

Ninety First Annual Report 2024



91st ANNUAL REPORT OF NELSON NETBALL CENTRE

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Chairperson and General Manager Report 2024

Governance

The Nelson Netball Board is a seven-person governance Board with up to three elected and four appointed members.

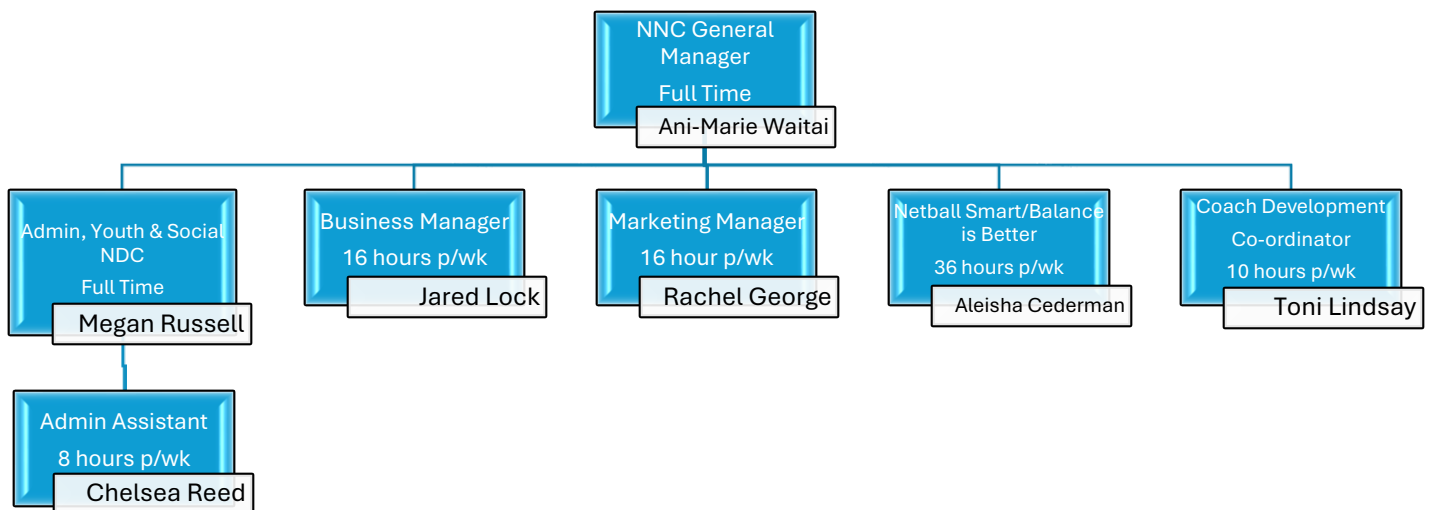
Paul Egan completed his term with the Board at the start of this year and we thank him for the contributions he made during his time on the Board. Myron Elkington and Sarah Frost complete their co-opted positions, and both put in applications to join the Board. Myron and Sarah were both successful with their application and at the first Board Meeting following the AGM Olivia Martyn was re-elected to Chair.

Nelson Netball Centre 2024 Board:

- Chair - Olivia Martyn, appointed
- Lisa Charles, elected
- Leanne Cook, elected
- Gordon Shaw, appointed
- Sarah Frost, appointed
- Myron Elkington, elected
- One vacancy

Throughout the year Myron unfortunately had to resign from the Board. The Board co-opted Kristy Giles to replace Myron. Late in the year, the Board also co-opted Mel Gordon to fill the one vacant spot. Lisa Charles also resigned from the board in November. Alison Sheppard was co-opted in replacement. These are your representatives and are here to serve our netball community. After the 2024 AGM (held in February of 2025) Olivia, Leanne, and Gordon will finish their current term on the board. Thank you to all our Board Members who volunteer their time to ensure our Netball Community thrive.

Nelson Netball Staff Organisational Chart



Nelson Netball Centre Staff



*Back Row (L-R) Megan Russell, Chelsea Reed,
Ani-Marie Waitai, Toni Lindsay*

Front Row (L-R) Rachel George, Aleisha Cederman

Not pictured: Jared Lock

Our 2024 Nelson Netball Board



*Back Row (L-R) Myron Elkington, Gordon Shaw,
Sarah Frost*

*Front Row (L-R) Olivia Martyn (Chair), Lisa Charles,
Leanne Cook*

*Not pictured: Melanie Gordon, Alison Sheppard and
Kristy Giles*



Staff and Management

The 2024 year saw a couple of changes within the management and staff of Nelson Netball. Megan Russell joined the team as the Administrator, Youth & Social Netball Development Co-ordinator. Toni Lindsay was welcomed onboard in April 2024 into the Coach Development Co-Ordinator role. Also, in April we welcomed Chelsea Reed into the Administration Assistant role for the season. We were excited to have a full team heading into 2024.

Nelson Netball also wishes to thank Jared Lock (Business Manager) and Aleisha Cederman (NetballSmart/BIB Centre Activator) for their continued expertise and support throughout the 2024 season. In November of 2024 we saw Jared Lock resign from his position as Business Manager. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his huge contribution to the Nelson Netball Community. We wish him all the best for his future endeavours. In November we welcomed Monique Clayworth to the team as the new Business Manager. We are excited with the expertise she will bring to the role, and we look forward to working alongside her.

Netball Community

Congratulations to everyone involved in making the 2024 netball season a great success. Thank you especially to all the members of our Netball Community who have contributed in some way to our sport: coaches, umpires, managers, selectors, technical officials, committee members, administrators, volunteers, and supporters. We are very lucky to have such an engaged and supportive community here in Nelson.

A special 'thank you' to our Patroness, Geraldine Hodgson, our Life Members, and our Service Award Holders. Your support, involvement, and ongoing contribution to netball in our region is incredible and we thank you for all that you have done and continue to do. Sadly, in July of 2024 we lost a stalwart of our Netball Community - our Patroness Geraldine Hodgson. We send our deepest sympathies to all her family and friends. She will be dearly missed in the Netball Community.

At the 2023 AGM held in February 2024, Nelson Netball recognised the contribution made by Joy Dickens and Steph Trevena to Netball in the region. Both ladies subsequently received a Nelson Netball Service Award. There was no hesitation in passing these nominations and recognising all the work that both have put into the region and community. Congratulations to Joy and Steph on your Service Award.



We would also like to acknowledge Maree Smith (pictured left) on her Life Membership award. Unfortunately, Maree was unable to attend the AGM, but a small gathering was held for her post season where she was presented with her award and congratulated by the Netball Community. Thank you, Maree for all you have done and continue to do for the Nelson Netball Community, an award thoroughly deserved.

Nelson Netball also wishes to congratulate Marilyn Milne (pictured below right) for her Kings Service Medal (KSM). Marilyn has dedicated much of her life to Netball, and we are very lucky to have her wealth of knowledge as a part of our community. An award thoroughly deserved. Well done Marilyn, we are so proud of your amazing achievement.



The following pages outline the achievements and successes within the Nelson Netball Centre during 2024. Nelson Netball continue to look forward ensuring we keep up with the demands of our community. We thank our dedicated Board, our staff, our committee members along with all our treasured volunteers to "Grow the Lifelong Love of Netball".



Olivia Martyn
Board Chair



Ani-Marie Waitai
General Manager



Mrs Marilyn Milne, of Nelson, KSM, for services to netball.



In Loving Memory of Geraldine Hodgson

In July 2024, the Nelson Netball Community was deeply saddened by the passing of our beloved patroness, Geraldine Hodgson. Geraldine's name is synonymous with dedication, passion, and unwavering service to the sport she loved. Alongside her husband Ray, she played a pivotal role in the relocation of netball from the Para Para Road courts to Saxton Field, a legacy that continues to benefit the community today.

For decades, Geraldine's presence at the netball courts was a constant. She was the first to arrive and the last to leave, tirelessly ensuring everything was ready for players, officials, and supporters. From 1960 to 1965, she proudly represented Nelson as a player and later took on leadership roles that cemented her place in the history of Nelson Netball. She served as President from 1985 to 1995 before being named Patroness in 1999.

Beyond her leadership roles, Geraldine was an accomplished umpire, officiating games at the national level and giving her time generously to local games every Saturday. Her contributions extended beyond netball, as she was also a talented representative cricketer.

Geraldine's impact on the community wasn't limited to her sporting achievements. For those fortunate enough to know her personally, she was the embodiment of kindness, generosity, and love. Her family and friends were at the heart of everything she did, and she made sure everyone felt cared for and valued.

In 1998, the pre-season tournament that heralds the start of the netball season was fittingly named the Geraldine Hodgson Festival in her honour. This cherished event continues to draw teams from across the region, a testament to her enduring legacy.

Geraldine's passing leaves a profound void, but her contributions, both on and off the court, will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. We honour her memory with gratitude and love, and her influence will forever be woven into the fabric of the Nelson Netball Community.

Until we meet again, Geraldine. Your legacy will never be forgotten.



Left: Geraldine and long-time friend Sue Dahlberg



Left: Geraldine pictured watching the festival day outside at Saxton



Pictured left: Geraldine's daughter Raewyn Brenton and Granddaughter Amy Mcilroy who joined us for Finals Day 2024



Left: Geraldine with some of the players from Jacks Netball Club and the Mens team at the pre-season festival day



NNZ & Mainland Netball Report 2024

Nelson Netball General Manager and the Board Chair have spent the past few years strengthening their relationship with Mainland Netball and Netball New-Zealand. Below is a list of all the areas in which we have engaged with them to ensure the growth of Netball within our region.

- Incorporated Societies Act compliance – updates and guidelines to Centres and Boards for the upcoming changes.
- Facilitation and continued funding for the Top of the South Partnership Agreement between Nelson, Marlborough, and Motueka Netball Centres
- Relationships with key funders and sponsors – NZCT, The Lion Foundation, Cadbury etc
- Cadbury Volunteer of the Month promotions
- Centre Connect Hui for Centres in the Mainland Zone
- Funding & provision of resources for a NetballSmart/Balance is Better Centre Activator. NNZ access some funding from ACC and SNZ towards this. Without both these partnerships and the development of the NNZ programmes, NNC would not be able to access this funding.
- Free Sporty membership platform and functionality
- Centre Capability support and advice available to both NNC staff and Board
- Monthly Mainland Centre meetings
- Funding HQ partnership
- Monthly 1:1 meeting with The Mainland Relationship Manager
- CCA 1 and 2 workshops delivered across the top of the south region.
- Upskilling of Umpire Coach Facilitator to deliver the new rule roll out sessions in our Centre
- Regular partnership review meetings throughout the year
- Regional Talent Spotters – Nominations sent into Mainland panel.
- End of year partnership review with all three centres – Nelson, Marlborough and Motueka – facilitated by Mainland Netball Staff
- Constitutional and Regulatory compliance
- Numerous online workshop opportunities across all zones
- Marketing/Promotional material for various programmes and initiatives
- Support and development opportunities for Representative team management at tournaments
- Support and guidance for NNC in relation to the Roof Project
- Total value: Approximately 75k
- NNC members paid a total of \$38,130.00 in membership fees to NNZ and Mainland Zone



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Community Engagement – NNC enter the Santa Parade 2024

In a first for NNC, the team entered the 2024 Richmond Santa Parade. With the Bowater Toyota Netball car as the perfect float, the team worked hard to put together a truly incredible display in under two weeks. Along with staff there was a huge presence from volunteers, representing all NNC has to offer - Walking Netball, futureFERNs, Representative teams, Game Officials, Coaches, Men and boys netball along with our extended family. It was a great opportunity to come together, celebrate and share our passion with the wider community. We had buckets of candy to hand out, along with flyers showcasing all we have on offer. Although we did not come away with a placing, the team and volunteers had the most amazing day. We are all looking forward to being involved again in 2025.



NBS Premier Netball Competition



The NBS Premier Netball Competition continues to be a cornerstone of elite netball in our region, showcasing exceptional talent, fostering community engagement, and contributing to the growth of the sport.

The 2024 season was particularly noteworthy, marked by thrilling matches, two-point shots, and notable achievements both on and off the court.



Season Structure

- The 2024 season was held indoors at Saxton Stadium, with games played on Thursday evenings. Match times were scheduled at 6:15pm and 7:45pm, providing a consistent and engaging framework for players and spectators alike.
- First Round: Fast7 format, which featured two-point shots, rolling substitutions, and enhanced player development opportunities.
- Second and Third Rounds: Competitive play, leading to the season's finals.
- Season Commenced on Thursday 2nd May
- No Play on 30th May (the Thursday before Kings Birthday weekend) and 18th July (Second week of School holidays)
- Promotion/Relegation game was held on Sunday 21st July
- Finals Format. The top-seeded team advanced directly to the Grand Final. The second- and third-seeded teams faced off in a preliminary final on Thursday 29th August, to secure a spot in the Grand Final.



Season Highlights

- **Fast7 Round:** The season's opening Fast7 Round brought energy and innovation to the competition. This modified format introduced two-point shots, rolling substitutions, and a focus on player development. While points from these games did not count toward the main competition, they added excitement and featured the awarding of the Fast7 trophy for the season.
- **Challenge Game:** An annual pre-season highlight is the challenge for the sixth spot in the Premier competition. Teams from the Senior 1 grade can express interest in competing, with a round-robin tournament held at the Geraldine Hodgson Festival if multiple teams apply. In 2024, Stoke NBS submitted an expression of interest. They faced the bottom-seeded Premier side, Prices Waimea Pango, in a fiercely contested match. Stoke NBS emerged victorious, securing their place in the Premier competition for the 2024 season.
- **Tasman Trophy:** 2024 saw the resurrection of the Tasman Trophy. The top two premier teams in Nelson played off against the top two premier teams in Marlborough. Nelson was represented by Jacks OPD and Richmond F45 while Marlborough was represented by Pelorus Edridge Contracting and Harlequins Totalspan. Each team played both opponents from the other side of the hill, with Pelorus coming away as the only unbeaten team. Thank you to Marlborough Netball for hosting. Nelson Netball look forward to hosting in 2025.
- **Congratulations to Prices Waimea Ahurei – 2024 Grand Final Champions.**



2024 NBS Premier Competition Teams:

- Prices Waimea Ahurei
- Jacks OPD
- Richmond F45
- Nelson College for Girls
- FCL Mens
- Stoke NBS



Senior and Collegiate Winter Netball Competition

The Saturday Winter Netball Competition provided a dynamic platform for players of all levels to engage in the sport during the colder months. The 2024 season focused on inclusivity, skill development, and fostering a competitive yet supportive environment. With strong community participation and exciting matches, the competition played a crucial role in keeping the netball spirit alive during the colder months.

Season Structure:

The 2024 Season was held across two venues – Indoors at the Saxton Stadium and Outside at the Saxton Netball Courts. 2024 saw the collegiate 4 grade head indoors for the season. Senior grades 1-6 and Collegiate grades 1-4 play inside. Collegiate 5-10 and all Year 5-8 teams play outside.

Team Numbers:

Collegiate Grades – A total of 10 grades (Collegiate 10 grade was split into two pools) with 62 teams competing.

Senior Grades – A total of 6 grades with 33 teams competing.

Senior and Collegiate 1-4 Grades

Season Format:

- **Three Rounds**
- **Start Date:** May 4th
- **No Play Days:**
 - June 1st (King's Birthday weekend)
 - June 29th (Matariki weekend)
 - July 13th (middle weekend of the school holidays)
- **Double Header Weekend:**
 - Back-to-back games were held on Saturday, June 22nd, and Sunday, June 23rd, to ensure the season concluded before the South Island Secondary Schools (SISS) tournament.

Promotion Relegation Games:

- **Dates:** Sunday June 9th and Sunday July 21st
- **Structure:**
 - A match between the bottom-placed Premier team and a Senior 1 team.
 - A match between the lowest-ranked Collegiate team within the senior grades and the top Collegiate 1 team. Participation in this game is optional and decided by the Collegiate 1 team. The goal of this match is to foster a development pathway for Collegiate teams.
 - All other grades follow automatic promotion and relegation.

Grade composition:

- Each grade comprised of six teams, except for:
 - Senior Grade 5, which had five teams.
 - Senior Grade 6, which had four teams.



Collegiate 5-10 Grades

Season Format:

- **Two Rounds**
- **Start Date:** May 4th
- **No Play Days:**
 - June 1st (King's Birthday weekend)
 - June 29th (Matariki weekend)
 - July 13th and July 20th (middle and last weekends of the school holidays)

Promotion Relegation:

- **Date:** Sunday, June 9th
- **Structure:**
 - A promotion-relegation game between the bottom-placed Collegiate 4 team and the top-seeded Collegiate 5 team. This game is required as it involves movement between indoor and outdoor grades, which carry additional costs and responsibilities.
 - All other grades follow automatic promotion and relegation.

Semi-Finals:

- **Structure:**
 - Semi-finals were introduced for the outdoor grades due to the two-round format.
 - Matchups: 1st vs. 4th, 2nd vs. 3rd, and 5th vs. 6th.

Finals Day:

- **Date:** August 17th
- **Format:**
 - All teams participated in Finals Day.
 - Matchups: 1st vs. 2nd, 3rd vs. 5th, and 4th vs. 6th.

Grade composition:

- Each grade consisted of six teams.
- Collegiate 10 was divided into two groups with a total of eight teams.

The 2024 Winter Netball Competition demonstrated the enduring popularity and significance of netball in our community. By emphasising participation, development, and competition, the season not only strengthened the grassroots level but also ensured a vibrant pathway for aspiring players. Looking ahead, plans are already underway to expand the competition further and introduce more opportunities for engagement.



Youth & Social Development Co-ordinator

Where To From Here

Woolworths futureFERNs

futureFERN Coach Workshops (Year 1-8)

Prior to the season commencing, NNC offered four coaching workshops on a Tuesday and Wednesday evening (30th April and 1st May). Due to low uptake, we ended up only running one workshop for Year 1-4. Year 1&2 (5 coaches), Year 3&4 (21 coaches), Year 5&6 (32 coaches), Year 7&8 (29 coaches) with some attending multiple sessions. This provided a great platform for not only connecting with coaches but to gather their contact details. This enabled us to communicate with them directly. Many thanks to both Aleisha Cederman & Sarah Rankin for facilitating these sessions.

Year 1 & 2

The feedback from last year was that people wanted a longer season for this age group. As a result, NNC extended to six weekly sessions instead of four. Year 1 & 2's played on Tuesday afternoons from 3:45pm – 4:45pm, inside Saxton Stadium. We had a total of 22 teams registered in 2024, consistent with 2023 numbers. On the whiteboard we had the session plan for the week. We created a template for the draw to make it easier for teams to find their court. A meeting was held with the coaches/parents at the start of Week 1. We went through the outline and guidelines for the sessions. A central timer was used, along with a microphone for ease of communication. Equipment was distributed while the teams were warming up which help prevent gear from going missing. Thanks to Aleisha Cederman for overseeing the running of this programme week to week along with the support of Ani-Marie Waitai.

Next Step:

Next year we want to increase the uptake of people attending these sessions. Moving forward we are looking to change the delivery format to be more interactive, game day focused and practical, along with the same important information already included. A review will be conducted as to the best time hold these sessions to maximise participation.

Next Step:

NNC will continue to offer more face-to-face coaching workshops prior to the season. We will continue to hold coach and parent meetings at the start of Week 1 to better prepare and set expectations. NNC would like to hold a Festival Day to celebrate Year 1 and 2 futureFERNs.



New Pink 'Let Them Play' Vests



Year 3 & 4

The Year 3 & 4 futureFERN programme was split over two days to accommodate schools, individuals and encourage maximum participation. This programme ran on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:45pm – 4:45pm for a duration of 8 weeks. (7th May – 25th June). 2024 saw 30 teams registered for this age group, the same number as 2023. It is great to see consistency in numbers. Teams travel as far as Murchison to be part of this competition. Pre-game music was a huge hit this year. Song requests proved very popular and were a really nice way to connect. The Tamariki really enjoyed having tunes to warm up to and add to the positive energy. Weekly coaching emails were continued, providing direction and clarity for coaches. As in previous years the emails contained the weeks focus, coaching goals, a PDF, and video links of each activity. The Festival Day is always a hit, and this year was no different. The theme was Disco! It was great to see the amount of effort that went into costumes and banners. Prizes were awarded for Best Banner & Best Dressed. At the start of the season Kent Perry marked permanent lines on the courts for their games. This has saved a huge amount of time each week (and back breaking work) from having to draw the lines with chalk. Many thanks Kent. In April we received 50 new size 4 balls to replace some of the older balls that were nearing the end of their life. The new equipment was greatly appreciated.

Year 5 & 6

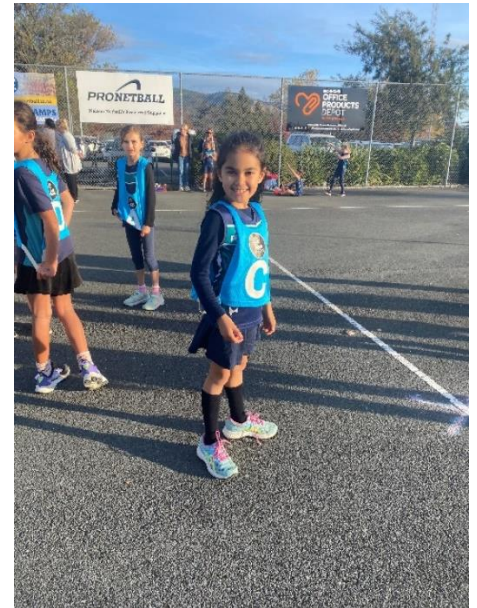
With no cancellations this year we were able to deliver the full 10 Weeks of Year 5 & 6 futureFERN netball. With 40 teams registered it was set to be a great season. We had a greater presence of sideline support this year, along with new signage and bright pink vests with the message – ‘Let Them Play’. Announcements from the games office were full of positivity and reminders of the expectations. Year 5 & 6 games ran at the same time each Saturday - 9am and 10:15am respectively. Music in the morning was an added bonus! The teams loved warming up to the tunes.

The Festival Day was loads of fun with lots of effort put into banners and costumes. ‘Disco’ was the theme and did not disappoint. Big thanks to Kori the Penguin from CLM for being our special guest and leading the parade. MORE FM contributed hugely to the success of the day. With a music station set up they played songs, made announcements, played games and had giveaways.

NNC currently provide dots, bibs and umpires for this age group.

Next Step:

NNC aims to grow team numbers in this program through development opportunities.



Next Step:

To continue connecting with and supporting coaches. NNC wishes to personally meet with School Sports Coordinators to put a face to the name and develop relationships. NNC are committed to growing numbers in this space.



Henley Kiwis ‘Most Creative Banner’





Above: Enner Glynn Tactix 'Best Dressed'

Below: Best Banner prize box



Above: Best Dressed prize box

Below: The teams in action on festival day!



Above: Kori Leads the Year 5&6 Festival Parade



Year 7 & 8

The Year 7 & 8 program runs on a Saturday for 12 weeks. Starting on the 4th of May and finishing on the 17th of August. This year, we had a total of 42 teams. A decrease of two teams from 2023. The emphasis for this programme is converting the fundamental movement and basic netball skills to foundation netball skills. Both on court and sideline behaviour continues to be a focus. NNC is committed to making this a positive experience for players and supporters alike.

futureFERN Umpires

2024 has seen a big increase in Junior Umpires, especially in the futureFERN space. We had 57 registered, up from 44 last year. Hana Borgfeldt has been invaluable in the futureFERN umpire space. Organising the draw each week, preparing and educating our young umpires. Hana is here every Saturday morning to meet the umpires prior to their game and ensure they are set-up for success and feel supported. The umpires are equipped with yellow cards giving them confidence to manage behaviour if needed. NNC would also like to extend their appreciation to Alan Henderson who works alongside Hana to upskill these budding umpires. Also, a huge thank-you to Sally Paki Paki. Year after year Sally invests her time to help support and progress our College and Development umpires. We look forward to watching our umpires continue their growth in 2025.



This year to thank our futureFERN umpires we put on a feast from Domino's, along with drinks (juice). Each umpire received a card with some goodies presented in a cellophane bag (RIGHT PIC)

Next Step:

2025 will see a transitional programme for those transitioning to the seven-a-side game. We hope this will enable greater understanding, assist with a smoother transition and alleviate the stress of learning new rules and court positions. NNC is committed to a greater courtside presence, along with strengthening relationships with sports coordinators.

Next Step:

There is a big plan currently being undertaken to increase the overall standard and quality of umpiring. The futureFERN umpires are set to benefit tremendously from this. This will include more training for overall understanding and success. NNC wants to nurture and develop our futureFERN umpires to retain them, and give them direction for a sense of achievement for all over success of the game.



Social Leagues

Walking Netball

Walking Netball runs (not literally) every Tuesday from 10:45am – 11:45am during term time. This programme has a steady stream of regulars, along with new people joining in most weeks. This programme offers a low impact alternative for those who want to remain in the game, yet the running and jumping is too much for their joints. We follow the same format each week beginning with the NetballSmart Warm-Up, Ball Skills, then a game (4x 8-minute quarters). Each term we have an exchange with Motueka Netball Centre. Twice a year we travel to them and twice a year they travel to us. Each exchange is topped off with a delicious morning tea contributed by all those involved. We were fortunate enough to be able to loan the Bowater Community van last time and offer transport for those who required it. Fees increased from \$3 to \$5 in 2024 to cover court hire, admin and delivery.

Walking Netball is wonderful and social, there are lots of laughs, everyone is very accepting and welcoming. Numbers consistently hit 15-20 people on average each week and we have a mix of both men and women. This year we were able to offer Walking Netball T-Shirts to those who were keen. They look sharp and the team are really enjoying them. Thanks to Kent Perry for designing these for us.

This year we got a full page spread in 'BEST LIFE' magazine. A real highlight. This was great to highlight the benefits of Walking Netball and get the word out in our community. We were also part of the Positive Ageing Expo. Thanks to our members who took turns running the stall for us.

Next Step:

NNC are committed to growing Walking Netball in 2025. Through advertising, word of mouth and resources in the community. We are looking to find a partner for sponsorship.



Annette, Dawn & Kathy showcase the new t-shirts



Revamped Walking Netball Poster for 2024



Twilight League

Our Twilight Netball League is played on Tuesday nights during Summer for 8 weeks. Games times were 6:15pm and 7:15pm. This league has a strong emphasis on players having fun with their friends and family. The competition ran over two blocks. The first block ran from 31st January - 21st March, with a total of 46 teams (10 Ladies Only, 36 Mixed). The second block ran from 15th October - 10th of December with a total of 55 teams. NNC would like to thank McCashin's for the pizza vouchers kindly donated. They were greatly received by the teams. House Of Travel came to the party during the Jan-March League, sponsoring us to gift back the registration fee to a selected team (worth \$280). Congratulations to Mixed Bag! Teams enjoy getting in the spirit by dressing up, having fun and enjoying the social atmosphere.

For Block 2 (October – December) NNC introduced a Youth League incorporating both Intermediate and College teams. The idea behind this initiative is based around player safety. With the Adult League having a minimum age of 16 introduced as we didn't want the young ones missing out. Creating a league for youth is a way to keep them involved and safe.

A total of 5 College Teams and 7 Intermediate teams entered the 2024 competition. NNC would once again like to extend a big thank you o McCashin's for the pizza vouchers. (20 in total for the year). These are being used to promote Good Sportsmanship across our Social Leagues.

October – December saw the greatest number of teams ever enter Twilight, with a grand total of 55. (10 Ladies Only, 33 Mixed Teams), alongside the youth league (12 teams). This has been a real highlight. NNC would like to thank Hana Borgfelt, Poppy Taggart and members of the NNC Board, all of whom have volunteered their time to help support in the games office.

Next Step:

NNC are committed to both maintaining and growing the adult league through great experiences. We would love to see the Youth League grow with lots of room to expand in the 5:15pm time slot. The feedback received suggests the youth are really enjoying the opportunity to play socially and have fun. Some resurfacing maintenance of the courts is in discussion, particularly around the blue goal areas which can become slippery when wet.



TWILIGHT
Summer Netball League - Youth
Intermediate (Year 7&8) & Collegiate Grades (Year 9-11)
Tuesday Evenings (Outside) - 6:15pm & 7:15pm
15th October - 3rd December
(8 Weeks)
Registrations close 8th October 2024
nelsonnetball.co.nz OR email development@nelsonnetball.co.nz



Winter Social

Our Winter Social League ran in two blocks with each block consisting of 8 weeks. Block 1 ran from 9th May - 27th June and Block 2, 25th July - 12th September. Both blocks hit capacity at 24 teams per block. Games ran at 6pm, 6:50pm, 7:40pm and 8:30pm. This year NNC tightened up around player safety protocols and on court etiquette. Reminders were sent with weekly emails, along with pre-game checks and placing laminated reminders (see right) on the team benches. Most teams were respectful of this.



Next Step:

With restrictions around court availability, NNC strive to continue to hit capacity along with implementing the social netball etiquette for a more positive experience for all involved. NNC will investigate whether we can expand the programme to offer two more team spots per block.

Social Netball Etiquette

Thank you for signing up to play in our Social Netball league!

Please remove ALL jewellery, including caps!

All teams MUST provide an umpire. This umpire MUST have a whistle.

Please wear appropriate footwear!

Ensure nails are cut to an appropriate length.

POSITIVE VIBES ONLY!!

Thanks for your cooperation & understanding!



Friday Indoor Competitive League

NNC are delighted to offer a Friday Night Competitive Netball League aimed at Premier and Senior 1-4 players. This ran at the start of the year from 9th Feb-15th March with a total of six teams involved. We were able to generate enough interest to run another round post season which ran 18th October - 29th November with six teams entered. This competition is mixed grade and is played inside Saxton Stadium at 6:15pm over six weeks. Round one is a great lead in to the start of the season for conditioning, fitness and preparation.



Competition Winners Pic 'n' Mix. (BLOCK 1)

Next Step:

NNC is excited to implement a fresh approach in 2025! Friday nights will now see a FAST5 Competition in place of the Friday Competitive League. This opens things up for more people to be involved (instead of just prem and senior 1-3). It will still be a competitive league along with being a great opportunity to target pre-season fitness and conditioning.

Competition Winners Scrambled Legs (BLOCK 2)



Development Programmes

Holiday Programmes Year 5-8

NNC are pleased to deliver holiday programmes again for Years 5-8. This season, we ran programmes in April and July. Our July programme proving to be the most popular with over 100 Tamariki registered. The programme ran on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with Year 7-8 from 9:00am-12:00pm, and Year 5-6 from 1:00pm-4:00pm. NNC partnered up with The Food Factory in the April holidays. An add on for any year 7 and 8 interested.

The importance of the NetballSmart warm-up and warm-down is delivered as part of the programme. Along with a nutritional component which also included the Tamariki making their own snack. July, we made energy balls and April fruit skewers.

NNC partnered up with the CLM Chill Out Holiday Programme in the October holidays. Three teams rotated around three different sports allowing us the opportunity to showcase netball across various ages. Thanks to Morgan Charlett for volunteering her time to help deliver our netball programme.



Next Step:

Our Holiday Programmes are very popular events on our calendar. NNC strives to continue to make these inclusive, fun and interactive while growing numbers.

We would like to thank the following head coaches - Tracey Rayner, Steph Trevena, Morgan Charlett and Chelsea Reed. NNC would also like to thank the following helpers from our U16 representative teams. Abi Day, Ayva Waikare-Duncan, Fern Backhouse-Smith, Madeleine Jolly, Georgia Heaphy, Emma Bascand, Tatiana Makea, Sabia Longman, Chali Routhan, Abby Morris, Mia Cliffe. Also a massive thank-you to Hollie John, Rosa Wilson, Giorgia Dublonovic (Nelson College for Girls) and Sophie Rankin (Garin College) for their help in supporting the Holiday Programmes. For these programmes to be successful, we rely heavily on our volunteers. In 2025, we will continue to upskill our volunteers through relevant content and resources. NNC aims to further dedicate growing our volunteer base.

NNC would like to extend a huge thank you to the businesses who got behind our Holiday Programme with great give-aways and delicious treats. PC Eateries, Luv'ya Apples, Indoor Action Sports Centre & Pro-Karts.



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Player Development Programmes (PDP)

In 2024 we offered a player development programme for Year 7 & 8 students. We had 50 rangatahi register. The focus of this programme is on the technical and tactical elements of netball, along with athlete development and fundamental movement skills. NNC would like to extend a huge thank you to the coaches who helped us deliver this programme. Simon Duncan, Robyn Leonard, Steph Trevena & Aleisha Cederman (Netball Smart). We are excited to offer this programme again in 2025, along with extending it to college rangatahi.

Inter-School Post-Season Festival (Year 5-8)

Inter school festivals are a fun and inclusive way to wrap up the season for Tamariki. We had a total of 34 year 5-6 teams entered and 16 year 7-8. Festival days are a great opportunity for players to have fun in a mixed grade environment. It was awesome to see lots of boys also keen go be involved. Year 5-6 ran on Tuesday 6th August, with year 7-8 a week later on the 13th August. Each team played three games across the board, with year 5-6 playing 4x 6-minute quarters and year 7-8 playing 4x8 minute quarters.



Above: Action from our interschool Festival



Our GoodSports Pink Vests!

Next Step:

NNC aims to grow this programme and increase their efforts to target male participants. In 2025 we are committed to offering PDP opportunities for Year 9-13. This is locked in for Friday afternoons and will run for four weeks starting 7th March.

Next Step:

2024 saw a total of 50 teams across years 5-8 take part in the inter school tournament days. These numbers were down on 2023 which had 56 teams. Next season, we would love to see these numbers grow again for a maximum number of schools and teams involved. We will look at increasing to 8-minute quarters for year 5-6 following feedback from this year.



Intermediate Teams in action during their Saturday Competition

Megan Russell - NNC Administrator, Youth and Social Netball Development Co-ordinator



NetballSmart Annual Report 2024

NetballSmart Pre-Season Fitness Sessions

2024 saw the continuation of the Pre-Season fitness programme and with great success. We had 40 register to take part in the 6-week programme. In collaboration with CLM Fitness we offered something a little different. Alternating 3-weeks of NetballSmart Circuit and 3-weeks of Classes at CLM including Boot Camp, BodyPump and BodyBalance. A great way to mix it up and try something new. Thank you to all that took part and look forward to you taking part again in 2025.

Walking Netball

Wiggle and giggle is our slogan for Walking Netball and this group of Men and Woman certainly uphold these values. Seeing their progression since introducing NetballSmart into their game has been great to see. With an adapted warm-up to suit our walkers we have seen less falls and better balance and stability. We look forward to growing in 2025.

Balance is Better

On the 3rd of March we hosted a Balance is Better Community event with guest speaker Irene Van Dyk. It was in collaboration with Sport Tasman hosted over two days. An exciting opportunity to discuss the Importance of Balance is Better, how our Youth are influenced by these Philosophies and how Sport has changed over the years. A big thank you to our Partner Bowater Toyota for loaning us a car to drive Irene around in, she was very impressed. Each year Netball New Zealand release three Balance is Better Priorities for us to concentrate on out of the Nine Principles. This year's priorities were 1) Encourage Variety 2) Bold and Courageous Leadership and 3) Talent Identification Occurs Later. Here at Nelson Netball, we pride ourselves on delivering on these values. Head to our website to see what 2025 Priorities are.

GoodSports

This year we continued our Sideline behaviour campaign. New Pink Vests and signage were purchased for more courtside awareness. Vocal messages we delivered over the microphone throughout the day on Saturdays. All was very well received, with positive feedback. Still some niggles but a vast improvement from the previous years. Creating a positive environment for all to enjoy on and off the court is our aim which in turn we hope will show an increase in numbers enjoying the sport we love.

Social Space

It is great to see the Social Leagues taking on board the importance of a good warm-up. Especially if they are not regular players. NetballSmart has an adapted warm-up especially for this space and with it being quick and easy to do our teams don't mind adding it in. This is the space where we unfortunately see an increased number of injuries because of the dynamic movement that netball requires and I would love for that number to drop.

What's Next for NetballSmart and Balance is Better

In 2025 we will see a rollout of a refreshed NetballSmart Warm-up along with more workshops to upskill our coaches. The continuation of Pre-Season Fitness, and two exciting Health Workshops you won't want to miss, Plus so much more. NNC will continue messaging of GoodSports and delivering on the Balance is Better Principles for 2025.



CLM Boot Camp Tug-Of-War Fun



Hard at work during circuit work.



Motueka/Nelson Exchange



Irene Van Dyk speaking at the BIB event

Aleisha Cederman
NetballSmart/Balance is
Better Centre Activator



Coach Development Report

In May the role of Coach Development Co-Ordinator was established. This is an evolving area which has included working with Sport Tasman, Te Mahi Ako, Mainland Netball and other netball Centre personnel to gather information and build our resources. It has involved building connections within the coaching community, linking ideas and gathering feedback.

This season we were invited to attend workshops coordinated by Sport Tasman to increase participation of our students and support them on their coaching journey. Leigh Gibbs was one of the facilitators and we have been working together to improve the delivery of this going forward. It was great to see these students putting up their hands to coach. There were six training observation sessions organised, which were well attended by 10 coaches. I'm very grateful to these coaches who had the confidence to open their training, but also to Sarah Rankin and Priyani de Silva-Currie, who opened all their trainings for the season.

A Facebook page was re-established – “Nelson Netball Coaches Chat”- the group has now reached 76, it continues to grow each week and has been well received. During the season we ran a pilot idea, asking for ‘Champion Coach’ nominations. Receiving great vibes from this, we also ran one for ‘Ultimate Umpires’. The nominations written were quite spectacular and it was a privilege to be able acknowledge them.



During the season, I fielded questions about coaching qualifications, and this led to the CCA1 workshop being held in September. This was facilitated by Sarah Rankin and was celebrated as the biggest workshop run in the Mainland Zone with 18 coaches taking part (pictured left). This season we had 4 coaches complete their CCA1. Congratulations to Aleisha Cederman, Marlise Kruger, Karen Cameron and Toni Lindsay. Saturdays were for building connections, fostering positive sideline behavior and supporting umpires and coaches. An area of concern is the standard of umpiring in the Junior Grades. Being one of our three pillars, if this weakens it affects the enjoyment for all concerned. We have started working on a strategy for next season to better support these umpires. Next year we will be building on the connections and implementing more workshops and skill sessions.



Right: Sarah Rankin facilitating our CCA1 workshop



Toni Lindsay - NMC Coach Development Co-ordinator



Marketing Annual Report 2024

Partnerships

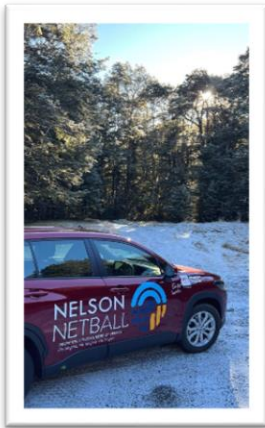
2024 has seen several successful partnerships grown and several new partnerships begin. McCashins was new to come on board, which has been a terrific addition as we have been able to hold numerous successful functions there over the season. Heat Pumps Nelson and CLM also both came on board with Naming Rights for our Representative Under 16 teams. Russell's Curtain's and Blinds continued to sponsor once again our Under 18 Representative Team.



BlueberryIT have come on board and have been managing our IT. This year Chiropractic Life came and offered 'Postural Checks,' which has been a terrific addition to our community, as well as being another line of passive income. Salt & Soil have been our main coffee cart for the season. They were VERY well received and were well supported by our Netball community. Salt & Soil thoroughly enjoyed their season with us, and we really enjoyed having them at the courts every week.

Bowater has continued to be our amazing car provider, getting not only our staff around, but also taking coaching staff and umpires to various tournaments around the South Island.

Our longer standing partnerships have continued to build and strengthen over the season of 2024. The courts have been branded up with the likes of the Jennian Home bench seats, which look fabulous and add a great splash of colour.



NBS have generously funded our new White Umpire tops, as well

as our Bench Official Jackets, which all include our new branding. They were incredibly well received by our umpires and bench officials and look so sharp.



Summit and Peter Ray have been supporting our Members and Volunteers by gifting various goodies, for us to hand out to deserving members of our community and celebrate those people on our Social Media Platforms.



Competitions, Prizes, and Initiatives

NNC has been privileged to be supported by many local businesses. Nelson Netball has run multiple competitions for our community, we have been able to celebrate and gift beautiful custom-made mugs to Coaches who were nominated, plus various other bonus prizes for our community, as well as being gifting thirty \$50 or greater valued vouchers and prizes for our Representative Fundraising.

We have been incredibly grateful for the donations and have loved being able to promote the businesses on our social media platforms, in return. Here are the local legends, who donated to us - supporting Nelson Netball 2024. McCashins, Summit, MTF Finance, PC Eatery, Sal's, Jennian, Commodore Hotel Christchurch, Tactix, Eight Plates, Bowater Toyota, Katherine Soper Hair and Beauty, Body Pulse, Bloss Gel Nails, Silky Otter, State Cinema, Common Ground, Hattie's Cafe, Crossbow, Sabai Massage, Jess Nelson Photography, Salt and Soil, Backyard Cinemanz, Proper Crisps, Peter Ray Homes, ProKarts Nelson, Action Indoor, Alioke, Joe's Garage, Eat Italy, Moutere Hills, Sprig and Fern The Meadows, Fast 5 Tickets, Claybound, Potterbee, Katie Throws Things and Katie Leigh Stewart.

Prizes drawn every weekday for the month of June...

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
3 3-Month gym membership - CLM	4 Body Pulse 4-week training voucher - Body Pulse	5 Reformer Pilates Introductory Pass - Common Ground	6 \$50 voucher at Hattie's Cafe - Hattie's Cafe	7 Bowater Toyota	8 WOC at Bowater Toyota - Bowater Toyota	9
10 K&L Super Hair & Beauty	11 \$200 Eight Plates voucher - Eight Plates	12 Double movie pass Silky Otter - Silky Otter	13 3-Month gym membership - CLM	14 \$50 Salt & Soil voucher - Salt & Soil	15	16
17 Bowater Toyota	18 Double movie pass State Cinema - State Cinema	19 \$70 Bloss Gel Nail voucher - Bloss Gel Nail	20 Concession warm ups - CLM	21 Netball starter kit - First Aid Kit, Ball, Bibs	22	23
24 \$50 Massage voucher - Sabai Massage	25 3-Month gym membership - CLM	26 Crisps \$50 voucher - Crossbow Coffee Roasters	27 Voucher \$50 - Jess Nelson Photography	28	29	30

New Branding

After the digital re-brand had been completed in 2023, it was time to undertake the physical rebranding of all the signs around Saxton Stadium, as well as the outdoor courts, and they look fantastic. As well as the signs, our Sponsor NBS also generously sponsored new 'White Umpire' tops, which display our new branding, as well as also kitting out our Bench Officials with new jackets.

NNC Video

After the completion of the rebrand, we utilised Tasman Bay Media, to create a Nelson Netball video, which shares a bit about who we are, what we offer and touches on the rich history of Netball in Nelson. Line of Sight Media, also came on board for this, and was able to capture some amazing footage which was also used.

The video is another great tool in our toolkit, for sharing our story as well as letting potential Sponsors and Funders, know a bit about who we are.

→ [Nelson Netball - About Us on Vimeo](#)



Social Media

FB: 4,444
Insta: 707
LinkedIn: 55

Events

2024 was a year of magnificent events, great turn out and engagement from our community. Starting the year, we kicked off with our Season Launch. With nearly all our Premier Teams attending, several of our sponsors and our community, it was a well enjoyed evening by all at McCashins. We followed the formalities with a Tactix game being aired and enjoyed by many who stayed around.

The Representative Celebration and Prizegiving this year also had a strong turnout of 100 people at McCashins. With players speaking, coaches sharing the successes and celebrating players, as well Rachel George and Ani-Marie Waitai speaking. Families came and shared in the afternoon, and it was also fantastic to have CLM (Byron Hull), Nelson Heat Pumps (Simon Duncan) and Russell's Curtain's and Blinds (Bill Liddell) attending and handing out awards also.

Appreciation Afternoon Tea was our big finale, after Prizegiving. Both Prizegiving and the Appreciation Afternoon Tea were well received and enjoyed by the community. It was fabulous to be able to celebrate some of our community and show our gratitude for all the mahi that goes in throughout the season.

Rachel George - NNC Marketing Manager



2024 SEASON Team Numbers

Woolworths
futureFERNs
Year 1 & 2
22 TEAMS

Woolworths
futureFERNs
Year 7 & 8
42 TEAMS

Woolworths
futureFERNs
Year 3 & 4
30 TEAMS

Secondary
School
67 TEAMS

Woolworths
futureFERNs
Year 5 & 6
40 TEAMS

Senior Grades
34 TEAMS

2024 SEASON Social League Numbers

Friday
Competitive
12 TEAMS

Winter Social
48 TEAMS

Twilight
League
101 TEAMS



Representative Teams

Congratulations to all players who represented our centre and a special mention to our dedicated group of coaches, managers, Umpires, parents, supporters, and volunteers who contributed to a successful representative season. NNC were proud to have the following representative teams: U16 Girls Blue, U16 Girls Gold, U18 Girls, U18 Boys and a Senior Woman's Team.

U16 Representative Teams



U16 GOLD

COACH: Simon Duncan
MANAGER: Bridget Miller & Leanne Jolly

- Isabella Griffith (Motueka High School)
- Casey Powick (Waimea College)
- Rosa Wilson (Nelson Girls College)
- Emma Bascand (Garin College)
- Maia Fowler (Nelson Girls College)
- Madeleine Jolly (Nelson Girls College)
- Chali Routhan (Nelson Girls College)
- Carly Scott (Waimea College)
- Georgia Heaphy (Nelson Girls College)
- Rosie Goomes (Garin College)

TRAINING PARTNER: Amy Julian



U16 BLUE

COACH: Tracey Rayner
MANAGER: Janine McCarthy

- Ayva Wikaira-Duncan (Nayland College)
- Tatiana Makea (Nelson Girls College)
- Philippa Bromley (Nayland College)
- Harriet Sladen (Waimea College)
- Fern Backhouse-Smith (Nelson Girls College)
- Kady Thurlow (Waimea College)
- Ilonka Blomfield (Motueka High School)
- Abi Day (Nelson Girls College)
- Mia Cliffe (Nelson Girls College)
- Hannah Urquart (Waimea College)

TRAINING PARTNER: Sabia Longman



We had a fantastic turnout for the U16 trials this season, with approximately 60 players coming along to showcase their skills. From the first trials we reduced the numbers down to 30 players who were invited to attend a second trial. From here two Girls teams were selected, along with a training partner for each side. The teams trained every Sunday throughout the month of May building toward their first tournament at Kings Birthday weekend - The Tupuranga Championships. This year the tournament was held at Christchurch's new sporting hub Nga Puna Wai. The U16 Blue team were entered in the A grade, with the U16 Gold team being entered into the B grade. Both teams competed well across the Kings birthday weekend, with multiple games played across the three-day tournament.



Tupuranga Championships

Results for U16 blue team: finished 8th overall

South Canterbury A	31-28 win
Invercargill	21-28 loss
Selwyn A	21-29 loss
Mid Canterbury A	23-29 loss
Christchurch White	27-26 win
North Cant Gold	24-37 loss
Selwyn A	25-30 loss
ChCh White	24-34 loss

Results for U16 Gold team: finished 8th overall

Mid Canterbury B	35 - 23 Win
South Canterbury Dev	21 - 26 Loss
West Coast	34 - 15 Win
Central Lakes	16 - 35 Loss
Marlborough A	18 - 36 Loss
Central Southland	26 - 33 Loss
Christchurch Mixed	16 - 18 Loss
Selwyn B	26 - 27 Loss



The Top of The South tournament was their next adventure – a one-day tournament held in at the Lansdowne Hub in Blenheim on Sunday 9th June. Both teams attended and did the Nelson Region proud.

Results:

U16 Gold – vs Marlborough A 34-17 loss vs Selwyn A 29-10 loss vs Kaikoura U16 36-16 win

U16 Blue – vs Selwyn A 30-22 loss vs Marlborough A 29-27 loss vs Marlborough Mixed 32-5 win

The players gained some valuable learning to extend their game knowledge. Both teams show cased their skill, adaptability, and resilience throughout what has been a busy Representative Season.

Nelson Netball would sincerely like to thank Tracey Rayner, Simon Duncan, Janine McCarthy, Bridget Miller and Leanne Jolly for volunteering their time to develop the future players of our game.



The Russells Curtains & Blinds U18 Representative Team



U18 Representative Squad 2024

COACH: Sarah Rankin
MANAGER: Hayley Wilson

- Lily Trench (Waimea College)
- Ayla Dewson (Nayland College)
- Sienna McMillan (Waimea College)
- Myah Wilson (Jacks Netball Club)
- Natalie Iorns (Golden Bay High School)
- Destiny Sproul (Waimea College)
- Emma Solly (Nelson Girls College)
- Dani Bascand (Nayland College)
- Lili-Rose McCormick (Waimea College)
- Grace Cliffe (Waimea College)
- Holly Dixon (Nelson Girls College)
- Micayla Whiti (Nayland College)
- Nisa Pule (Nelson Girls College)




The 2024 U18 Nelson Netball Rep season was very successful. The team showcased exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the year, participating in three tournaments: Blenheim, Christchurch, and the Netball New Zealand U18 National tournament in Dunedin. The team's performance was commendable, reflecting positively on Nelson Netball. Every individual player demonstrated dedication and skill on and off the court, making them excellent ambassadors for the region. The team's manager, Hayley Wilson, played a crucial role in the team's success, providing invaluable support and guidance. Evie Reid was a fabulous umpire to have with us at the National tournament and we enjoyed watching Evie go from strength to strength over the tournament.

King's Birthday Weekend in Christchurch - The Christchurch trip was an important milestone for the team. It highlighted their resilience and ability to bounce back from setbacks while also revealing areas that needed refinement ahead of the more challenging competitions later in the season. Results as follows:

Day One: Selwyn A – 40-33 Loss South Canterbury 31 all draw

Day Two: Mid Canterbury 34-27 Win Southland 32-16 Win

Top of the South (Blenheim) Results: - Marlborough U18 26-18 win Selwyn U18 28-23 loss Marlborough Mixed 39-28 loss

Netball New Zealand U18 Championships – Dunedin:

The pinnacle of the season came during the second week of the July school holidays when the Nelson U18 team travelled to Dunedin to compete in the Netball New Zealand U18 tournament. The tournament was a showcase of the best young netball talent in the country, and the competition was fierce.

Results as follow:

Day One: Kapi Mana 37-28 Loss Howick Pakuranaa 48-21 Loss

Day Two: Kerikeri 44-19 Win Wairarapa 37-28 Win

Day Three: Central Lakes 30-29 Loss Marlborough 38-26 Win

Day Four: South Canterbury 31-27 Loss Papakura 42-20 Win

The team finished a credible 26th Place. What an amazing achievement for the team. Well done!



Sarah Rankin – Head Coach

Nelson Netball would sincerely like to thank the Sarah Rankin and Hayley Wilson for all their hard work and dedication throughout the U18 Representative Season.



U18 Boys Invitational Team

NNC proudly fielded an U18 Boys team at the Top of the South Tournament held in Blenheim on Sunday, June 9th. This marked a significant step forward in promoting and supporting boys' netball.

A special thanks goes to Jared Lock, who stepped up as the coach, and Ricky Fry for his efforts as the team manager. Their dedication was instrumental in ensuring the team had a successful and enjoyable day.



U18 REP BOYS
2024

COACH: Jared Lock *MANAGER: Ricky Fry*

Jacob Astle
Woody Curtis
Ben Gray
Max Inglis
Theo Kaa
Ethan Lindsay
Matua Stephens
Declan McGlinchey
Kingston Pimley
Connor Redwood



Results Summary:

- **Selwyn U18 Girls:** 23-20 Loss
- **Marlborough Mixed:** 25-21 Loss
- **Marlborough U18 Girls:** 44-14 Win

The boys demonstrated remarkable growth in confidence and performance throughout the tournament. Competing against a range of teams from different regions provided invaluable experience and a sense of camaraderie among players. NNC is incredibly proud of the team's achievements and is committed to continuing this pathway in 2025 and beyond. We look forward to further developing opportunities for our U18 boys to thrive in competitive netball.

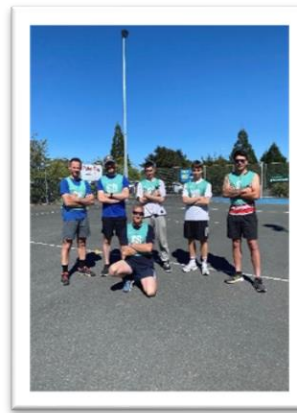
Men and Boys Netball - Give it a go Sessions

The Men and Boys' "Give it a Go" sessions were created to spark interest and increase participation in men's netball. Designed as casual, drop-in sessions, they allowed players to join without any long-term commitment. Flyers promoting the sessions were distributed during the Twilight competition, alongside advertisements on social media platforms.

Based on feedback from participants, the sessions were moved from Sundays to Friday evenings, resulting in consistent attendance, with around 10-14 participants per session. Players expressed their enjoyment, highlighting the sessions as a positive and engaging experience.

This initiative has proven to be a strong starting point for developing men and boys' netball further, with plans to continue the sessions in 2025. The next session is scheduled for Friday, February 14, 2025.

A heartfelt thanks to Terry Stephens for his invaluable contribution in facilitating these sessions each week. We eagerly anticipate building on this success in the coming year.



Senior Women's Representative Team



Front Row (L-R) Dayna Whiting, Megan Jeffrey, Jarrah Solly, Ruby Sharp, Charlotte Donaldson, Courtney Lott

Back Row (L-R) Chelsea Reed, Phoebe Bardoul, Claudia Wood, Evie Reid, Tui Kinita, Robyn Leonard (Coach)

The Senior representative season is always a short one from trials to tournament but this year due to lack of numbers registering it was a little too short. The trial was open, and we called for registrations. The registration numbers were low so we put trials off a week so we could approach players personally and get coaches to try and entice more players to attend. This increased the numbers, and we were able to put a team together. The feedback we received was that some players did not realise when the tournament was and had booked overseas trips at the end of the season so were unavailable. The trials ran well, and it was great to have good selectors and umpires available to help. Once the team was selected, we only had 4 weeks before tournament. It was a rushed lead up to tournament; we had two trainings per week and limited numbers available for each training. Despite this the girls gelled well and formed great team unity. The tournament in Ashburton is a well-run tournament and an excellent tournament for centres like ours. The standard of the team we had this year was very different to the previous year. We lost the 3 games we played but the improvement from the first game to the last was very pleasing. I was particularly impressed with the

leadership of the more experienced ladies as to how they handled the variation of skill levels in the team, it made my job as a coach much easier as they encouraged and shared their skills with the team which enabled the other players to grow over the weekend. Tournaments are a different beast, some players thrive and some struggle at times, but the unity of the team was excellent, everyone had a part to play, and they should feel proud of their achievements. The accommodation and travel arrangements were good. As we have discussed in 2025, we need to get the dates out to the players early and really push the Senior Representative team. It is so good to have a senior team again and we need to work hard to grow netball in this space. Kim Biggs was the manager, we worked well together, she was organised and a fun addition to the team. I really enjoy coaching this team and will apply again for the 2025 season



Robyn Leonard - Head Coach

Nelson Netball would like to thank Robyn Leonard and Kim Biggs for all their hard work and dedication with the Senior Representative side. A huge thanks also to Melanie Gordon for travelling away with the team as their umpire for the tournament.



Thank you to Our Representative Teams Management:

We are very privileged to have these amazing people leading our representative programme. Thank you to the following coaches and managers who volunteered their time to develop the up-and-coming players in our Region.

Congratulations!

TRACEY RAYNER

Appointed U16 Blue Representative Girls Head Coach 2024



Congratulations!

SIMON DUNCAN

Appointed U16 Gold Representative Girls Head Coach 2024



Congratulations!

SARAH RANKIN

Appointed U18 Representative Girls Head Coach 2024



Congratulations!

JARED LOCK

Appointed U18 Boys Invitational Head Coach 2024



Congratulations!

ROBYN LEONARD

Appointed Senior Representative Head Coach 2024



Congratulations!

JANINE MCCARTHY

Appointed U16 Blue Representative Manager 2024



Congratulations!

BRIDGET MILLER

Appointed U16 Gold Representative Co-Manager 2024



Congratulations!

LEANNE JOLLY

Appointed U16 Gold Representative Co-Manager 2024



Congratulations!

HAYLEY WILSON

Appointed U18 Girls Representative Manager 2024



Congratulations!

RICKY FRY

Appointed U18 Boys Invitational Manager 2024



Congratulations!

KIM BIGGS

Appointed Senior Representative Manager 2024



Game Officials Committee Report 2024 Season

The 2024 season was a success for officiating at Nelson Netball Centre with a full season allowing momentum to be gained, with new qualified umpires and bench officials swelling the ranks, along with Nelson umpires and Bench Officials participating in Netball New Zealand tournaments. The 2024 Netball Season was un-interrupted by weather with no cancellations across all competitions

futureFERNs Umpires Squad – Our Pink Shirts

Our wonderful army of pink shirts. This year we had a total of 57 year 7-8 students sign up to be a part of the futureFERNs squad. Every week we need approximately 40-45 umpires to officiate the Year 5-6 games held across two rounds on a Saturday morning. These budding umpires spend 20 minutes upskilling before each game, under the guidance of our amazing facilitators Hana Borgfeldt and Alan Henderson.

College & Development Umpires Squad

The next step for our umpires is the College and Development programme (Our blue and black shirts). 2024 season we had 14 students register for the next step in their umpiring journey. We are lucky enough to have Sally Paki Paki leading the charge with this budding group. Week in week out these umpires are allocated to a game (mainly in the outside collegiate grades). This group is closely monitored each week, and when their umpire coach feels that an umpire is ready for a challenge, they will discuss with the panel and get them assessed to see if they are ready to move to the higher collegiate grades inside the stadium.

Qualified Umpires Squad

Umpires here hold at least a Centre badge and mainly umpire Senior and higher College games. This year was successful with Nelson Netball Centre umpires achieving away at tournaments, and at home. Recruitment into the squad was outstanding, with Ten umpires gaining their Centre badge!

- Tournament Successes included:
 - Netball New Zealand U18 Tournament – Evie Reid
 - Fast5 Netball World Series – Myron Elkington
 - ANZ Premiership – Myron Elkington
 - South Pacific Tournament – Myron Elkington
 - U16 Tupuranga Championships – Mickey Botha, Marlise Kruger
 - U18 Kings Birthday Tournament – Megan Russell
 - Senior Whakataetae Ashburton – Melanie Gordon
- Qualifications gained – well done to all those that gained qualifications during the year.
 - **International Umpiring Award** – Myron Elkington (First one in the history of Nelson Netball)
 - **Zone Badge** – Marlise Kruger (July 2024) Grier Raymond (Aug 2024)
 - **Zone Theory** – Barlee Van Niekerk, Jen Fuller, Kate Rankin, Wendy Whiting, Marlise Kruger Grier Raymond (May)
 - **Centre Badge** (Awarded) —Maddi Cooke, Phillipa Bromley, Sophie Ballard, Nicole Topp, Sophie Rankin (July), Ben Gray, Chelsea Reed, Samanda Le Grange, Teresa Rogers (August)

Umpire Coaching & Assessment

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their time throughout the season to help with all the assessments and coaching. We have an amazing group of volunteers who give their time freely to upskill and develop umpires at every level. Without this amazing group upskilling our umpires, we wouldn't have the growth we have seen over the past few years.

Draw Stewards

Week in week out umpire allocations are completed for our Saturday Winter competition as well as the Thursday night premier competition. This role requires a high-level knowledge of grades, teams, team styles, and the umpires available to match officials to games. A huge thank-



Pic: (L-R) Lisa Charles, Annie Ewers, Myron Elkington, Jacqui Ward, Debbie Vincent



Pic above: Myron Elkington in action

you to both Andy and Debbie Vincent, who do these allocations for the Nelson Netball Centre. Your expertise and knowledge are greatly appreciated by the Nelson Netball Community.

- Our **Finals Day** was held on August 31st. Congratulations to the following umpires who were appointed to a final
 - Premier: Annie Ewers, Myron Elkington and Lisa Charles (reserve)
 - Senior One: Lisa Charles, Jacqui Ward and Marlise Kruger (reserve)
 - Senior Two: Marlise Kruger, Megan Russell
 - Senior Three: Jared Lock, Rob Boomer
 - Senior Four: Alan Henderson, Salome Mailman
 - Senior five: Mickey Botha, Jared Lock – Lori Marevich was appointed but could not umpire due to sickness.
 - Senior Six: Jen Fuller, Wendy Whiting
 - Collegiate One: Grier Raymond, Evie Reid and Kate Rankin (Reserve)
 - Collegiate Two: Maddi Cooke, Sophie Ballard
 - Collegiate Three: Abbie Carter, Teresa Rogers
 - Collegiate Four: Sophie Rankin, Vanessa Bell

This Years Award Winners

- Elaine Familton Memorial Trophy for Senior Umpire of the Season – Myron Elkington
- Shirley Bowe Trophy for Most Improved Umpire - Evie Reid
- Tia Pellowe Trophy for Most Promising Student Umpire – Grier Raymond
- Paki Paki Trophy for Youth Umpire of the Year – Sophie Rankin

Umpire Training – New Rule Rollout and Umpiring 101 Sessions

Umpiring 101 – back to basic sessions are always super popular, and this year did not disappoint with over 50 people coming along over the three sessions offered. These sessions are a great introduction to the art of umpiring and learning a few of the key basics to kick start your umpiring journey. Everyone that attends is given a booklet to take away which they can then refer back to. With the introduction of the new rules for the 2024 Season, it was imperative that some training sessions took place pre-season. NNC ran a total of four New Rule Sessions across the months of March and April with approximately 45 people from all levels attending. A bespoke session was also run for our centre qualified umpires with a total of 19 umpires in attendance. What a fantastic turnout we had across all the sessions.

A huge thanks goes out to the following facilitators who volunteered their time to deliver these sessions – Andy Vincent, Debbie Vincent, Myron Elkington, Lisa Charles and Sally Paki Paki. Lisa, Andy and Deb also travelled over to Motueka Netball Centre to run a further two New Rule Sessions for their members.

Named Umpires

Teams in all senior grades and collegiate grades 1-4 were asked to supply one named umpire and one team umpire each week across the second round. The named umpires can opt in to receive coaching support throughout the round. 15 of these named umpires took up the opportunity for coaching support, which is fantastic. Each of these 15 umpires got two coaching touchpoints throughout the second round. This programme is in its third season, and we are starting to see the benefits of why this programme was implemented in the first instance. NNC are hoping that over the next few seasons, we will see even more growth, with the overall goal of having a bigger pool of umpires who have been upskilled in the game to ensure we are providing a great quality experience for our members.

Games Official Committee (G.O.C)



Pictured above (L-R)

Joy Dickens, Hana Borgfeldt, Sally Paki Paki, Debbie Vincent, Myron Elkington, Andy Vincent

Ani-Marie Waitai & Debbie Vincent - GOC Committee convenor





Technical Officials Report 2024

We had an interesting season with the implementation of the new processes and forms that we use. It was challenging to get our heads around as the majority have significantly changed. Whilst at our Centre level it wasn't necessary to implement these changes, for those of our team doing ANZ and tournaments they need to be up to proficiency, as well as training new recruits in the accurate practice. The new manual proved a bit confusing and at times contradictory and open to interpretation. We did not receive any notifications or direction from NNZ or Mainland and will be interesting to see what unfolds at international level. Having the first round as a Fast 7 helped as it gave us time to absorb and adapt. A big highlight this year was recruiting 4 new people to our small, dedicated team, although unfortunately we also temporarily lost a couple. We had a great training session and again, the Fast 7 round proving an opportunity for these new recruits to grasp how things go and what we actually do, as there is 4 different roles within this space. Feedback is they are all keen to return and continue next season!

Above: Finals day Bench Officials in action: L-R Vicki Reid, Joy Dickens, Tiffany McGill, Sally Paki Paki

A couple were appointed to ANZ games, age group tournament, Fast 5 and international fixtures as Technical Officials and/or Statistician. This is always an opportunity to network and grow their roles in the best seat in the house! Congratulations to them.

The 2024 season was more efficient with fewer deferred/challenge games as previous years so was largely just our usual Thursday night being optimal appointing personnel due to other commitments.

Again, we had a delegate on the Games Officials Committee which provides opportunity to have a voice with decisions that can impact on what we do. Communication from the NNC office was excellent as usual with early notifications where possible and consulting/keeping us informed throughout the year. This is appreciated by all – thank you.

Thank you to everyone who readily continue making yourselves available to flourish the game we all love. You have been amazing to work with and I appreciate your readiness to communicate, adapt and make yourselves available.



Above: Finals day officials in action: L-R Evie Reid, Kaitlyn Gardner, Marilyn Milne, Grier Raymond



Above: Premier Competition Bench Officials L-R Kaitlyn Gardner, Helen Marnane, Sally Paki Paki



Above: Hana Borgfeldt receiving her Member of the Month voucher thanks to Peter Ray Homes



Above: Premier Competition Bench officials: L-R Vicki Reid, Belinda Taggart, Joy Dickens

Joy Dickens
 Technical Officials Convenor



Grade Winners - 2024

Premier	NBS Premiership Trophy	Prices Waimea Ahurei
Premier (Round 1 Winner)	Meadow Fresh Trophy	Jacks OPD
Senior 1	Newman Challenge Bowl	Nayland Senior A
Senior 2	Alexander Cup	Richmond Classics
Senior 3	Newman Cup	Marist Pango
Senior 4	Denton Trophy	Prices Waimea Manuka
Senior 5	Muncaster Rose Bowl	Jacks Mint
Senior 6	NNC Trophy	Marist Gold
Collegiate 1	Jeff Rackley Trophy	Motueka HS Senior A
Collegiate 2	Cumming Cup	Motueka HS Senior B
Collegiate 3	Milne Trophy	Garin College Whetu
Collegiate 4	Dianne Gregg Trophy	NCG 10B
Collegiate 5	Chris Henderson Trophy	Waimea College 10 Development
Collegiate 6	Helen Tuffrey Trophy	Garin College kakapo
Collegiate 7	Sue Martin Trophy	Waimea College Gold
Collegiate 8	Nelson Netball Trophy	Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tuia te Matangi Wharekura o Tuia
Collegiate 9	Nelson Netball Trophy	Waimea College Diamonds
Collegiate 10	Nelson Netball Trophy	Waimea College 10 Kiwi
Collegiate 10B	Nelson Netball Trophy	Rai Valley Area School: Ferns



Above: Congratulations to **Prices Waimea Ahurei** 2024 NBS Premier Winners



Left: **NCG 10B:** Winners of the Dianne Gregg Trophy for Collegiate 4



Left: Congratulations to **Richmond Classics**, winners of the Alexander Cup: Senior Grade 2



Left: **Jess Drummond (Jacks OPD)** is awarded the Charles Cowman Trophy – MVP for the Premier Grade



Representative Awards

Most Promising U16 Rep Player	Prestige Joinery Trophy	Tatiana Makea (NCG) Casey Powick (Waimea College)
Most Promising U18 Rep Player	Prestige Joinery Trophy	Destiny Sproul (Waimea College)

Team Awards

Round One winner (Premier)	Meadow Fresh Trophy	Jacks OPD
Best Defensive Premier Team (Low Goals)	Kay Norgate Trophy	Jacks OPD
Team with Highest Goal Average	Dorothy Atmore Cup	Marist Pango
Team with Lowest Goals Against	Wood Cup	Garin College Weka

Individual Premier Awards

Most Valuable Premier Player	Charles Cowman Trophy	Jessica Drummond (Jacks OPD)
Most Improved Premier Player	Devine Cup	Claudia Wood (Jacks OPD)
MVP of the Premier Final	Nelson Netball Trophy	Kyla Matenga (Prices Waimea Ahurei)

Umpire Awards

Senior Umpire of the Season	Elaine FAMILTON Trophy	Myron Elkington
Most Improved Umpire	Shirley Bowe Trophy	Evie Reid
Most Promising Student Umpire	Tia Pellowe Trophy	Grier Raymond
Youth Umpire of the Year	Paki-Paki Trophy	Sophie Rankin

Special Awards

Spirit of Coaching	Geraldine Hodgson Trophy	Terry Stephens (Jacks Stephens P & D)
Volunteer of the Year	Nelson Netball Trophy	Hana Borgfeldt
MVP Secondary School	Nelson Netball Trophy	Emma Solly (NCG Senior A)
Youth Volunteer of the Year	Milne Trophy	Bonnie Cederman (Waimea Intermediate)



Kyla Matenga picking up MVP of the Premier Final



Myron Elkington picking up The Elaine FAMILTON memorial Trophy for Senior Umpire of the year



Raewyn Brenton presents the Geraldine Hodgson Spirit of Coaching Trophy - Well done to Terry Stephens



Youth Volunteer of the Year (The Milne Trophy) – Well done to Bonnie Cederman



Left: Well done to Sophie Rankin for being awarded the Paki Paki Trophy for Youth Umpire of the Year



Funding Providers

Nelson Netball Centre Incorporated is incredibly grateful to the following funding providers who have assisted us during 2024. The investment we receive from these organisations is invaluable in helping us maintain and grow the lifelong love of netball here in the Nelson Region. We look forward to continuing to grow and develop our relationship in 2025.



Partnerships

Nelson Netball would also like to extend a massive thank-you to our wonderful family of local and national partners. Without the support of these organisations, netball simply wouldn't exist like it does in Nelson today. Thank-you for helping us to achieve our goal to "Grow the Lifelong Love of Netball"



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Financial Position

Nelson Netball Centre - For the year ended 31 October 2024

I'm delighted to report the 2024 financial year resulted in a surplus of \$25,201 which was significantly ahead of the \$603 budget.

Subscription numbers are at all-time high in our social leagues, holiday programs and across the winter league other than 2 less intermediate teams. There is continued effort with our existing local sponsors, and we are looking at other businesses who can join our close and supportive group. We are extremely grateful to have support again from Grant Funders which means we can provide cost-effective netball to the community and deliver more and better programs. These include; Pub Charity, Mainland Foundation, NZCT, Air Rescue Services and Lion Foundation.

This year we invested in a new role to develop our Coaches, and it was a huge success. This role was funded over the winter season and will continue again in the future including a small increase in hours to extend this development role to cover our umpires.

As always, we are looking to ensure netball remains financially achievable for our members and Jared Lock, our Business Manager has been a key person to achieving this for many years. With rising expenses across the board, this is not an easy task and I would like to thank Jared for his work. Jared is finishing up at the end of 2024 and we cannot thank him enough.

Leanne Cook

Audit and Risk Convenor





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