. Their commitment has helped shape stronger coaching pathways and supported countless coaches in their growth. We are delighted to welcome Kate Carpenter as Kelly's replacement at Mainland. Kate brings a wealth of experience after several years of working in Netball while living in Canberra.

Across other Zones, Kelly Hynson (Netball Central), Kim Hunt (Netball WBOP), and Tania Heap (Netball Northern) continue to provide their wisdom, knowledge and unwavering support to coaches. In early 2025, Brian Keepa joined the Netball Northern CL team, adding further depth and expertise. The stability and strength

of this team remain a vital component in delivering quality coaching experiences and supporting the growth of our game.

The increasing popularity of informal and non-formal learning opportunities continues to complement formal qualifications such as the Community Coach Award (CCA), Composite Coach Qualification (CCQ) and Performance Coach Qualification (PCQ). We were especially pleased with the strong uptake of CCQ workshops hosted in March by the Pukekohe Netball Centres, attracting both former high-performance players and current performance coaches to the workshops. Coaches who took part in wānanga were: Leigh Ashton, Vilimaina Davu, Rebecca Greenhalgh, Claudia Henson, Leonie Leaver, Kat Levien, Nadia Loveday, Erena Mikaere, Anna Parsons, Tania Tuinukuafe, Te Ahuru Waititi and Sammy Winders.

This engagement highlights the value of flexible learning options in supporting the ongoing development of our coaching community.

Our Tipu Series of online workshops for coach developers, coaches and umpires remained highly subscribed, particularly in the lead-up to the U18 National Championships.

A key focus for Coach Leads this year was strengthening the capability and capacity of System Enablers (coach developers) within Zones. This initiative proved highly successful, with 133 individuals participating in 65 training sessions throughout the year – an outstanding commitment to growing expertise and supporting the coaching network.

COMMUNITY COACHING STRATEGIC PLAN

An important piece of work was completed this year to set the direction and focus for community coaching. This plan will guide our work from 2026 through to 2029. To support its development, a working group was formed to provide insights, feedback and recommendations, drawing on the expertise of a wide range of community stakeholders both within and beyond Netball.

The plan was finalised in October and is scheduled to be launched in early 2026. We are deeply grateful to the members of the working group, whose knowledge and



experience were instrumental in shaping a plan that will steer our efforts over the next four years.

Working Group members: Leigh Gibbs – Chairperson, Kim Hunt, Kelly Hyson, Tania Karauria, Dan Keepa, Sarah Littler, Kyle McLean, Lily Shortus.

RECORD OF LEARNING

The first phase of the much-anticipated Record of Learning was developed this year to accurately capture and track the learning and development of coaches completing CCA 1 and 2. This tool will provide coaches, Centres and Zones with easy access to coaching records, helping to monitor progress and inspire ongoing development. Phase one is scheduled for roll out in 2026. Further enhancements will include the other formal qualifications – CCQ and PCQ.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAMP (NDC) OBSERVATIONS

Observations of programme training sessions and activities at each of the three NDCs provided valuable learning and development opportunities for 47 Observer Coaches from across New Zealand. The three-day programme, led by NZSS Head Coach Jo Morrison and Assistant Coach Melissa Bessell, and appointed SHNL coaches, involved 30 players from each of the three regions.

Observer Coach sessions were facilitated by the Community Coaching Manager and Zone Coach Leads, offering participants a unique insight into coaching at this level. Feedback and engagement from the Observer Coaches were overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the importance and impact of this type of coach development.

PERFORMANCE COACHING QUALIFICATION – PCQ

A strong cohort of coaches, building on their engagement in CCA 2 and CCQ workshops, contributed to all six end-of-season workshops offered again this year. Because of high demand, additional face-to-face sessions for the Performance Planning and Performance Enhancement modules were delivered early in the season. Some highlights were:

- 925 Learning and Development workshops held
- 10,490 coaches engaged in Learning and Development
- 66 coaches achieved formal coaching qualifications.

Technical Officials

Community technical officials, including umpires, umpire coaches, assessors, coach developers and bench officials, sit at the heart of Netball in Aotearoa New Zealand. They are the people who show up week after week to make sure games are safe, fair and enjoyable. Many do this voluntarily, driven by their love of the game and their communities.

Across the country, technical officials continued to grow their skills through workshops, training sessions, theory exams, and practical match experience. Their commitment and care ensure Netball continues to run smoothly at all levels, from grassroots to national competitions.

COMMUNITY UMPIRING STRATEGY

A major focus in 2025 was the development of the Community Umpiring Strategy 2026–2029. This work was shaped through a national working group made up of people from across Aotearoa New Zealand, representing different regions, roles, and lived experiences within community Netball.

Their input ensured the strategy reflects the real challenges, opportunities and needs of the community. The strategy will be launched in early 2026 and includes a variety of practical and exciting initiatives designed to support attraction, retention, development and connection across the umpiring pathway.

PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Technical officiating continued to show strong participation in 2025. A total of 1,109 qualified umpires and 2,747 trainee umpires officiated during the year. They were supported by 563 umpire coaches, 82 coach developers and 203 bench officials. In total, close to 5,000 people contributed to the technical officiating system, highlighting the depth and dedication within the community.

Coach development remained a priority. Coach developers facilitated more than 300 national development opportunities, supporting a total of 2,810 individuals through workshops and live coaching environments.

THEORY EXAMS AND LEARNING RESOURCES

There was strong engagement with Zone and New Zealand Theory Exams in 2025. A total of 321 candidates sat the exams, with a pass rate of 79.9 per cent, alongside an increase in overall participation.

To support candidates and tutors, a new Theory Exam Tutor Resource was launched. This resource helped bring greater structure and confidence to preparation and study groups. A special acknowledgement goes to Tania Fink, NNZ Community Umpiring Programme Support, and Amelia Wheeler for their leadership and mahi in developing this resource.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS AND PATHWAY DEVELOPMENT

National tournaments again played an important role in developing future umpires this year. The Netball NZ Secondary Schools Champs, U18 Champs, and Open Champs involved 75 umpires across the three events. These tournaments provided valuable learning environments and helped build confidence, experience and depth across the pathway.

ZONE UMPIRE LEADERSHIP

A sincere thank you to the Zone Umpire Leads for their leadership and commitment throughout 2025:

- Sharleen Morrell – Netball Northern
- Pam Clayton – Netball WBOP
- Arama Jackson – Netball Central
- Kelly Bodger and Kate Carpenter – Mainland Netball
- Colleen Bond and Rachel Templeton – Netball South.

Their work continues to strengthen relationships, support Centres, and provide meaningful opportunities for umpires and coaches across their Zones.

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BENCH OFFICIATING

Bench officials played a vital role in supporting competitions throughout 2025. The following dedicated bench coordinators across the regions led this work:

- Rachael Smith – Netball Northern
- Belinda Clark – Netball WBOP
- Bernice Robertson – Netball Central
- Anne Harrison – Mainland Netball
- Julie Erskine – Netball South.

Their coordination ensured the smooth delivery of the ANZ Premiership, National Netball League, and other key tournaments. A further thank you to all bench officiating teams who contributed locally and nationally throughout the year.

INTERNATIONAL UMPIRING

International umpires and coaches represented New Zealand with distinction in 2025. Five NNZ umpires and two NNZ umpire coaches attended the Netball World Youth Cup in Gibraltar, reflecting the strength and depth of the programme.

Netball World Youth Cup representatives:

- **Umpires:** Myron Elkington, Tania Fink, Sasha McLeod, Zak Middleton, Cory Nicholls

- **Coaches:** Kirsten Lloyd, David Pala'amo

Other international appointments included:

- Ken Metekingi – Vitality Netball Nations Cup [UK]
- Myron Elkington and Zak Middleton – PacificAus Sports Series [Australia]
- Gareth Fowler and Angela Armstrong-Lush – Australia v South Africa Test Series [Australia]
- Gareth Fowler – Vitality Netball Horizon Series [UK]

New Zealand coaches were also appointed internationally:

- Colleen Bond and Ann Hay – Taini Jamison Trophy
- Fay Meiklejohn – Constellation Cup

This year also marked Colleen Bond's final series as a member of the International Testing Panel. With decades of service, Colleen's contribution to umpiring in Aotearoa New Zealand and globally has been immense.

NATIONAL UMPIRE SQUAD

The National Umpire Squad continued to grow in experience and confidence across the ANZ Premiership and National Netball League, providing a

strong foundation for the future of the programme. Milestones achieved in 2025 are:

- Tania Fink and Cory Nicholls officiated their 50th ANZ Premiership match
- Kristie Simpson reached 150 ANZ Premiership and ANZ Championship matches, becoming the most capped domestic umpire in Aotearoa New Zealand
- Caleb Binns made his ANZ Premiership debut in Round 5.

2025 National Umpire Squad:

- Hayes Andrew [NNL – 11]
- Angela Armstrong-Lush [ANZP – 140, NNL – 1]
- Caleb Binns [ANZP – 2, NNL – 23]
- Myron Elkington [ANZP – 37, NNL – 30]
- Tania Fink [ANZP – 55, NNL – 15]
- Gareth Fowler [ANZP – 115, NNL – 7]
- Marlissa Howard [ANZP – 11, NNL – 29]
- Lockie McLaren [NNL – 18]
- Sasha McLeod [ANZP – 72, NNL – 16]
- Ken Metekingi [ANZP – 85, NNL – 12]
- Zak Middleton [ANZP – 21, NNL – 55]
- Cory Nicholls [ANZP – 51, NNL – 31]
- Alannah Robinson [NNL – 16]
- Kristie Simpson [ANZP – 155, NNL – 2]

Squad coaches and selectors:

Colleen Bond, Pam Clayton, Kirsten Lloyd, Fay Meiklejohn, David Pala'amo, Jan Teesdale, Sheena Tyrrell



RETIREMENT – SASHA MCLEOD

After almost a decade at the highest level of domestic and international officiating, Sasha McLeod announced her retirement following the Netball World Youth Cup in Gibraltar. Sasha has been a dedicated, professional and humble member of the National Umpire Squad and has made a lasting impact on those she has officiated alongside.

We thank Sasha for her service and contribution to Netball and look forward to seeing her continue to support and inspire the next generation of umpires in Aotearoa New Zealand.

NetballSmart

The NetballSmart programme delivered a highly successful year in 2025, continuing to develop and embed injury-prevention principles across all levels of our game. Through the expertise and commitment of our team of six amazing NetballSmart Development Officers and 15 Centre Activators, our strategies were delivered with a practical and palatable approach. This was further strengthened by the mahi of coaches, umpires, Centre staff, parents and volunteers, who promote our messages on the ground every day.

Key highlights this year included the roll-out of the revamped NetballSmart Dynamic Warm Up, positive NetballSmart messaging from all six ANZ Premiership teams, our best return on investment to date, over 400 workshops delivered, and attendance at major NNZ, Zone and Secondary School tournaments.

In addition, led by Carla van der Merwe we were able to conduct our own fidelity research at U18's, Upper North Island

Secondary Schools, Lower North Island Secondary Schools and South Island Secondary Schools. This research examined the adherence to and quality of the NetballSmart Dynamic Warm Up. Encouragingly, results showed that teams who engaged with NetballSmart education had higher scores for both quality and adherence, reinforcing our approach to community education. There is always room for improvement, however, and this research will inform the ongoing refinement of our strategies, to ultimately keep people in the game for longer!

It is the people who make NetballSmart successful. A special thanks to our hard-working NSDO's – Katie Adamson, Nick Burton, Morgan Herbst, Rebecca Huddleston, Amelia Pasco, Paula Shortall, and Sammy Winders – who, along with their respective Zones, bring the passion and energy to our programme all year round. We are looking forward to another big year in 2026, with exciting new strength, nutrition and skill set resources on the horizon.

Capability

NETBALL LEADERS CONNECT AND RESET AT SPORT DEVELOPMENT LEADER PROGRAMME

Sixteen Netball Centres and three Zones took part in a Sport Development Leader Programme – the first time the workshop was dedicated solely to Netball. Over three days, leaders explored leadership, influence, Balance is Better, change management, wellbeing, and creating better experiences for their communities.

The most valued aspect was the opportunity to connect, share challenges, and support each other. As Heather Te Rure (Papakura Netball Centre) said:

“What I enjoyed most was the time we spent together outside the sessions – laptops out, helping each other with presentations, sharing ideas, and backing one another. It created a real sense of safety and connection.”

Heather also noted the practical benefits:

“I’m looking to implement the Papakura Netball Centre Youth Committee, and this workshop gave me fresh ideas and practical tools, especially around how

to influence and inspire rangatahi to genuinely want to be part of it.”

Ani Waitai (Nelson Netball Centre) described the experience as a reset:

“Prioritising my family and wellbeing was a big takeaway. Knowing that if I’m the best version of myself, it flows into other areas. I’m also more confident in empowering my staff and understanding what I can and can’t control.”

She added:

“I came in a bit apprehensive and not knowing what to expect, but I walked away with a fresh perspective – almost like a reset. And the trainers had great humour, which made the whole experience even better.”

The programme was delivered by Leigh Ashton (Netball WBOP) and Irene van Dyk (NNZ) as well as Sport NZ’s Andrew Hewetson and Andy Rogers. Many thanks to Sport NZ for their support of this programme.

Community Connect – Better Together

Community Connect remains a key forum for strengthening relationships and alignment between NNZ and Zones. In 2025, Zone staff engaged with NNZ’s operational plans across capability, NetballSmart, coaching, umpiring and participation, ensuring shared understanding of national priorities and reinforcing collaboration throughout the system.

Held over three days, the event brought together 20 attendees from all five Zones and NNZ’s Community team. Sessions focused on capability building, inclusive leadership, communication, futureFERNs insights, and practical tools to improve ways of working.

Participants praised the quality of speakers and facilitators, noting the mix of Zone sharing, NNZ updates, and that external expertise delivered meaningful, practical insights too. This was the most informative Community Connect to date, strengthening alignment and giving Centres confidence that collaboration and collective planning are driving our Netball system forward.

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Our People

Awards, Honours & Remembrance

2024 New Zealand Netball Awards

*Shining through her consistency of performance across the domestic and international seasons, rangy defender **Kelly Jackson** was recognised with a record-equalling third Dame Lois Muir Supreme Award at the 2024 New Zealand Netball Awards.*

Acknowledging New Zealand's best Netballer across all competitions and campaigns in a calendar year, Kelly joined midcourt maestro Laura Langman as one of only two players to claim the accolade three times, the pair being the only multiple winners.

Kelly shared the title with shooter Grace Nweke in 2022 while claiming the title outright in both 2023 and 2024.

The 1.92m tall Kelly is a seasoned campaigner and cemented herself as a regular starter for the Silver Ferns. She featured in all 11 Tests the Silver Ferns played in 2024, spending most of each game on court, and particularly, playing a strong hand in the Silver Ferns' impressive 3-1 series win over Australia in the Constellation Cup.

In an influential ANZ Premiership season for Te Wānanga o Raukawa Pulse, the side's co-captain led the rebound, deflection and intercept counts across all players.

In a players' vote, MG Mystics shooter **Grace Nweke** took out the Sandra Edge Medal as the Silver Ferns Player of the Year.

Grace continued to push her game to new levels and was an outstanding presence for the Silver Ferns in the Constellation Cup where she consistently surpassed Australia's defenders.

Shooter **Amelianne Ekenasio** was an instrumental figure in AVIS Magic's resurgent form during 2024. Consistently impressive in all facets of her game, the Magic captain was recognised as the year's winner of the Casey Kopua Most Valued Player Award

[MVP] as the 2024 ANZ Premiership Player of the Year.

After guiding the Mystics to back-to-back ANZ Premiership titles, coach **Tia Winikerei** was awarded the Robyn Broughton Trophy as the ANZ Premiership Coach of the Year in 2024, for a second successive year.

Becoming just the fourth New Zealand umpire to achieve the milestone, Netball Central's highly regarded **Gareth Fowler** notched up his 100th national league match during the year. The experienced and consistent whistler claimed the ANZ Premiership Umpire of the Year title.

Highlighting success in 2024, **Amelianne Ekenasio** took out the Te Tuaka Rau Mataaho – Silver Ferns Players' Award – which is presented to the player who the players believe best upholds the mana of the Silver Ferns, for the second successive year.

Delivering a stellar season, impressive Magic defender **Georgia Tong** clinched the Te Rau Mataaho – ANZ Premiership Players' Award – presented to the overall best performer of the 2024 ANZ Premiership as voted by the players.

Leaving an instant impression, Pulse shooter **Martina Salmon** made the most of her unexpected opportunity in the ANZ Premiership, where she was a consistently strong performer, and was subsequently acknowledged with the 2024 Aspiring Silver Fern Award.

Called up to the Pulse from Central Manawa as an injury replacement, Martina was seamless in her transition, shooting 50-plus goals on three occasions while shining with her general

court play and ready-made ability to more than hold her own.

Martina also made a splash when making her international debut for the FAST5 Ferns at November's FAST5 Netball World Series in 2024, sinking a maximum six-point winner on the stroke of full-time to help her side edge past South Africa 41-40. It secured the FAST5 Ferns a place in the final and, for Martina, the Moment of the Year award.

Auckland's **Mikaira Raerino** took out the Men's Player of the Year award. The 1.94m tall shooter made his international debut for the New Zealand Men's team in this year's three-match trans-Tasman Cup Series games against Australia which were played as curtain-raisers during last year's Constellation Cup.

He also impressed with his range of pinpoint shooting for the Net Blacks in the men's FAST5 Netball World Series during their run to the silver medal.

Stalwart **Michelle Parsons** was awarded the 2024 National Netball League [NNL] Coach of the Year after guiding the Comets to their first national title. Missing out in previous grand finals, the Comets made no mistake in their fourth attempt to complete their status as the best team in 2024.

Goal attack **Crystal Maro** was a key figure for the Comets throughout the season with her clever court craft and shooting accuracy, resulting in her being named NNL Player of the Year.

Working her way through the ranks to become a regular member of the National Umpire Squad in recent seasons, Netball Central's **Marly [Marlissa] Howard**

heralded her progress to take out the NNL Umpire of the Year award.

The More FM Silver Ferns Fan Favourite was awarded to midcourt dynamo **Maddy Gordon**, who bounced back impressively from a lengthy injury during the domestic season to leave a strong imprint at the end-of-year internationals.

A player with a bright future, Epsom Girls Grammar School midcourter **Shayla Nepia** was awarded the Secondary Schools Player of the Year following an impressive performance in 2024.

In a busy year, the influential midcourter was a member of the 2024 NZ Secondary Schools squad while also being included in the NZU21 squad. She was part of the Rising Stars: Fiji U21 Tour in August.

For her strong commitment to the smooth running of matches at several levels throughout the year, **Lisa Aull** (Netball Central) received the Outstanding Contribution to Netball by a Technical Official award.

Magic midcourter **Ali Wilshier** received the New Zealand Netball Players Association (NZNPA) Kimihia (Service) award in recognition of her contribution and support to enhancing the country's Netball professionals, including the demonstration of leadership and courage.

2024 New Zealand Netball Award Recipients

Dame Lois Muir Supreme Award: Kelly Jackson
Moment of the Year: Martina Salmon
Silver Ferns Player of the Year: Grace Nweke
Silver Ferns Fan Favourite: Maddy Gordon
Aspiring Silver Fern: Martina Salmon
Men's Player of the Year: Mikaira Raerino
ANZ Premiership Player of the Year: Amelianne Ekenasio
ANZ Premiership Coach of the Year: Tia Winikerei
ANZ Premiership Umpire of the Year: Gareth Fowler
Secondary Schools Player of the Year: Shayla Nepia
National Netball League Coach of the Year: Michelle Parsons
National League Player of the Year: Crystal Maro
National League Umpire of the Year: Marissa (Marly) Howard
Outstanding Contribution to Netball by a Technical Official: Lisa Aull
Volunteer Administrator of the Year: Lee Manaia
Volunteer Official of the Year: Mathew Chambers
Volunteer Coach of the Year: Tash Tawhara
Youth Volunteer of the Year: Caitlyn Forrest
Volunteer Community Champion of the Year: Martha Taru
New Zealand Netball Players Association (NZNPA) Kimihia Award: Ali Wilshier
Te Tuaka Rau – Silver Ferns Players' Award: Amelianne Ekenasio
Te Rau Mataaho – ANZ Premiership Players' Award: Georgia Tong

*Dame
Lois Muir
Supreme
Award winner
Kelly Jackson*



2025 New Zealand Netball Awards

2025 New Zealand Netball Awards celebrate excellence across the game.

NNZ recently announced the winners of the 2025 New Zealand Netball Awards, recognising outstanding achievement, leadership and service across all levels of the sport, from community volunteers to elite athletes and officials.

The awards celebrate excellence, passion and commitment, highlighting the people who continue to shape and strengthen Netball throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

The sport's most prestigious honour, the Dame Lois Muir Supreme Award, was presented to **Karin Burger**. This award acknowledges the best Netballer across all elite competitions and Silver Ferns' campaigns.

Kate Heffernan was named ANZ Silver Ferns Player of the Year, capping off an exceptional season on the international stage, and **Te Ata Hassan** claimed the Synergy Hair National Netball League Player of the Year award following a standout domestic campaign.

Rising star **Khanyé-Lii Munro-Nonoa** enjoyed a standout year, taking out both the PUMA Aspiring Silver Fern award and NZU21 Player of the Year, underlining her impact and promise on the national stage.

Maddy Gordon was recognised by fans nationwide, receiving the JBL Silver Ferns Fan Favourite award, and **Peta Toeava** was named ANZ Premiership Player of the Year.

Coaching and officiating excellence were celebrated too, with **Donna Wilkins** awarded ANZ Premiership Coach of the Year and **Gareth Fowler** and **Kristie Simpson** named joint winners of ANZ Premiership Umpire of the Year award.

At community and pathway level, **Avah Sila** was recognised as NetballSmart Secondary Schools Player of the Year, while **Geni Ah Tong** received Synergy Hair National Netball League Coach of the Year honours.

Caleb Binns was named G.J. Gardner Homes National Netball League Umpire of the Year, and **Anne Harrison** received the G.J. Gardner Homes Outstanding Contribution to Netball by a Technical Official award.

*PUMA Aspiring
Silver Fern and
NZU21 Player
of the Year
Khanyé-Lii
Munro-Nonoa*





*Dame
Lois Muir
Supreme
Award winner
Karin Burger*

Volunteer Awards

Volunteers remain the backbone of the game, and NNZ proudly acknowledged their contribution with the following honours:

WM New Zealand Volunteer Administrator of the Year:

Barbara Bialy

WM New Zealand Volunteer Official of the Year: Alison Tranter

WM New Zealand Volunteer Coach of the Year: Emily Amey

WM New Zealand Youth Volunteer of the Year: Isabella [Izzy] Harrison

WM New Zealand Volunteer Community Champion of the Year: Lahraine Sagaga

NNZ congratulates all award recipients and nominees, and thanks everyone who continues to contribute to the success, growth and legacy of the game throughout the country.

2025 New Zealand Netball Award Recipients

Dame Lois Muir Supreme Award: Karin Burger

ANZ Silver Ferns Player of the Year: Kate Heffernan

JBL Silver Ferns Fan Favourite: Maddy Gordon

PUMA Aspiring Silver Fern: Khanyé-Lii Munro-Nonoa

NZU21 Player of the Year: Khanyé-Lii Munro-Nonoa

ANZ Premiership Player of the Year: Peta Toeava

ANZ Premiership Coach of the Year: Donna Wilkins

ANZ Premiership Umpire of the Year: Gareth Fowler and Kristie Simpson [joint winners]

NetballSmart Secondary Schools Player of the Year: Avah Sila

Synergy Hair National Netball League Coach of the Year: Geni Ah Tong

Synergy Hair National Netball League Player of the Year: Te Ata Hassan

G.J. Gardner Homes National Netball League Umpire of the Year: Caleb Binns

G.J. Gardner Homes Outstanding Contribution to Netball by a Technical Official:

Anne Harrison

Hall of Fame Inductees

Leigh Gibbs

Irene McInnes

Myrtle Muir

Waimarama Taumaunu

Yvonne Willering

Acknowledgements: Top New Zealand administrator re-elected for another term at World Netball

Top New Zealand administrator Shirley Hooper was re-elected as Vice President of World Netball following its Congress 2025 meeting.

Having completed her first term of four years, Shirley was re-elected for a second term after being given the seal of approval from voting delegates.

"We are at an exciting point in the development of Netball across the world in all 76 of our Member countries. I hugely appreciate the support from those Members to remain in the role of Vice President and hope to continue to drive this momentum," Shirley said.

Meetings of Congress are held once every two years, during which global Netball leaders, delegates and stakeholders come together to shape the sport's future – and Shirley's re-election signals continuity and confidence in her leadership.

She has long been a prominent figure in international Netball administration and Shirley's re-election is a testament to her dedication, strategic vision and ongoing contributions to the growth of Netball worldwide.

Under her leadership, World Netball has expanded its global reach, supported the rise of emerging Netball nations and strengthened its commitment to equality, youth engagement and sustainable development in sport.

Her reappointment reinforces World Netball's stability at a time when the sport is reaching new audiences and gaining traction in untapped regions.

A Life Member of Netball New Zealand [NNZ], Shirley was a Director on the NNZ Board from 2009 to 2018 and chaired the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee for two years from 2016.



She has long been a prominent figure in international Netball administration and Shirley's re-election is a testament to her dedication..."

Shirley honoured with Sport NZ Award

Following her re-election as Vice President of World Netball, Bay of Plenty's Shirley Hooper was recognised in the annual New Zealand Sport and Recreation Awards.

Individuals and organisations in seven categories were honoured for their significant contribution to sport and recreation across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Shirley was a recipient of the Sir Eion and Jan, Lady Edgar Lifetime Achievement Award for Services to Netball.

"This year's nominations were fantastic. They showed how dedicated and passionate people in our sector are, and how much they care about improving the wellbeing of our communities every day," said Sport NZ Chief Executive Raelene Castle.

"Each category had a high calibre of entries, which made choosing a winner a challenge for the judging panel. I'd like to congratulate all the nominees, the finalists and the winners."

The 2025 judging panel comprised: Mike Stanley CNZM [Chair], Cheycoda Cocks, Rebecca McDonald, Sarah Murray, Dallas Seymour and Wayne Werder. As with the past two years, a strong number of entries was received across all seven categories.

New Zealand's Fay Meiklejohn appointed Chair of Rules Advisory Panel at World Netball

Former NNZ high-performance umpire Fay Meiklejohn appointed the Chair of the World Netball Rules Advisory Panel (RAP).

The RAP is responsible for advising and working with the World Netball CEO and Board to support the development and implementation of agreed priorities in the Strategic Plan, particularly in relation to supporting the development of the Rules of Netball.

Fay brings a depth of Netball knowledge, leadership, communication and decision-making skills to the panel, both from Netball-specific positions as a current member of World Netball's International Netball Umpire Award Testing Panel (ITP) and Officials Representative Group (ORG), as well as an NNZ High Performance Coach.

"I am honoured and thrilled to be appointed Chair of the World Netball Rules Advisory Panel," Fay said.

"With a lifelong love of officiating and a deep passion for Netball, I'm excited to lead this work at a global level.

"It will be a privilege to collaborate with Member associations, and fellow panels to interpret, review and shape the rules that underpin the way our game is played and understood globally."

"I am committed to thoughtful, robust and inclusive leadership that ensures the rules evolve with clarity, fairness and in alignment with World Netball's strategic direction."

Starting out at Netball North Harbour (NNH) as a regional umpire, Fay progressed to obtaining her NZ Award and International Umpire Award (IUA), and inclusion in the National Umpire Squad. Coaching umpires and players at NNH, she was always willing to present workshops to umpires and coaches and share her national and international experiences.

After retiring from on-court umpiring, Fay was appointed to the NNZ High Performance Squad coaching panel and the ITP. In recent years, she has become deeply involved in the administration side of the game, firstly joining the NNH Umpires Committee, followed by the NNH Board, bringing with her the knowledge of high performance officiating.

Fay has umpired or been on the Umpire Appointment Panel at several World Netball Championships and World Youth Championships between 2009 and 2024 during a lengthy and ongoing successful career. She was also acknowledged with an NNZ Service Medal in 2024.

With a lifelong love of officiating and a deep passion for Netball, I'm excited to lead this work at a global level."



International Recognition for Waimarama Taumaunu

An inspiring figure across the sport, legendary player, coach and administrator, New Zealand's Waimarama Taumaunu was decorated internationally with a World Netball Service Award in 2025.

Waimarama has been recognised for the esteem in which she is held around the world, while also having had significant impact on World Netball's governance in relation to the international body's strategies To Grow, To Play and To Inspire in a playing, coaching, umpiring or officiating capacity.

Apart from her current role as Director of High Performance at Netball Central Zone, Waimarama has been a member of World Netball's Rules Advisory Panel (RAP) from 2019 to 2025.

"This came as a total surprise but I'm delighted to be honoured in this capacity," Waimarama said. "It came out of the blue but I have enjoyed doing my bit and contributing on the RAP in recent years."

She has had a long and distinguished career across all aspects of Netball and has made an immense contribution.

Selected in the Silver Ferns as an 18-year-old, Waimarama went on to forge an outstanding 10-year international career. Captaining the Silver Ferns in her last three years, she played 77 Tests, winning a world title in 1987 while being acclaimed as one of the outstanding defenders of her generation.

When offshore appointments were a rarity, Waimarama was appointed National Performance Director of England Netball in 1998 and held this position until she returned to New Zealand in 2003.

Waimarama was the Silver Ferns head coach from 2011 to 2015 during which



time she continued to undertake a range of administrative roles in high-performance and strategic planning for the national body.

Since 2016, Waimarama has been Director of High Performance for the Central Zone where she continues to foster rising young talent, as well as leading the NNZ team responsible for developing the Pacific Sporting Partnership in conjunction with NZ Rugby and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

More recently, she has been responsible for establishing a coaching qualification framework, designed to fast-track coaches who have experience of high-performance sport through their participation as players.

Waimarama's knowledge and experience have been recognised both nationally and internationally, as part of World Netball's RAP. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of High Performance Sport NZ.

Waimarama received the NNZ Service Award in 2008, becoming a Life Member in 2021. She was made a Member of the British Empire (MBE) in 1992 and an Officer of the NZ Order of Merit (ONZM) in 2016 for her services to Netball. She was also inducted into the NZ Sports Hall of Fame in 1996 and the Māori Sports Hall of Fame in 2007.

Waimarama's impact has been enormous – not just in New Zealand but also around the globe, especially highlighted by her time as National Performance Director of England Netball that helped shape a system and a generation of players. As a deep thinker of the game, Waimarama's uncompromising style saw her become a World Champion as a player in 1987 and have a connection in some capacity at 10 Netball World Cups dating back to 1983.

Waimarama's knowledge and experience have been recognised both nationally and internationally.."

New Year Honours for Priyani Therese de Silva-Currie

A tireless advocate across many sectors, Priyani Therese de Silva-Currie was acknowledged as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for her services to Netball, multicultural communities and civil engineering in the 2025 New Year Honours.

Richmond's Priyani Therese has coached school, club, regional and national talent identification Netball teams for over 20 years, in the process receiving various coaching awards. Between 1998 and 2016 she was on the executive and chaired the Nelson Netball Association (Centre). She has delivered introductory coaching clinics for NNZ for many years and was a founding committee member and fundraising manager of the Saxton Field Sports Stadium Society from 2004 to 2014.

She has also contributed to multicultural councils at local and national levels, holding executive positions including as President of the New Zealand Federation of Multicultural Councils and the respective Manawatū and Nelson branches between 2009 and 2017.

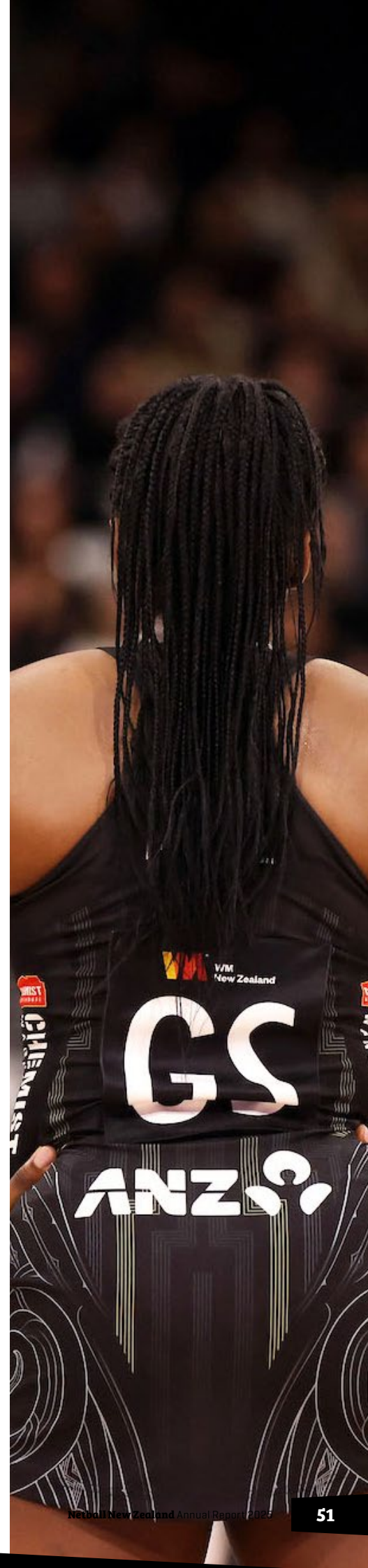
As National President, Priyani Therese procured and implemented diverse

multicultural programmes and supported initiatives such as Engineering New Zealand's Migrant Forum and the Professional Speaking for Migrants course.

Now a Past President and Life Member of Āpōpō Infrastructure Asset Management Professionals, Priyani Therese has held several roles from 2015. This has included leading a strategic transformation of the organisation and championing the development of uniquely New Zealand indigenous-based asset management guidance. She is also a patron of a scholarship for Emerging Asset Management Professionals.

Priyani Therese has chaired Carbon and Energy Professionals from 2009 to 2015. She has been a New Zealand Representative and is currently Vice President of the International Federation of Municipal Engineers.

...leading a strategic transformation of the organisation and championing the development of uniquely New Zealand indigenous-based asset management guidance.”



NNZ Service Award Recipients

For their selfless dedication to enhancing and ensuring Netball continues to prosper across all facets, nine special individuals were honoured with NNZ Service Awards.

Headlining an exceptional list, **Belinda Clarke** (Hamilton Netball Centre), **Anna Galvan** (Mainland Netball, Christchurch Netball Centre), **Margaret Henley** (NNZ), **Kelly Herbert** (Netball Wellington), **Fay Meiklejohn** (Netball North Harbour), **Anne Nicholson** (Auckland Netball Centre), **Norton Reuben-Brough** (Netball Manurewa), **Diane Tasker** (Whanganui Netball Centre) and **Noeline Walsh** (Netball Manurewa) and have been acknowledged as this year's recipients.

This prestigious award recognises an individual who has made a significant contribution to Netball that has enhanced the game at local level, regionally, nationally and/or, internationally.

Belinda Clark

Belinda Clark's passion and commitment as a bench official was evident from the beginning. Since 2014, she has led the way in her role as a statistician and technical official at the WBOP Zone, where she continues to volunteer her expertise. Her dedication to developing and enhancing the role of Bench Officials and Statisticians has been instrumental – not only within her Zone but also across the country.

Belinda's leadership extends beyond her region, working closely with NNZ to ensure that all volunteers and officials are equipped with the latest information and best practices. Her role as the link between the Region/Zone and national events, including the ANZ Premiership, SHNL and international matches, has been invaluable in maintaining the high standards of officiating that our sport requires.

Anna Galvan

Anna Galvan has been a towering presence in Mainland Netball for 30 years. As a player, Christchurch Netball Centre Board member and Chair, as well as Tactix Steering Committee Board member and coach, Anna's governance and strategic leadership has long been a driving force for Netball in the region.

Her commitment to building the Ngā Puna Wai 10-court indoor stadium is a testament to the long-lasting impact and vision she has held for Netball in Mainland, taking a generous \$11 million donation and turning it into a \$16.5 million indoor stadium. These achievements are an acknowledgement of Anna's leadership and ability to gather people with the right skills to support the vision.

Margaret Henley

Margaret Henley has spent decades ensuring that Netball's history has been identified, recorded and made accessible for all while acknowledging its place as part of New Zealand's sporting fabric and the influences behind it. Her contributions will stand the test of time and remain a lasting gift to the sport we all love.

Margaret has played a vital role in ensuring that the legacy of Netball is carefully documented and able to be shared with future generations. As a key contributor to NNZ's centenary content series (2023-2024), her passion and expertise in historical research have brought to life many significant stories from our past, helping to connect today's Netball community with its roots. Her meticulous fact-checking and research have been invaluable in maintaining the accuracy and depth of our historical records.

Kelly Herbert

Starting out in Netball in 1980, Kelly Herbert (Wellington Netball Centre) has been a key figure in a variety of roles ever since. In an extensive list which includes international umpire, NZ A umpire, NNZ Umpire Watchlist Coach, NNZ Rules Board member, NZ Theory Moderator, player, coach and manager, she has pretty much done it all.

Heavily involved at regional, national and international level, Kelly is a well-known and respected figure in all Netball circles, her passion and knowledge of the game touching many as her influence and service continues to have an impact.

Fay Meiklejohn

Starting out at Netball North Harbour (NNH) as a Regional Umpire, Fay Meiklejohn progressed to obtaining her NZ Award and IUA, and being a member of the National Umpire Squad. Coaching umpires and players at NNH, she was always willing to present workshops to umpires and coaches and share her national and international experiences.

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Fay has umpired or been on the Umpire Appointment Panel at several World Netball Championships and World Youth Championships between 2009 and 2024 during a lengthy and rewarding career.



Anne Nicholson

A player, coach, manager, umpire and examiner over many years, Anne Nicholson has successfully cast her range of skills widely across the Netball landscape. More recently, in her role at Auckland Netball, she oversees all the Centre's competitions, leagues and tournaments the Centre hosting over 1,000 winter competition teams alone.

A champion of the futureFERNs programme, Anne was involved in the start-up initiative and oversaw the introduction of the Year 1 & 2 skills/game programme. She was recently enlisted by NNZ to help with an overview of the entire programme.

Norton Reuben-Brough

Norton Reuben-Brough has been involved with Netball Manurewa [NM] for more than 15 years. He first joined the Umpire Executive in 2008 and continues with that involvement today. He has been secretary of the Manurewa Netball Umpire Association for many years, and is the 'go to' for all things administration for this kaupapa.

Norton has umpired at Netball Manurewa for most of his 15 years there and is a recent NZ Badge Umpire recipient. He is dedicated to umpire development as an Umpire Coach at Netball Manurewa and continues to ply his trade on Saturdays for the senior-grade teams.

Norton has held a position on the Netball Manurewa Board since 2017 and brings a wealth of knowledge around youth engagement, event management, hospitality and te ao Māori. He is a staunch advocate for te ao Māori and has put together te ao Māori resources for the Netball Manurewa office to utilise in their marketing and membership communications.

Diane Tasker

Involved for more than 50 years, Diane Tasker (Whanganui Netball Centre), a former player, coach and manager, found her real niche in the umpire space. Diane became an NNZ Practical Umpire Examiner, a position she held for nine years, and followed this up with her involvement as a New Zealand Umpire Coach and Tester.

She is a highly respected member of the Whanganui Netball Centre community, and remains heavily involved at the grassroots level as an Umpire Coach and running the Junior Umpire Academy.

With her outstanding knowledge of the game, Diane shares her wisdom while providing a clear pathway for local umpiring talent. She has also played a key role over many years at the Lower North Island Secondary Schools tournament where her experience has proved invaluable.

Noeline Walsh

A stalwart of Netball Manurewa, Noeline Walsh was President of the Manurewa District Netball Association [MDNA] for 16 years and during that time was instrumental in securing and organising the building of the much-admired Manurewa indoor multi-purpose Netball and sports complex.

The complex build was a three-staged approach spanning eight years. It involved a tremendous amount of project management, lobbying of local council and politicians, fundraising, and collaborating with other local sport codes. Noeline and her team of volunteers were responsible for a multitude of fundraising events.

Since her tenure as President, Noeline has remained an avid and influential supporter of Netball Manurewa and was part of the working committee who, over a two-year period, brought to life the Netball Manurewa 50th Jubilee event and booklet.

Service Awards

1967

Ona Coatsworth + Waikato
Joan Durbin + Auckland
Joyce Ellis + Auckland
Eileen Lane + NZNA
Jean Lodge + Rotorua
Jean Rountree + Auckland

1968

Doreen Brown + NZNA
Pat Cairney + NZNA
Vonnie Flood + NZNA
Kay Palmer + NZNA
Vi Rainey Waikato
Iris Weston + NZNA
Edna Yates + Canterbury

1969

Peggy Bithell + Taranaki
Margaret Gibson + Wellington

1970

Rona McCarthy + Hawke's Bay
Hazel Paul + Wellington
Isobel Stuart Auckland

1971

Douglas Coleman Te Puke
Myra Denniston Western Bay of Plenty
Phyllis Ford South Canterbury
Taini Jamison + Rotorua
Barbara Marchant Wellington

1972

Ina Graham + South Waikato
Marjorie Jenden + NZNA
Gladys Symes + Hawke's Bay

1973

Alice Gemming Western Bay of Plenty
Hazel Wickens Te Kawanu

1974

Betty Ditford + Canterbury
Lorraine Duffy + Hutt Valley
Olive Husband Ashburton
Joyce Lee + Canterbury
Margaret Pierson Hutt Valley
Helen Yates + Canterbury

1975

Dixie Cockerton + Matamata
Pat Cullen + Wellington
Alison Elder Canterbury
Florence Gough + Canterbury
Eileen Hoglund (née Penman)
Ashburton
Dorothy Hughes Canterbury
Dal Knuckey + Hawke's Bay
Joyce McCann + Wellington
Alice Nichol + Canterbury
Shirley Peacock + North Shore
Joyce Prevett Matamata
Squib Ramsey Matamata
Annette Taylor Hutt Valley

1976

Val Gavin + Otago
Edna George Otago
Doreen Hes + Southland
Lena McTaggart Otago
Yvonne Sycamore + South Waikato
Nancy Whittleson Otago
Clara Williamson Poverty Bay

1977

Yvonne Atkins Hawke's Bay
Violet Byers + Otago
Myrtle E Lee Hawke's Bay
Ellie Moon Waikato
Anne Taylor Waikato

1978

Sonia Deeble King Country
Pam McCloy Otago
Mary McConnell + Otago
Margaret McDougall South Auckland
Lois Muir Otago
Judy Russell Auckland
Shirley Smith + Wellington
Anne Temple Wellington

1979

Molly Dorne + Horowhenua
Edna Hansen Manawatū
Dale Wortman Wellington
Betty Plant + Wellington
Nancy Read + Canterbury
Jo Selby Manawatū
Oonah Shannahan + Canterbury
Betty M Steffensen Manawatū

1980

Cherrie Beattie Te Kawanu
Dorothy Dee + Nelson
Marian George (née Smith) North Shore

1981

Losene Collins Hawke's Bay
Val Fletcher West Auckland
Bev Fryer Poverty Bay
Irene Gurr + Manawatū
Dawn Jones Auckland
Joyce Prankerd Wellington
Shirley Sanderson Matamata
Jean Skelsey Whanganui
Annabel Sutton Hawke's Bay
Anne Tippet Southland

1982

Norma Burns North Otago
Pat Cleland + Wellington
Ainsley Jacobs Howick Pakuranga
Diane Madgwick North Shore
Nita McLean Western Bay of Plenty
Isabel Reeves South Waikato
Dorothy Smith Wellington
Betty Woodham Marlborough
Molly Wright South Waikato

1983

Janice Blissett Temuka and Districts
Margaret Herron (née Thompson) Otago
Audrey Thurlow Otago

1984

Rangi Delamare Eastern Bay of Plenty
Dorothy Fathers + Thames Valley
Nola Harris + Kaikōura
Nita Shannon Eastern Bay of Plenty
Dorothy Simpson North Canterbury
Aroha Turnbull Thames Valley

1985

Edith Findlay Southland

1986

Betty Harding Hawke's Bay
Norma Peggs West Auckland
Bernice Wood Taranaki

1987

Maureen Donovan King Country
Joan Williams Howick Pakuranga

1988

Heather Brewer West Auckland
Fay Freeman North Shore
Mavis Kennedy South Canterbury

+ Now deceased

1989

Christine Archer Wellington
Monica Leggat + Waikato
Julia Murray + Canterbury
Eileen Robinson South Canterbury

1990

Ruby Aberhart Nelson
Barbara McIntosh Mid Canterbury
Anne Vernon Manawatū
Betty Wells Waitākere

1991

Billie Armstrong Canterbury
Anne Carnie North Shore
Shona Cooper + North Shore
Mairie Erickson + Canterbury
Shirley Mackle Temuka and Districts

1992

Elaine Collett + Waimate
Sheryl Dawson Bay of Plenty Coast
Lois Fowler Auckland
Frances Howard Western Districts
Noeline Ryder + Waimate
Nancy Toomer + Kapi-Mana

1993

Rita Cosgrove + South Canterbury
Marlene Flavell Auckland
Valerie Fowler Howick Pakuranga
Lyn Gunson Waikato
Nita Hornbrook + Nelson
Audrey Leath Ashburton
Patricia Maddocks Wellington
Marilyn Munro Wellington
Jill Shanley Waikato
Lorraine Stowell Ashburton

1994

Edna Balle Pukekohe
Carole Craighead Auckland
Audrey Hinton Pukekohe
Lyn Miles Canterbury
Annette Orangi + Canterbury
Kathleen Thomas Sunrise Coast
Sheryl Wells Auckland
Heather Williamson Midland

1995

Lois Bush + Auckland
Jean Hansen Northland
Beverley Harrison Howick Pakuranga
Keitha McKendry + Manawatū
Margaret Sheppard Pukekohe

1997

Janet Hefford Canterbury
Jessie Thompson Canterbury
Valerie Winder Whanganui

1998

Flora Beynon Buller/Westland
Kathleen Farrell Waikato
Shona Foxcroft + Temuka and Districts
Alwyn Stiven West Otago
Joyce Wallace Waimate
Yvonne Willering North Harbour



1999

Margaret Burgess North Harbour
Shirley Davis Auckland
Wilma Hendry Otago
May Laws + Otago
Gay Netton Horowhenua
Ann O'Brien Otago
Rose Williams + Bay of Plenty Coast

2000

Kathy Doyle Wellington
Kate Leebody Southland
Beryl O'Sullivan Manawatū
Beverley Raine Taranaki

2001

Sheena Armishaw Whanganui
Colleen Bond Southland
Hazel Burrowes + Southland
Dorothy Fitzpatrick Marlborough
Jean Gillett + South Canterbury
Pat James Howick Pakuranga
Kay McIntyre + North Harbour
Maureen Russell Thames Valley
Georgina Salter + Otago
Beverley Tibbles West Coast

2002

Robyn Broughton + Southland
Mary Meek Rangitikei
Margaret Perry Wellington
Ian Schrader + Otago
Carolyn Sengelow South Canterbury

2003

Lyn Bailey Howick Pakuranga
Annette Lewis Horowhenua
Lyndsay Meads Katikati
Doreen Neil Rotorua
Hiraina Hilda Ross + Harbourside
Mary Thompson Rotorua

2004

Irene Collins North Harbour
Joanna Paora Hutt Valley
Mirth Solomon + Rotorua
Elaine Tollen Manurewa
Doreen Tucker + Dunedin
Noeline Ward Canterbury
Isobel Whyte Hurunui

2005

Marjorie Carr Waikato
Eileen Margaret Crowe Christchurch
Maureen Flannagan Manawatū
Kereyn Smith Netball New Zealand
Sylvia Smith Waikato
Margaret Spencer + Auckland Waitākere

2006

Norma Bates North
Maree Bernasconi Pukekohe
Annette Parkinson Manawatū
Noeline Ramsey Waiuku
Rebecca Tukukino Bay of Plenty

2007

Anne Bloomfield Western
Tina Karaitiana Gisborne
Te Aroha Keenan Auckland Waitākere
Violet Lynch + Eastern Southland
Margaret Nicholson Waikato
Susanne Trim Manawatū

2008

Annette Bradley Whangārei
Jan Castle Howick Pakuranga
Suzanne Driscoll Hutt Valley
Anne Marie Leech Mid Canterbury
Julie McDonald Howick Pakuranga
Dianne McTigue Mid Canterbury
Kay Norris Christchurch
Christine Rodda Christchurch
Sheena Tyrell Mid Canterbury

2009

Margaret Bennie Otago
Monica Burns Southland
Robyn Harding + Auckland Waitākere
Nancy Lewin Kāpiti Centre
Susan Miller Counties Manukau
Theresa Strachan Taranaki
Waimarama Taumaunu Wellington
Patricia Wyatt Bay of Plenty
Diane Yorke Bay of Plenty

2010

Jan Gallop Tasman
Linda Liggins Manawatū
Lyn Pellow Auckland Waitākere
Ronwyn Wilkins Motueka

2011

Paula Bailey Auckland Waitākere
Karen Brown Southland
Madge Cathro Taranaki
Lee-Anne Clark Auckland Waitākere
Shelley Fissenden Kaikōura
Susan Hare Hutt Valley

Geraldine Hodgson + Nelson
Raeline Ottley Waimate
Ivy Topping + Taranaki

2012

Dame Ruth Aitken Netball New Zealand
Dulcie Brunel North Harbour
Joanne Davis-Goff Waikato
Tracey Fear Netball New Zealand
Leigh Gibbs Netball New Zealand
Adrienne Hayes Christchurch
June Kilgour Howick Pakuranga
Colleen Lyons Otago
Carole Maddix North Harbour
Raewyn Mills Papakura
Helen Schulz North Harbour
Cathie Shaw Waikato
Eleanor Simmons North Harbour
Rhonda Turner Papakura
Michele Wallace North Harbour

2013

Edna Brown Hamilton City
Dorothy Craighead + North Canterbury
Isabel Forrester North Canterbury
Lynette Gubb Rodney
Diane Moloney South Canterbury
Lynn Stratford South Canterbury
Mureen Turfrey Eastern Southland

2014

Ngamahirau Grace Barnett Hawke's Bay
Tasi Betteridge Hutt Valley
Yvonne Brew Upper Clutha
Iwi Courtney Howick Pakuranga
Julie Erskine Invercargill
Julie-Ann Hallett Waikato Bay of Plenty
Leigh Knight Papakura
Briar Martindale Papakura
Sylvia McCleary Hawke's Bay
Bronwyn Meek Auckland
Michelle Newton North Harbour
Grace Rhind Papakura
Sheryll Roy + Dunedin
Jan Skilton North Harbour
Gail Wenmoth Rotorua

2015

Ann Condor Central Otago
Alison Cormack Eastern Southland
Therese Dixon Papakura
Rayma Gunson Whangārei
Margaret Marsh Christchurch
Aileen Mason Waitākere
Amanda Nottingham Christchurch
Valerie Temm Hamilton City

+ Now deceased

2016

Jane Andrew Nelson
Ann Bourne North Harbour
Jono Bredin Dunedin
Jan Clough Manawatū
Kathy Hely Selwyn
Anne Marett Mid Canterbury
Veronica Martin Gisborne
Marilyn Milne Nelson
Maree Smith Nelson

2017

Rosemary Adlam Mid Canterbury
Beverley Douglas Netball New Zealand
Adrienne Ensor Dunedin
Debbie Hodges Netball New Zealand
Shirley Hooper Netball New Zealand
Sharon Kearney Netball New Zealand
Raewyn Lovett Netball New Zealand
Kerry Manders Netball New Zealand
Karla Newlands Mid Canterbury
Sally Paki Paki Nelson
David Pala'amo Christchurch
Lee Piper South
Barbara Reid Mid Canterbury
Lesley Rumball Netball New Zealand
Julie Seymour Netball New Zealand
Nina Smith + Howick Pakuranga
Irene Takao Gisborne
Lorraine Tapp Dunedin
Fatulatetele Tolo Wellington

2018

Sherrill Beale Gisborne
Geoff Bendall Waitākere
John Bongard Netball New Zealand
Glennys Burney Christchurch
Dianne Dickens Eastern Southland
Judith Downer North Harbour
Sandra Edge Wellington
Allison Ferguson Auckland
Carol Ferguson Pukekohe
Bridget Gane Marlborough
Julie Hansen Gisborne
Ann Hay Wellington
Raewyn Henry Northern Zone
Shirley Hocquard Marlborough
Natalie Kelly Waikato Bay of Plenty
Christena Loomans Papakura
Lorna Manu Waitākere
Robyn Mayo Pukekohe
Karen Naylor South Canterbury
Ngami Prattley Eastern Southland
Anne Reid Eastern Southland
Bubs Reweti Wellington
Jan Teesdale Waikato Bay of Plenty
Ann Tod Netball New Zealand
Beryl Turketo Waitākere

2019

Lyn Barr North Harbour
Gail Benseman Mid Canterbury
Lillian Cattell Manurewa
Pam Clayton Waikato Bay of Plenty
Elaine Curtis Waitākere
Gail Griffiths North Harbour
Marcia Hardcastle North Harbour
Gayle Hare Wellington
Casey Kopua Waikato Bay of Plenty
Lee Manaia Manurewa
Jo Morrison Dunedin
Cathy Roa Kapi-Mana
Martha Taru Wellington
Zora Vitasovich Waitākere

2020

Robyn Daly Christchurch
Robyn Garner Howick Pakuranga
Lynette Imrie Hutt Valley
Kay Jenkins Christchurch
Karen King South Canterbury
Yvette McCausland-Durie Manawatū
Lee McKenzie Christchurch
Fay Selby-Law Manawatū
Fay Trezise South Canterbury

2021

Karen Betty Pukekohe
Lynette Brady North Harbour
Jennifer Gerrand Hamilton City
Elizabeth Hicks Pukekohe
Tania Karauria Auckland
Margaret Kelly Hamilton City
Eleanor Kitching Waiuku
Kora [Piwi] Pene Hutt Valley
Pam Pennell Auckland
Kirstin Scully Dunedin
Margaret Webby Hamilton City

2022

Stephanie Bond Auckland
Julie Coney Auckland
Lesley Dick Christchurch
Mary Gardiner Auckland
Teresa Irwin Central Southland
Genny Jarvis Hutt Valley
Roger Ledingham + Nelson
Bernice Mene Netball New Zealand
Todd Miller Netball New Zealand
Lesley Murdoch Netball New Zealand
David Ronaldson Northern
Raewyn Ronaldson Pukekohe
Brenda Rowberry Netball New Zealand
Anna Stanley Netball New Zealand
Katherine West Pukekohe
Donna Wilkins Netball New Zealand
Dianne Williams Northern

2023

Kate Agnew Netball New Zealand
Julie Bennett Auckland
Barbara Bialy Hutt Valley
Mary-Rose Cullen Invercargill
Leana de Bruin Netball New Zealand
Gareth Fowler Netball New Zealand
Deborah Fuller Netball New Zealand
Laura Langman Netball New Zealand
Leah Lazarus North Harbour
Kirsten Lloyd Wellington
Murray Lockwood Northern
Maree McMillan Invercargill
Nicki Paterson Dunedin
Kristie Simpson Netball New Zealand
Dame Noeline Taurua Netball New Zealand
Joyce Walsh Christchurch
Adine Wilson Auckland
Lyn Wilson Dunedin

2024

Mathew Chambers Manurewa
Pauline Coultas Howick Pakuranga
Shirley Hobson North Canterbury
Maggie Lloyd Marlborough
Patrick Maxwell Manurewa
Sandy Phear Taranaki
Andrew Rogers Manurewa
Irene van Dyk Netball New Zealand

2025

Belinda Clarke Hamilton
Anna Galvan Christchurch
Margaret Henley Auckland
Kelly Herbert Wellington
Fay Meiklejohn North Harbour
Anne Nicholson Auckland
Norton Reuben-Brough Manurewa
Diane Tasker Whanganui
Noeline Walsh Manurewa

+ Now deceased

In Remembrance: Billie Irwin

In 2025 NNZ mourned the passing of Billie Irwin – Silver Fern #40, a member of the trail-blazing 1967 Silver Ferns team.

A prominent force in one of the strongholds of provincial Netball during the 1960s, Billie Irwin was one of four from Rotorua to be named in the Silver Ferns history-making team of 1967, joining fellow defender Tilly Vercoe, expert shooter Mirth Solomon and legendary coach Taini Jamison.

Predominantly a goalkeeper, Billie proved an irresistible force in tandem with her club and provincial defensive team-mate Tilly Vercoe on the international stage, as the well-credentialled team prepared for the second edition of the World Tournament held in Perth in 1967.

From playing regularly together, the pair had formed a great understanding in the defensive circle where they were affectionately anointed as 'Billie and Tilly'. Their connection transferred seamlessly to New Zealand's untouchable team of 1967 where they were referred to as 'the black wall'. The pair were able to interchange the defensive positions instinctively, making them a formidable unit.

The Silver Ferns lost to Australia by a solitary goal in the inaugural World Tournament staged in England four years earlier, so there was a sense of unfinished business. The high calibre of the 1967 team sparked much excitement on this side of the Tasman amid the growing popularity of Netball.

Playing at a time when Silver Ferns tours and worldwide contact were limited, Billie played just the seven Test matches, all during the 1967 World Tournament. However, she was able to experience the traditional build-up and subsequent elation of a successful campaign and,

more importantly, one which holds a significant place in New Zealand's Netball history.

Part of the build-up was an eight-day training camp for the Silver Ferns squad in Christchurch followed by a short tour of several Australian states before landing in Perth.

After their successes in Tasmania, South Australia and Victoria, the Silver Ferns were in prime form on arrival in Perth. Billie was part of a magic result when sweeping all challengers to win New Zealand's first World Tournament title in Perth, in 1967, beating Australia by six goals.

It also ignited the start of the sport's greatest rivalry between the Silver Ferns and Australia, which has remained at the forefront ever since.

Billie and the team of 1967 retained a close and affectionate bond, remaining lifelong friends while enjoying a 50-year reunion of their groundbreaking exploits in 2017.

Ingrained in New Zealand's Netball history, Billie's contribution to an all-conquering Rotorua provincial team and a momentous occasion for the Silver Ferns will remain forever part of the sport's folklore.

Billie and the 1967 team will stand the test of time after being inducted into the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame in 1996, confirming the part they played in our country's rich sporting history.



In Remembrance: Pat Cleland

A prominent figure during her long involvement as an umpire, administrator and manager, Patricia (Pat) Cleland was remembered across the Netball community after her passing in Perth during 2025.



Born in Wellington in 1930, Pat progressed from her playing days as a Hutt Valley A-grade representative to becoming an international umpire, a member of the NNZ Executive and Silver Ferns manager.

Pat gained her local and New Zealand Badges, and umpired at all levels, including international, for many years from the 1950s to 1970s; this was a time when Netball went through significant changes.

Being part of the nine-a-side era during her playing days, and recalling the stigma attached to women who played Netball after marriage, Pat played her

part in the progression of the sport and marvelled at the skill levels of today's players, particularly the height of the modern-day participant.

From umpiring, Pat moved into administrative roles where she played a strong hand in the Wellington, Horowhenua and New Zealand Netball Associations. She was on the organising committee for the 1975 New Zealand-hosted World Cup. Preceding the current Board structure of NNZ, Pat was on the NNZ Executive from 1971 to 1977.

She was manager of the Wellington team from 1972 to 1977 before becoming manager of the Silver Ferns in 1978 [against Trinidad and Tobago]

and the 1979 World Cup tour to Trinidad and Tobago.

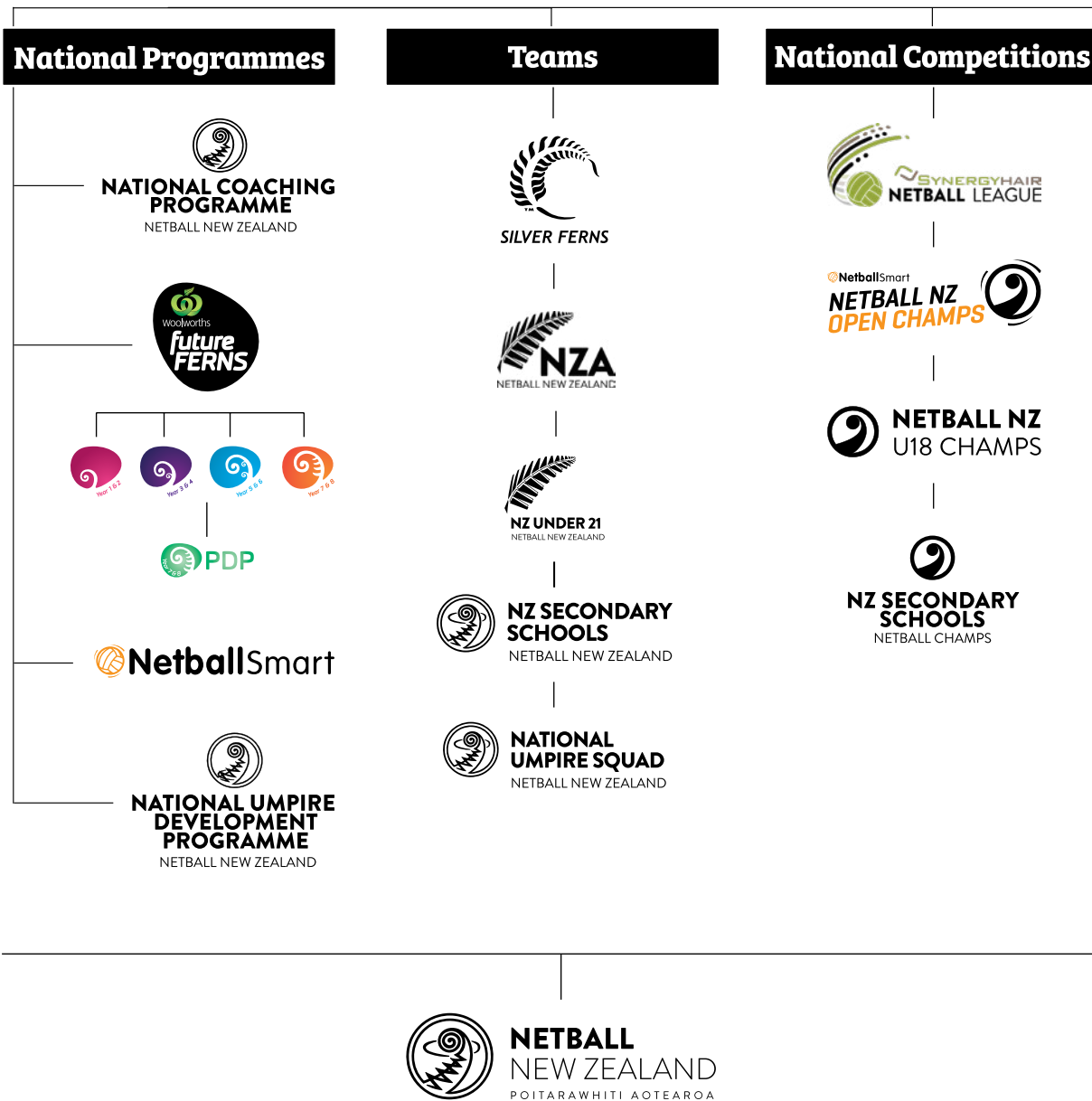
Her love of Netball continued following her retirement when she joined tour parties for the 1983 [Singapore] and 1987 [Glasgow] World Cups.

Pat was a strong presence and an invaluable contributor to Netball in Wellington, Lower Hutt, Whanganui and Levin, where she resided at various times during her career prior to relocating to Perth in her later years.

She was acknowledged with an NNZ Service Award in 1982 and received similar recognition from the Wellington Netball Centre.



The Netball System





Major Events



ANZ Premiership Netball



Zones



83 Netball Centres



Year ending 30 November 2025

Financials



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Netball New Zealand Incorporated

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated general purpose financial statements (hereinafter referred to as 'consolidated financial statements') of Netball New Zealand Incorporated (the 'Society'), its Subsidiaries and Associates (together the 'Group'), which comprises the consolidated financial statements on pages 70 to 80 and the consolidated service performance information on pages 66 to 69. The complete set of consolidated financial statements comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 November 2025, the consolidated statement of comprehensive revenue and expenses, consolidated statement of changes in equity, consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion the accompanying consolidated financial statements presents fairly, in all material respects:

- the consolidated financial position of the Netball New Zealand Incorporated as at 30 November 2025, and its consolidated financial performance, and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the consolidated service performance for the year ended 30 November 2025, in that the consolidated service performance information is appropriate and meaningful and prepared in accordance with the Group's measurement bases or evaluation methods

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)) and the audit of the consolidated service performance information in accordance with the ISAs (NZ) and New Zealand Auditing Standard (NZ AS) 1 *The Audit of Service Performance Information*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report.

We are independent of the Society in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand)* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code)*, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor, we have performed an assurance engagement on the Society's NZCT Grant Remittance. The performance of this service has not impaired our independence.

Other information

The Members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Group's annual report for the year ended 30 November 2025, reported from pages 1 to 63 and pages 81 to 82 (but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon), which we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report. Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.



In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Members for the consolidated financial statements

The Members are responsible, on behalf of the Netball New Zealand Incorporated, for:

- (a) the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements and service performance information in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board;
- (b) the selection of elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and measurement bases or evaluation methods that present service performance information that is appropriate and meaningful in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime;
- (c) the preparation and fair presentation of service performance information in accordance with the Group's measurement bases or evaluation methods, in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime;
- (d) the overall presentation, structure and content of the service performance information in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime; and
- (e) such internal control as the Board determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements and consolidated service performance information that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the Members are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Members either intend to liquidate the Society or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and the service performance information, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1 (Revised) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate or collectively, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of this consolidated financial report.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements is located at the XRB's website at:

<https://www.xrb.govt.nz/assurance-standards/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-13/>

Who we report to

This report is made solely to the Members of the Society, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Society and the Members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



RSM Hayes Audit
Auckland

5 March 2026



Statement of Service Performance

for the year ended 30 November 2025

This Statement of Service Performance (SSP) has been prepared in accordance with PBR FRS 48 – Service Performance Reporting. The Board believes that the statements contained in this report accurately reflect the overall performance of Netball New Zealand Incorporated (NNZ) for the year ended 30 November 2025. The SSP describes NNZ’s progress against our strategic objectives and is comprised of:

- Our purpose, vision and values
- Our objectives – what NNZ intended to achieve and how
- Our progress – how NNZ performed this year against those objectives

Our Purpose

NNZ, formed in May 1924 and incorporated in 1932, is the national governing body for Netball in New Zealand, responsible for the development and promotion of the sport from grassroots to elite levels. As of 30 November 2025, NNZ is supported by 5 Zones and 78 Centres (2024: 5 Zones and 78 Centres) and numerous clubs which provide Netball opportunities across the country. NNZ works for, and with, these organisations to connect and inspire communities, and provide Netball opportunities across the country.

Our Vision and Values

The vision for NNZ is “**connecting and inspiring communities through Netball**” as described in the Poipoia Strategy.

Poipoia is about embracing change and moving boldly forward. It’s inclusive and speaks to how the sport aims to guide and care for everyone, and the game itself. It’s about protecting our community, providing sustenance and watching our next Netball generation grow, whether an elite athlete, an umpire, a volunteer, or a player at grassroots level, it’s a recommitment to who we are and what we offer.

Our Southern Cross

Our Southern Cross is our direction – it’s our shared compass, guiding us toward the bold, distinctive space Netball is destined to lead and own.

We are guided by the five pillars of our Southern Cross:

- Embodying the Wairua of Mana Wāhine and their whānau.
- Embracing all of New Zealand’s diversity within fun, safe and welcoming environments.
- Being local, affordable and accessible.
- Empowering dynamic leadership, innovation and operational excellence.
- Inspiring NZ with our performances at home and on the world stage.

Our Objectives

How we get there and bring our purpose to life is through a set of levers or System Shifts, which focus and align our plans, actions and experiments. Our measures of success have been allocated against these five system shifts:

System Shift or Strategic Pillar:	The strategy is about:	Goal:
GAME	Delivery, Formats, Participants and Performance	Make “the game” the ultimate experience for everyone who touches it.
PRESENCE	Story, Brand and Voice	Use our wonderful history and story to increasingly unify and amplify our message and take it to the world.
FUNDING	Excellence, Efficiency and Share	Leverage and promote what we do, building a core capability in being irresistible to funders.
PARTNERSHIP	Relationships, Creativity and Collaboration	Successful partnerships inside and outside of Netball that strengthen all aspects of our game.
DIGITAL	Technology and Experience	Embrace digital transformation and innovation in everything we do.

System Shift: Game

Goal: Make “the Game” the ultimate experience for everyone.

By having good experiences, people will continue to choose Netball – both at the grassroots and performance ends of our game.

Measure	2025	2024
Year on year increase in the number of teams registered	15,998	15,748
Have a Net Promoter score which is above the All Sports average provided by Sport NZ in the Voice of Participant Survey	No VOP in 2025	+49 [vs +45 was the ‘all sports avg’]
Silver Ferns ranked #1 in the world	#2	#2
Pinnacle Events won by NZ Teams	Second at Netball World Youth Cup	There were no pinnacle events in 2024

Registered teams are the total number of teams defined as registered [as per the applicable NNZ regulations] for the period 1 December to 30 November each year as collected through the membership reporting process with Zones and Centres.

Voice of Participant survey is a survey run by Sport NZ for National Sports Organisations to gain a greater understanding of the participant experience. NNZ partakes in the survey every second year.

World Netball rankings: This is the ranking of the Silver Ferns per the most recent world rankings to 30 November published by World Netball.

Pinnacle events: pinnacle events are defined as Netball World Cup [every four years currently], Commonwealth Games [every four years currently] and Netball World Youth Cup [every four years currently].

Grassroots Netball

Grassroots Netball has grown 2% overall and we are particularly pleased to see growth of 5% in our secondary school registrations.

A key measure to understand the experience our community has at the grassroots level is through the Voice of Participant Survey. This survey is conducted by Sport NZ and NNZ takes part every second year. Sport NZ provide an ‘All Sports’ comparison against the results for each sport. Netball’s Net Promoter score for 2024 was 4 percentage points above the All Sports average for 2021-2023. We will be taking part in the Voice of Participant Survey next in 2026.

Domestic Events

We have delivered the following Domestic Events:

- U18 Champs held in Waitakere [2024: held in Dunedin]
- NetballSmart Open Champs held in Christchurch [2024: held in Auckland]
- NZ Secondary Schools Netball Champs held in Porirua [2024: held in Christchurch]
- Synergy Hair Netball League is held in various locations [2024: held in various locations]

These events provide presence and a development pathway for our emerging talent [covering players, umpires and coaches amongst others] between grassroots and performance Netball.

Performance Netball

The Under 21’s Netball World Youth Cup campaign started in earnest in 2024 building up to the pinnacle event during 2025. This hard work culminated in New Zealand placing second at the tournament in Gibraltar in September 2025.

The Silver Ferns played 12 test matches in 2025 [2024: 11] across the Taini Jamison series, the Constellation Cup and the Northern Tour:

- Taini Jamison Series – the Silver Ferns hosted South Africa and won all three tests [2024: lost against England, 2-1].
- Constellation Cup – the Silver Ferns played four tests against Australia, resulting in two tests apiece. Australia won the series in an extra time decider [2024: won against Australia, 3-1].
- Northern Tour – the Silver Ferns travelled to England and Scotland playing five tests in total. They won four of the tests, losing one to England. [2024: no Northern Tour, however placed 3rd at the Nations Cup, in a series with England, Australia and Uganda].

The Silver Ferns programme is underpinned by the ANZ Premiership. In 2025 we delivered 30 round robin games with a two game finals series [2024: 45 round robin games and two game finals series].

System Shift: Presence

Goal: Use our wonderful history and story to increasingly unify and amplify our message and take it to the world.

Netball's story is one of legacy, strength and impact. From grassroots courts to elite arenas, Netball is fast, intense, and fiercely contested. It's more than a game – it's a movement, woven into the fabric of who we are.

Our role is to craft a compelling narrative that ignites passion, deepens connection, and inspires generations of fans – now and into the future.

Measure	2025	2024
Year on year growth in brand equity for Netball	0.4	0.47
Year on year growth in brand equity for ANZ Premiership	0.43	0.38
Year on year growth in brand equity for Silver Ferns	0.53	0.57
Year on year growth in social media audiences for NNZ, ANZ Premiership and Silver Ferns	534,441	490,523

Brand Equity is often referred to as 'brand health' – is a composite measure that tracks familiarity, regard, relevance, and distinctiveness, offering a holistic view of how our brands are perceived and valued. The measure is out of 1 and is measured by Brand Capital International.

Social media: total audience includes the followers on the Netball New Zealand, ANZ Premiership and Silver Ferns Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Fan Reach and Engagement

In 2024 we added TikTok as a social media channel, working towards increasing engagement with a new audience base who are younger. This, combined with a more strategic approach to our content delivery, will support our aim to deliver a significant increase in impressions to our fan bases.

Changes to the ANZ Premiership product meant there were fewer games broadcast in 2025 [32 games versus 47 games in 2024] and the broadcast format also changed. In 2024 all ANZP games were broadcast live on Sky, with a simulcast for Saturday games on TVNZ. In 2025, two games were broadcast live on Sky, with the remaining games being shown live on TVNZ with delayed coverage on Sky.

All Silver Ferns games were broadcast live on Sky Sport and a mixture of live and delayed on Sky Open. There were 12 Silver Fern test matches in 2025 [2024: 11].



System Shift: Funding

Goal: Leverage and promote what we do, building a core capability in being irresistible to funders.

Leveraging and promoting what we do remains central to diversifying and growing Netball's revenue profile – a long-standing strategic priority. A number of measures outlined elsewhere in this Statement of Service Performance will also contribute to this system shift over time.

New revenue opportunities

Securing new sources of revenue is critical to NNZ's long-term sustainability, particularly as the revenue mix for sport continues to evolve beyond traditional streams such as broadcast income and Class 4 societies [organisations that operate gaming machines in pubs and clubs and return a portion of their profits to the community]. Growth in new revenue will be achieved by developing and capitalising on emerging opportunities.

In 2025, NNZ introduced a new revenue initiative through the sale of naming rights to the ANZ Premiership Super Shot, with existing partner Summerset taking up the new property.

In 2024, NNZ diversified into international markets by implementing a paywall on NetballPass, generating offshore revenue and strengthening our digital commercial capability.

System Shift: Partnership

Goal: Successful partnerships inside and outside of Netball that strengthen all aspects of our game.

Partnerships inside and outside of Netball are integral. We must work together to create alignment and strengthen the Netball system. Below are examples of ways in which NNZ worked in partnership with Zones, Centres and external parties to strengthen our game in 2024 and 2025.

Commercial Partners

NNZ welcomed seven new commercial partners in 2025 (2024: two), as well as securing nine renewals (2024: six) with key partners who continue to support our organisation, our competitions, and the Silver Ferns.

ACC NetballSmart

ACC NetballSmart is the official injury prevention programme of NNZ. The ACC programme is delivered in partnership with Zones and Centres and has been operating since November 2017. ACC calculate a Return on Investment (ROI) against key objectives. NNZ achieved an ROI of \$4.54 in 2025 (2024: \$4.01) which exceeded the target of \$3.57 set by ACC across both years.

System Shift: Digital

Goal: Embrace digital transformation and innovation in everything we do.

Measure	2025	2024
Maintain or improve the percentage of Centres using Sporty	88%	94%

The following digital transformations and innovations have taken place:

Sporty: Sporty is our grassroots digital solution for Competition Management of Netball. A working group made up of Centre representatives meet to identify, and work to solve current issues and future developments.

In 2025:

- Implemented:
 - » additional functionality to support a variety of competition formats and administrator rights.
 - » eligibility reports to support Centre rules.
 - » Integration between Sporty and Sportway.
- Developed and planned for:
 - » the ability for Centres to invite clubs or schools from other Centres to enter teams in their competition.
 - » additional national superforms to support Incorporated Society requirements from 2026.

In 2024:

- Developed and implemented Game Day App enhancements and upgrades to AppointMe.
- Planned and worked towards the implementation of additional functionality for a variety of competition formats and eligibility reports to support Centre rules.

Netball's story is one of legacy, strength and impact. From grassroots courts to elite arenas, Netball is fast, intense, and fiercely contested."

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses

for the year ended 30 November 2025

	Notes	NNZ Group 2025 [\$000]	NNZ Group 2024 [\$000]
Revenue from non-exchange transactions			
Grants income		7,437	7,510
Other income		73	1,189
Total Revenue from non-exchange transactions		7,510	8,699
Revenue from exchange transactions			
Broadcast and sponsorship		11,781	14,999
Event revenue		1,888	2,320
NNZ membership		388	473
Zone membership		478	468
Change in market value of investments		225	429
Interest and dividends		116	369
Other revenue		643	1,281
Total Revenue from exchange transactions		15,519	20,339
Total Revenue		23,029	29,038
Expenses			
Elite programmes and events		10,983	12,216
Game development and events		2,468	2,604
Operations		2,622	3,428
Strategic initiatives		227	211
Employee benefits		7,265	7,537
Rental and operating lease expense		513	387
Accounting and audit fees	8	86	65
Depreciation		65	62
Total Expenses		24,229	26,510
Operating Net (Deficit)/Surplus for the year		(1,200)	2,528
Impairment of investment in associate	5.2	(254)	-
Share of loss from associate	5.2	(50)	(23)
Net (Deficit)/Surplus for the year		(1,504)	2,505
Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses		-	-
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses		(1,504)	2,505

These consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accounting policies and notes that follow.

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 November 2025

	Notes	Accum. Funds (\$'000)	Reserves (\$'000)	Total Equity (\$'000)
Balance at 1 December 2023 (under special purpose policies)		5,805	3,722	9,527
Adjustments on transition to PBE Standards RDR		2,681	-	2,681
Restated balance at 1 December 2023		8,486	3,722	12,208
Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses				
Total comprehensive revenue and expenses		2,505	-	2,505
Transfer (to)/from Reserves	11	(1,429)	1,429	-
Total movements for the year		1,076	1,429	2,505
TOTAL EQUITY AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2024		9,562	5,151	14,713
Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses				
Total comprehensive revenue and expenses		(1,504)	-	(1,504)
Transfer (to)/from Reserves	11	360	(360)	-
Total movements for the year		(1,144)	(360)	(1,504)
TOTAL EQUITY AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2025		8,418	4,791	13,209

These consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accounting policies and notes that follow.



Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 November 2025

	Notes	NNZ Group 2025 \$000	NNZ Group 2024 \$000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	14,201	12,783
Inventories		16	-
Receivables from exchange transactions		400	825
Prepayments		285	230
Total Current Assets		14,902	13,838
Investments	7	3,286	4,460
Property, plant and equipment		120	154
Investment in associate	5.2	-	254
Total Non Current Assets		3,406	4,868
TOTAL ASSETS		18,308	18,706
Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	2,893	2,290
Income received in advance	10	1,862	1,424
Employee entitlements		345	279
Total Current Liabilities		5,100	3,993
Total Liabilities		5,100	3,993
Equity			
Reserves	11	4,791	5,151
Accumulated funds		8,418	9,562
Total Equity		13,209	14,713
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		18,308	18,706

These consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accounting policies and notes that follow.

SIGNED FOR ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



Matt Whineray
Chair
5 March 2026



Lynette Rayner
Chair, Audit & Risk Committee
5 March 2026

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

as at 30 November 2025

	Notes	NNZ Group 2025 \$000	NNZ Group 2024 \$000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from grants and fundraising		7,875	5,157
Receipts from membership fees		869	940
Receipts from sponsorship and events		14,391	17,985
Payments to suppliers and employees		[22,977]	[24,073]
Interest Received		117	369
Net cash flows from operating activities		275	378
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property plant and equipment		[31]	[63]
Contribution to associates		[30]	-
Withdrawal/(Purchase) of managed funds		1,204	[199]
Total cash flows from investing activities		1,143	[262]
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1,418	116
Cash Balances			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		12,783	12,667
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1,418	116
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	6	14,201	12,783

These consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accounting policies and notes that follow.



Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 November 2025

1 Reporting Entity

Netball New Zealand Incorporated (NNZ) is an Incorporated Society registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. NNZ is the national body for the sport of Netball in New Zealand. Our role is to promote and administer the Sport of Netball in New Zealand.

The consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes summarise the financial results of activities carried out by NNZ and its Subsidiaries as listed in note 3.3 (together the 'NNZ Group').

The consolidated financial statements for NNZ are for the year ended 30 November 2025. They were authorised for issue by the Board on 5 March 2026.

2 Statement of Compliance

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in NZ ("NZ GAAP"). They comply with Public Benefit Entity International Public Sector Accounting Standards ("PBE IPSAS") and other applicable financial reporting standards as appropriate that have been authorised for use by the External Reporting Board for Not-For-Profit Entities. For the purposes of complying with NZ GAAP, the Group is a public benefit not for profit entity and is eligible to apply Tier 2 Not-For-Profit PBE IPSAS on the basis that it does not have public accountability and it is not defined as large.

The Board has elected to report in accordance with Tier 2 Not-For-Profit PBE Accounting Standards and in doing so has taken advantage of all applicable Reduced Disclosure Regime (RDR) disclosure concessions.

3 Material Accounting Policy Information

The material accounting policy information used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements as set out below have been applied consistently to both years presented in these consolidated financial statements, except as explained in Note 3.2, which addresses changes in accounting policies.

3.1 Basis of Preparation

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost and under the assumption that the NNZ Group will continue to operate as a going concern in the foreseeable future.

3.2 Transition to PBE Standards

These financial statements are the first prepared in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Regime (PBE Standards RDR) issued by the External Reporting Board (XRB). Previously, NNZ Group prepared its financial statements using special purpose accounting policies.

Reason for Transition

The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 requires all incorporated societies to prepare financial statements that comply with accounting standards issued by the XRB. As NNZ Group meets the definition of a Public Benefit Entity (PBE) under the XRB framework, it is required to apply PBE Standards. Based on its size and public accountability, NNZ Group has elected to apply Tier 2 PBE Standards RDR, which allows reduced disclosure requirements.

Date of Transition

NNZ transitioned to PBE Standards RDR on 1 December 2023, which is the beginning of the comparative period.

Impact of Transition

The adoption of PBE Standards RDR has resulted in changes to accounting policies and presentation. The most significant changes include:

- Presentation of financial statements in accordance with PBE IPSAS 1.
- Revenue recognition under PBE IPSAS 9 (Exchange Transactions) and PBE IPSAS 23 (Non-Exchange Transactions).
- Enhanced disclosures for related parties and commitments.

Comparative Information

Comparative figures have been restated to comply with PBE Standards RDR.

Reconciliation of Surplus (Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses)

	2023	2024
Surplus under Special Purpose policies	950	1,898
Adjustments:	2,681	454
Revenue	2,681	301
Revenue Recognition - Value in Kind	-	-
Revenue recognition - income deferred	2,681	454
Other income	-	(153)
Expense	-	(153)
Expense Recognition - Value in Kind	-	-
Share of loss from associate	-	(153)
Surplus/(Deficit) under PBE Standards RDR	3,631	2,505

Reconciliation of Assets and Liabilities [Statement of Financial Position]

	as at 30 November 2023			as at 30 November 2024		
	Previous Framework	Adjustments	PBE Standards RDR	Previous Framework	Adjustments	PBE Standards RDR
Assets						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	12,525	-	12,525	12,783	-	12,783
Receivables	491	-	491	825	-	825
Inventories	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepayments	356	-	356	230	-	230
Investments	4,433	-	4,433	4,460	-	4,460
Investments in Associates	247	-	247	101	153	254
Property, Plant and Equipment	153	-	153	154	-	154
Total Assets	18,205	-	18,205	18,553	153	18,706
Liabilities						
Payables	2,221	-	2,221	2,569	-	2,569
Deferred Revenue	6,457	2,681	9,138	4,559	(3,135)	1,424
Total Liabilities	8,678	2,681	11,359	7,128	(3,135)	3,993
Net Assets/Equity	9,527	(2,681)	6,846	11,425	3,288	14,713

3.3 Functional and Presentational Currency

The consolidated financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars (\$), which is the NNZ Group's functional currency. All numbers presented have been rounded to the nearest dollar, unless otherwise stated.

3.4 Basis of Consolidation

The Group financial statements include the parent (NNZ) and its subsidiaries (New Netball Team Ltd, NLNZ Ltd, WBOP Magic Ltd) and Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone and associate Sportfit NZ Ltd.

The consolidated special purpose financial statements are those of the consolidated entity ('the group'), comprising the financial statements of the parent entity and all of the entities the parent controls. The group controls an entity where it has the power, for which the parent has exposure or rights to variable returns from its involvement with the entity, and for which the parent has the ability to use its power over the entity to affect the amount of its returns.

The financial statements of subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the parent entity, using consistent accounting policies. Adjustments are made to bring into line any dissimilar accounting policies which may exist. All inter-

company balances and transactions, including any unrealised profits or losses have been eliminated on consolidation. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is obtained by the group and cease to be consolidated from the date that control ceases.

3.5 Revenue

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the NNZ Group and revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received. The following specific recognition criteria must be met before revenue is recognised.

Revenue from non-exchange transactions

Non-exchange income is where NNZ Group receives value from another entity without giving approximately equal value in exchange.

Grant Revenue

Grant revenue includes grants received from Gaming Trust funders, Community Trusts and Central and Local Government organisations. Grant revenue is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses when the conditions attached to the grant have been complied with. Where there are unfulfilled conditions attached to the grant, the amount

relating to the unfulfilled condition is recognised as a liability and released to the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense as revenue when the conditions are fulfilled.

When non-exchange revenue is received with restrictions attached, but no requirement to return the asset if not deployed as specified, then revenue is recognised on receipt.

Revenue from exchange transactions

Exchange income is where NNZ Group receives income for services and gives approximately equal value to another entity in exchange.

Broadcast and Sponsorship

Broadcast and sponsorship income is recognised over the period of the contract as the benefits are supplied by NNZ Group.

Sponsorship In Kind

Sponsorship in-kind includes sports apparel and media, and is recognised in revenue and expenses when the goods and services are received. Sponsorships in-kind are measured at their fair value as at the date of the acquisition, ascertained by reference to the expected cost that would be otherwise incurred by the NNZ Group.

Event Revenue

Event Revenue is recognised in the period in which the event takes place.

Membership Fees

Membership fees for the full year are recognised at the earlier of when consideration is received or receivable. Where membership fees are received in advance, the amount is recorded as a liability (income in advance) and recognised as revenue when the membership term occurs.

Interest

Interest income is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method.

3.6 Financial Instruments

Recognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when NNZ Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. This typically occurs on the trade date, which is the date the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset.

Derecognition

A financial asset is derecognised when:

- The contractual rights to receive cash flows from the asset expire or are waived; or
- The Group transfers the rights to receive the contractual cashflows and either:
 - » transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership; or
 - » neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards but has transferred control of the asset

A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, discharged, cancelled, or expires.

Classification and Measurement of Financial Assets

At initial recognition, financial assets are measured at fair value plus transaction costs, unless the asset is classified at fair value through surplus or deficit (FVTSD), in which case transaction costs are expensed immediately.

Subsequent measurement depends on the classification of the financial asset, which is determined based on:

- The Group's business model for managing the financial asset
- The contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset

The Group's financial assets include cash, cash equivalents, investments, receivables from exchange and non-exchange transactions.

Financial assets are classified as below:

a) Amortised Cost

Financial assets are measured at amortised cost if:

- They are held within a business model whose objective is to collect contractual cash flows; and
- The contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal amount outstanding.

These assets are subsequently measured using the effective interest method, less any expected credit loss (ECL) allowance.

Interest income is recognised in surplus or deficit.

b) Fair Value Through Surplus or Deficit (FVTSD)

Financial assets that do not meet the criteria for amortised costs are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognised in surplus or deficit.

This includes investments in managed funds and other equity instruments not held for strategic purposes.

Dividend and interest income from these assets are recognised separately in revenue.

c) Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income (FVTOCI)

Financial assets are classified as FVTOCI if:

- They are held within a business model whose objective is both to collect contractual cash flows and to sell the financial assets; and
- The contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal amount outstanding.

Alternatively, equity instruments not held for trading may be designated at FVTOCI irrevocably at initial recognition, if the Group intends to hold them for strategic purposes.

These assets are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognised in Other Comprehensive Income. For equity instruments, cumulative gains and losses are not recycled to surplus or deficit but may be transferred within equity.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses, and impairment losses or reversals are recognised in surplus or deficit.

Expected Credit Losses (ECL)

The Group applies the expected credit loss model to financial assets measured at amortised cost. ECL's represent the probability-weighted estimate of credit losses over the life of the asset, discounted at the effective interest rate. The Group assesses ECL's at each reporting date, considering historical data, current conditions, and forward-looking information.

Classification and Measurement of Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, unless designated at FVTSD.

The Group's financial liabilities include trade and other payables. These are non-derivative liabilities not held for trading and are measured at amortised cost.

3.7 Investment in Associate

An associate is an entity over which the Group is able to exercise significant influence. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee but is not control or joint control of the entity.

The Group's interests in associates are accounted for using the equity method after initially being recognised at cost. Under the equity method, the Group's share of the profits or losses of the associate is recognised in the Group's Consolidated Statement of Financial Performance. Unrealised gains and losses on transactions between the Group and an associate are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the associate.

3.8 Foreign Currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into New Zealand Dollars (functional currency) at spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated to New Zealand dollars at the exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is recognised in revenue or expenses as part of the surplus or deficit.

3.9 Leases

Payments made under operating leases are recognised in surplus or deficit on a straight line basis over the term of the lease. Leases are classified at their inception as either operating or finance leases based on the economic substance of the agreement so as to reflect the risks and benefits incidental to ownership.

3.10 Income Tax

NNZ is a non-profit body for taxation purposes under section CW 46 of the Income Tax Act 2007 and as such no taxation is payable on the profit for the year.

3.11 Goods and Services Tax

Income, expenditure and assets and liabilities are recognised exclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST), with the exception of accounts receivable and accounts payable which are recognised inclusive of GST, where invoiced.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, Inland Revenue is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cashflows are included in the statement of cashflows on a gross basis and the GST component of cashflows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, Inland Revenue is classified as part of operating cashflows.

4 *Material Accounting Judgements, Estimates and Assumptions*

The preparation of NNZ Group consolidated financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in future periods.

Judgements

In the process of applying NNZ Group accounting policies, management has made the following judgements, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements.

Estimates and Assumptions

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are described below. NNZ Group based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the consolidated financial statements were prepared. Existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments, however, may change due to market changes or circumstances arising beyond the control of the NNZ Group. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur.

Revenue Recognition

Determining whether a grant contains conditions or restrictions

Management exercises significant judgement in determining whether grant agreements received contain conditions that require the return of funds if specified obligations are not met, or whether they contain only restrictions that limit how funds may be used but do not create a return obligation.

In making these assessments, management evaluates each agreement by considering the existence of enforceable return obligations, the specificity and measurability of required outcomes, and NNZ ability to demonstrate compliance with the requirements. Where grant agreements include multiple or complex requirements, further judgement is required to distinguish whether these requirements represent substantive conditions that impact revenue recognition or administrative requirements that do not.

Revenue in Kind – fair value determination

NNZ receives donated goods, volunteer services, and other services in kind that support its operations.

Management applies significant judgement in assessing whether the donated goods or services provide future economic benefits or service potential and whether their fair value can be measured reliably.

When revenue in kind is recognised, management estimates its fair value using observable market prices for comparable goods or services, quoted rates from suppliers or professional service providers, or replacement cost when market evidence is not readily available. This process involves further judgement in identifying relevant market data, assessing the quality and condition of donated goods, and determining whether donated services are sufficiently specialised and would otherwise have required payment.

5 Group Structure

5.1 Subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of Netball New Zealand Incorporated and the subsidiaries listed below. Subsidiaries are entities controlled, directly or indirectly, by Netball New Zealand Incorporated. All entities have the same reporting date.

Name of Entity	Classification	Interest Held	
		2025	2024
NLNZ Limited	Subsidiary	100%	100%
WBOP Magic Limited	Subsidiary	100%	100%
New Netball Team Limited	Subsidiary	100%	100%
Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone Inc	Under Administration	100%	100%

NLNZ Ltd operates the Mainland Tactix Netball Team, WBOP Magic Ltd operates the Magic Netball Team and New Netball Team Ltd operates the Stars Netball Team.

Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone Inc

In November 2020, Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty was placed into administration due to financial hardship. The Netball New Zealand Board determined that Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty (WBOP) Zone will remain under NNZ administration until the changes to the Incorporated Societies Act are fully implemented. A new constitution was approved by the members on 18 October 2025, but will not be enacted until the Zone has been re-registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. The new constitution has transitional clauses to allow for election of a WBOP Zone Board.

After the WBOP Zone AGM and once a Board has been appointed, the WBOP Zone will come out of administration. As previously determined, NNZ has control over the WBOP Zone and as a result their financial statements are consolidated within the Group financial statements.

5.2 Investments in Associates

	NNZ Group 2025 \$000	NNZ Group 2024 \$000
Opening Balance	254	247
Contribution	50	30
Share of Deficit	[50]	[23]
Impairment	[254]	
Investments in Associates	-	254

The Investment in Associates is a 50% share in Sportfit Limited Partnership. The Equity method has been applied in accounting for investments in associates. During the current year, Sportfit Limited Partnership ceased operations, giving rise to the impairment recorded.

6 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	NNZ Group 2025 \$000	NNZ Group 2024 \$000
Cash at Bank	13,938	12,501
Cash Equivalents	263	282
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	14,201	12,783

NNZ has an undrawn overdraft facility of \$200,000 (2024: \$200,000 undrawn).

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and at banks, held at call with financial institutions.

7 Investments

	NNZ Group 2025 \$000	NNZ Group 2024 \$000
Non-current assets		
Equity securities	892	1,253
Debt instruments	2,394	3,207
Total non-current equity investments	3,286	4,460
Reconciliation		
Opening balance	4,460	4,050
Add: Contributions	20	-
Less: Withdrawals	[1,400]	-
Less: Service fee	[19]	[19]
Fair value gains/[losses]	225	429
Closing balance	3,286	4,460

Fair value hierarchy – equity investments

Fair Value Hierarchy Level	NNZ Group 2025 \$000	NNZ Group 2024 \$000
Level 1	-	-
Level 2	3,286	4,460
Level 3	-	-

All investments are fair valued through the statement of comprehensive revenue and expenses.

8 Auditor Remuneration

	NNZ Group 2025 \$000	NNZ Group 2024 \$000
Audit of the consolidated financial statements	81	60
Other assurance services	5	5
Total Auditor Remuneration	86	65

9 Trade and Other Payables

	NNZ Group 2025 \$000	NNZ Group 2024 \$000
Trade payables	1,041	654
GST payable	[43]	[65]
Accruals	1,895	1,701
Trade and Other Payables	2,893	2,290

Revenue is deferred and recognised as a liability when it relates to a specific event or project. Revenue is recognised when the conditions have been satisfied.

10 Income Received in Advance

	NNZ Group 2025 \$000	NNZ Group 2024 \$000
Broadcast and Sponsorship	966	356
Funding and Grants	896	1,068
Current Revenue received in Advance	1,862	1,424

Revenue is deferred and recognised as a liability when it relates to a specific event or project. Revenue is recognised when the conditions have been satisfied.

11 Reserves

	Poipoia Reserve \$000	Intl. Reserve \$000	Total Reserves \$000
Total equity at 1 December 2024	3,922	1,229	5,151
Transfer to/(from) Reserves	-	(360)	(360)
Total Movements for the year	-	(360)	(360)
Total equity at 30 November 2025	3,922	869	4,791

	Poipoia Reserve \$000	Intl. Reserve \$000	Total Reserves \$000
Total equity at 1 December 2023	2,922	800	3,722
Transfer to/(from) Reserves	1,000	429	1,429
Total Movements for the year	1,000	429	1,429
Total equity at 30 November 2024	3,922	1,229	5,151

Poipoia Reserve

This reserve was established to achieve strategic priorities. No transfers were made to or from this reserve in 2025. [2024: \$1,000,000 transferred to reserves].

International (Intl.) Teams Reserve

This reserve was established to support international campaigns. In 2025 \$360,000 was transferred out of the reserve to fund the U21 Youth World Cup campaign in Gibraltar [2024: \$429,000 was transferred into the reserve].

12 Commitments

	NNZ Group 2025 \$000	NNZ Group 2024 \$000
Commitments under non-cancellable operating leases		
Not later than one year	347	456
Later than one year and not later than 8 years	1,236	1,136
Total operating lease commitments	1,583	1,592

13 Related Party Transactions

The Group received Commercial support services from a current Board member during the year. The total value of services was \$15,544 [2024: nil]. As of year end, no amount was owed for these services.

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel, as defined by PBE IPSAS 20 Related Party Disclosures, are the members of the governing body. The Board, Chief Executive Officer and Senior Management constitute the governing body of NNZ. The aggregate remuneration of key management personnel and the number of individuals, determined on a full-time basis, receiving remuneration is as follows:

Key Management Remuneration

	Remuneration Paid	
	2025 \$000	2024 \$000
Directors	102	99
Senior Management	1,494	1,441

The Chief Executive Officer and Executive team consists of eight full-time equivalent employees [2024: eight].

14 Guarantee and Contingencies

There were no Guarantees or Contingencies for 2025. [2024: nil]

15 Subsequent Events

There have been no events subsequent to balance date that would have a material impact on the Consolidated Financial Statements [2024: nil].

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