



### **Our Mission Statement**

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Netball NSW will provide to the NSW community sporting leadership and partnership through netball education and training programs, an extensive range of competitions and national success. It will be achieved through professional management and support to all administrative levels involved with the game so that these entities are financially viable.

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## **President's Report**

I want to start my Report by acknowledging and thanking all of our Members, our staff, our Corporate Partners, friends of netball, and spectators who came on our journey throughout the year that was 2014. Each and every one of you has contributed in some way to the successes of Netball NSW over the past year.

This is one of the beautiful aspects of our sport, many hands doing what they are passionate about, creating opportunities at all levels in all areas for members to achieve their potential. This was no more evident than when I hosted the 2014 President's Dinner in June where we honoured 26 members of our NSW netball community who have given 40 years or more voluntary service to the sport. To all of you, the Board acknowledges and extends its sincere thanks.

The past 12 months has not been without its challenges, and I am ecstatic to say that we finished the year with the long anticipated move into our new home – Netball Central. I believe that our facility will be seen as the benchmark worldwide for netball specific venues and will showcase our sport on a stage that is unparalleled in the coming year when our State hosts the Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015. To all that have contributed to this magnificent vision, be proud of your efforts and enjoy yourself in our new home.

2014 was a year of great gains in our Governance and Finance areas, and the Board will continue to strive for best practice in the governing of our Sport. Our Financial result is outstanding and has come about through the hard work of our General Manager – Corporate Services, Mike Anderson, in fine-tuning the accounts and there being a closer look at the dollar spend of the organisation. This will continue to be a focus of The Board which is enhanced with the expertise provided by Director, Christine Feldmanis.

Our iconic events – the State and State Age Championships, our Regional State Leagues, Oceania Netball Cup, and the DOOLEYS State League continue to be delivered by our wonderful volunteers and professional staff with a minimum of fuss. We have seen in the past year the rise and rise of the Inter-Regional State League and the Schools Cup competitions which involved thousands from around the State. Our ANZ NetSetGO numbers have skyrocketed on the back of seriously dedicated programs and work by our professional Sports Development staff led by General Manager – Sports Development Nikki Horton, and our Associations who have followed through in creating a wonderful environment for our younger members to experience the joy of being involved in our great sport.

Our results on the national stage were somewhat disappointing, but given the very proud history of Netball NSW and the Waratah, I have no doubt that these results will be improved upon significantly in the coming years. As always, the Waratah is worn with great pride by all who represent our State.

Our NSW 21/U Team finished third, NSW 19/U side fifth, NSW 17/U finished Runner Up, Netball NSW Blues finished the Australian Netball League season in 8th, and Netball NSW Waratahs 4th. A special mention to the Netball NSW Marie Little OAM Team who improved upon their 2013 placing to finish Runner Up in 2014.

We were again fortunate to have athletes selected into Australian Squads;

Fast5 Flyers: Erin Bell, Ashleigh Brazill, Gabi Simpson, Amorette Wild Australian 21/U Squad: Kristina Brice, Taylah Davies, Kristiana Manu'a, Kimberlev Ravaillion, Gretel Tippett.

Australian 19/U Squad: Toni Anderson, Maddie Hay, Tanisha Stanton, Lauren Yager, Billie Gurr.

Australian 17/U Development Squad: Keira Austin, Prudence Ellis, Kirra Jones, Kristen Kessler, Lauren Moore, Claire O'Brien, Amy Parmenter, Cassandra Radford.

The NSW Swifts, your ANZ Championship team, turned their form around in 2014 and made the Finals Series after too long an absence, and we look forward to their continued improvement under the watchful eye of Head Coach Rob Wright. 2014 NSW Swifts' Kimberlee Green, Sharni Layton and Caitlin Thwaites joined NSW junior Kimberley Ravaillion in claiming a Gold Medal at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, and as members of the Diamonds, went through the 2014 calendar year undefeated. Mentions also to Susan Pettitt (nee Pratley), Erin Bell, and Gabi Simpson who are also members of the current Australian Diamonds' squad.

NSW umpires and officials continue to lead the way, both on the domestic and international stage, with umpires Sharon Kelly, Rachael Ayre, Michelle Phippard and Clare McCabe all selected to umpire at the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games. For Sharon Kelly, 2014 will forever be a special year as she officiated her 100th International Test and 100th ANZ Championship Match, was again chosen to umpire the ANZ Championship Grand Final, named Australian Umpire of the Year for the 13th time, and was bestowed with the Spirit of Netball by Netball Australia.

Our State Dinner showcased the strength and depth we have in NSW through the recognition of our umpires, coaches, bench officials and administrators. Of special significance is the recognition of outstanding voluntary service to an Association through the Anne Clarke Service Award. Marilyn Latham, Annette Rowe, Betty Spillane and Margaret West were recognised during the annual event held at Allphones Arena in November. These acknowledgements are really only the tip of the iceberg; throughout our Associations state-wide there are many members striving to achieve their goals in their chosen area and we commend them for their performances and dedication to our game.

To all of our Corporate Partners – DOOLEYS Lidcombe Catholic Club, GrainCorp, The Kids' Cancer Project, Court Craft, Australian College of Physical Education (ACPE), Sydney Swans, Telstra, Sydney Olympic Park Authority, Coast2Coast, The Athlete's Foot, Be the Influence, NSW Sport and Recreation, NSW Institute of Sport, Willis, Gilbert, Cartridge World, Imagination Graphics, SKINS, Victor, Winston Hills Mall, The Sydney Boulevard Hotel, Nova 969, The Edge in Hair, and in particular to QBE Australia as our Principal Partner for the NSW Swifts – we thank you for your continued strong support which provides us with the opportunity to be unrelenting in our pursuit of excellence within our netball community.

Our collaborative work with Netball Australia has continued to strengthen our sport and the working relationship between both bodies. We are thrilled to be assisting Netball Australia in hosting the Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015, where Netball Central will be the secondary venue for this global tournament.

To my fellow Board members and our staff under the guidance of our CEO, Carolyn Campbell, I thank you for your support and enthusiasm over the past 12 months. I look forward to an exciting 2015 that will be jam-packed with netball – come and become part of the journey.

Wendy Archer AM President



## **Board of Directors**



Wendy Archer AM President



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Carolyn Campbell Chief Executive Officer



## **CEO's Report**

2014 was a year of growth, development and inspiration across all aspects of netball in NSW.

More people throughout the State are engaging in netball than ever before, and as a sport we continue to work collaboratively with our Members and other organisations to build upon the strong foundations in place to maintain our revered position as the sport of choice for women in NSW.

The 2014 netball year started with a real sense of purpose, when in February, Netball NSW hosted its fifth Biennial Conference at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre. A record 310 delegates came together for two days of education and learning, plus networking opportunities to invigorate our netball family. The energy created by presenters and attendees alike was palpable, and we look forward to the next instalment in 2016.

Our total Membership numbers increased to over 113,000 in 2014 – the first time we have broken through the 113,000 mark – with a highlight being the 28,102 registered ANZ NetSetGO junior netballers, the most of any State or Territory in Australia. Participation in netball competitions and events increased across the board, with 5,480 students taking part in the Netball NSW Schools Cup, a jump of 50% on 2013; nearly 30,000 school-aged children joined in Netball NSW-run clinics or programs; and; our Netball NSW marquee competitions all experienced growth year on year.

While we are seeing the reward for years of effort by Netball NSW and its Members at a grassroots level, NSW representatives continue to excel on both a National and International stage. Whether it's our State Team representatives or members of the NSW Swifts being selected in National Teams, or four NSW Officials umpiring at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow; NSW High Performance pathways continue to lead the way in producing Australia's finest players, coaches, umpires and officials.

Netball NSW is always looking at ways to encourage increased participation in netball, which includes the organisation's ongoing assessment of what programs, events and competitions we offer, and how we deliver them. Leading into 2014, we consciously revised the structure of some of our competitions including the State Championships and Schools Cup which had the desired outcome, with enlarged numbers.

This constant self-evaluation when referenced against the changing needs of both the wider population and how people wish to engage in sport is at the core of what we do as the State's governing body. And with the expected heightened interest in netball surrounding the Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015, the need for a more flexible approach to netball education and participation has never been greater.

It's with an eye on 2015, that over the past 12-18 months, Netball NSW has been working to ensure we have the framework in place to capitalise upon this once in a generation event.

The work undertaken by the Netball NSW Sports Development Department over the past year has seen thousands of juniors across all regions of NSW engage in netball like never before. Our Regional Coordinators and Development Officers work diligently with Associations, Clubs, community groups, schools, and other government agencies to showcase the physical, mental and social benefits of netball. Their work complements the outstanding endeavours of our Member Associations in promoting netball, and providing both facilities and the opportunities for people to enjoy the sport.

Netball NSW, in conjunction with Netball Australia, has increased its resources so it can further provide tailored engagement opportunities within multicultural and indigenous communities, as well as cater for the specific needs of people with a disability. From competitions such as the Oceania Netball Cup, All Abilities Netball Carnivals, Come and Try Days within diverse communities, netball clinics at small schools in remote NSW, or working with the NSW Migrant Resource Centre on a number of their cohesive community programs; I'm proud to say Netball NSW is leading the way in this important space.

2014 was an exciting year for the NSW Swifts, with the franchise enjoying record crowds and Membership numbers. Netball NSW also made history by playing the first ever ANZ Championship game in the Australian Capital Territory, when the Swifts hosted New Zealand side, Southern Steel, at AIS Arena on ANZAC Day. The Club's Allphones Arena Blockbuster against the Adelaide Thunderbirds drew an all-time League-record regular season crowd of 10,118. The NSW Swifts went onto reach the Finals for the first time in three years, losing by a single goal in the Minor Semi-Final to be eliminated. Captain Kimberlee Green capped off a stellar season being named the 2014 ANZ Championship co-MVP, and three members of the 2014 Swifts were part of the Australian Netball Team that claimed gold at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Netball NSW continues to enjoy strong commercial support, particularly in the area of sponsorship.

Over the past year, we've welcomed The Athlete's Foot as the Community Partner, sports equipment specialists SKLZ joined the organisation as a Team Partner, as did BBX Australia; and there are number of other exciting partnerships to be announced in early 2015.

In the years to come, 2014 will be remembered as a landmark year for netball in NSW, with Netball NSW moving into the world's leading purpose-built netball facility, Netball Central, at Sydney Olympic Park. As often happens with projects of this size and scale, this relocation from our former headquarters at the Anne Clark Centre in Lidcombe occurred later than originally planned. However, this \$35M facility is now the envy of the sport's global community and will forever be a beacon to inspire, develop and produce the State's future netballing talent – both on and off court – for generations to come. This centre of excellence has been a decade in the planning and on behalf of Netball NSW, I would like to thank the Australian Government, Communities NSW – Sport and Recreation, and Sydney Olympic Park Authority for all their support in making Netball Central a reality.

I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation to the Board and staff of Netball NSW for their tireless efforts, unwavering commitment, and exuberant energy for wanting to make our sport even greater each and every day. I would also like to extend my thanks to those members of our community who sit on Netball NSW Appointed Panels or commit endless hours to support our performance pathways. Netball in NSW would not be the same without the thousands of volunteers who give so generously of their time, and it's because of this selfless commitment that netball continues to grow.

Over the coming year, netball in NSW will be in the world's spotlight and I believe we are ready to embrace the increased popularity our sport will enjoy during the tournament, and forge a strong legacy to propel netball to new heights.

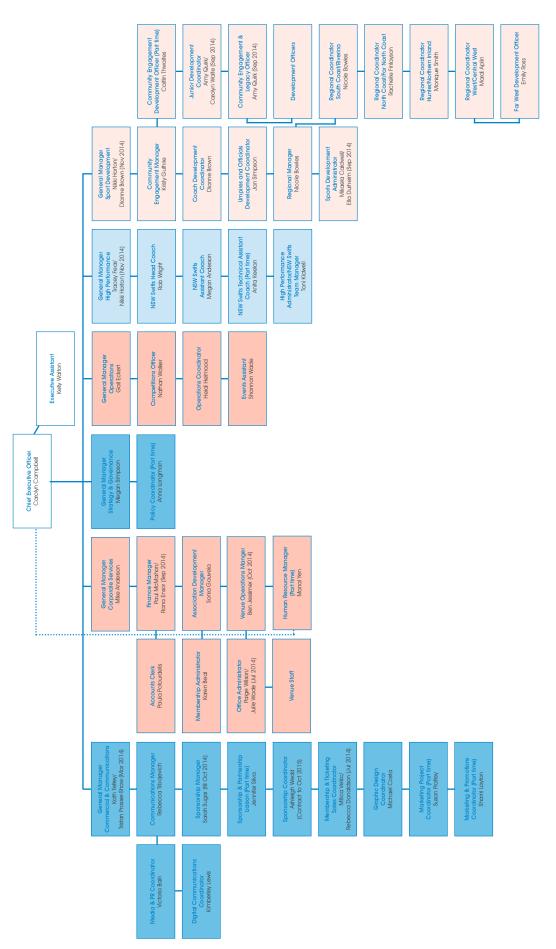
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Carolyn Campbell Chief Executive





## **Organistational Structure**



## Netball Central Netball has a new home in NSW



Netball Central at Sydney Olympic Park

On Monday 1 December, Netball NSW commenced a new era in the history of the organisation when it moved into its \$35M centre of excellence, Netball Central, at Sydney Olympic Park.

After the "turning of the sod" on Sunday 17 February 2013, Netball NSW now has the world's leading purpose-built netball facility to call home.

In addition to being the administration Headquarters of Netball NSW and the NSW Swifts, Netball Central boasts a "show court" with seating for approximately 850 people plus five further courts (all courts feature stateof-the-art timber sprung flooring), a training and education room, extra meeting rooms, medical facilities, a Café, and it will also be home to the Netball NSW Hall of Fame.

And aside from the physical features of the new facility, Netball NSW was conscious of introducing a number of eco-friendly elements, as well factoring in its new surroundings when designing Netball Central.

"It was important to design a facility which would not only provide increased functionality, but was a great fit for the Sydney Olympic Park Precinct," explained Netball NSW Chief Executive Officer, Carolyn Campbell.

"Now that the facility is nearly completed, we are delighted with the number of eco-friendly features incorporated into the final product, including the natural ventilation of the courts instead of traditional air-conditioning."

For the Netball NSW Board and Executive, this facility has been a decade in the making, with the reality far exceeding the original vision.

"You look at something for so long on paper two-dimensionally, but once you see it in real life and the see the size and scale of it, it's just enormous," Campbell said. "I think one of the most pleasing elements of Netball Central is the Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) structure; which we all thought early on would look great, but until you see it in reality you don't understand how imposing these structures are."

Netball NSW's move to Netball Central means the organisation has now vacated the Anne Clark Centre in Lidcombe, which was the much-loved home of netball in NSW for 34 years.

"The vision for Netball NSW and the sport in the State moving forward is hugely exciting, but we were all a little emotional about leaving the Anne Clark Centre, because the sentiment and history we created there has enabled us to move to a facility such as Netball Central," Carolyn Campbell concluded.

The vision for Netball Central has always been to inspire, develop and produce the finest athletes, coaches, umpires and administrators for generations to come.



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Overlooking the Show Court at Netball Central















Construction through to competition of Netball Central in 2014



















## **Biennial Conference**



Over the weekend of 22-23 February 2014, Netball NSW held its Biennial Conference at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre.

More than 300 delegates attended the two-day conference, making the 2014 event – the fifth of its kind – the largest Biennial Conference to date. Coaches, umpires, administrators and lovers of netball attended sessions on a variety of topics, hopefully taking home some new ideas for the season ahead.

Speaking at the conclusion of the event, Netball NSW Chief Executive Officer Carolyn Campbell said it was fantastic to see so many attend the event, and the excitement it brings for the upcoming year.

"It's an amazing response to us and one that we really look forward to because it gives us the opportunity to capture so many people in one spot – all that energy, all that information and to set the scene for the season ahead in 2014," Campbell said.

The scope and size of the Biennial Conference has continued to grow over the years – not just in attendance, but in the delivery of sessions and information. Campbell said the opportunity to be able to get the NSW netball community together in one place was invaluable.

"There's no doubt, with 112,000 members, making sure we have all our coaches, umpires, officials and administrators up-to-date and up to speed is incredibly important," Campbell said.

"The Conference is here to motivate; to give our members the chance to mix with so many like-minded people is an incredible opportunity and to be able to do it in one place, at one time, and to be able to do it in February just ticks all those boxes for us and sets us up for an incredible year I believe."

The Conference concluded with a special NSW Swifts Intra-Club Exhibition Match, as part of the Club's free FAN DAY at the Sports Centre.





Victor Sports Strapping training session at the Conference



Former Minister for Sport, Gabrielle Upton MP, officially opening the 2014 Biennial Conference



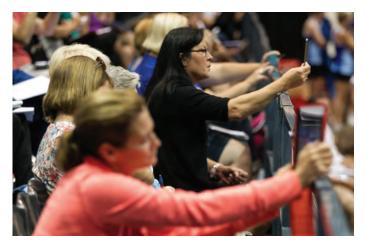
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Netball NSW President, Wendy Archer AM welcomes delegates to the 2014 Biennial Conference



A record 310 delegates attended the 2014 Biennial Conference at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre



Delegrates documenting one of the many on-court training sessions



Netball NSW CEO, Carolyn Campbell addresses the Conference about the organisation's strategy for 2014



Guest speaker Raelene Castle, CEO of Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs and former CEO Netball New Zealand



NSW Swifts Head Coach Rob Wright with the 17/U State Team during the "Reinventing the Centre Pass" session



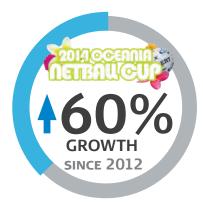
Netball NSW Umpires & Officials Development Coordinator Jan Simpson leading a session



How to lead a NetSetGO session



# **2014 Association Development**



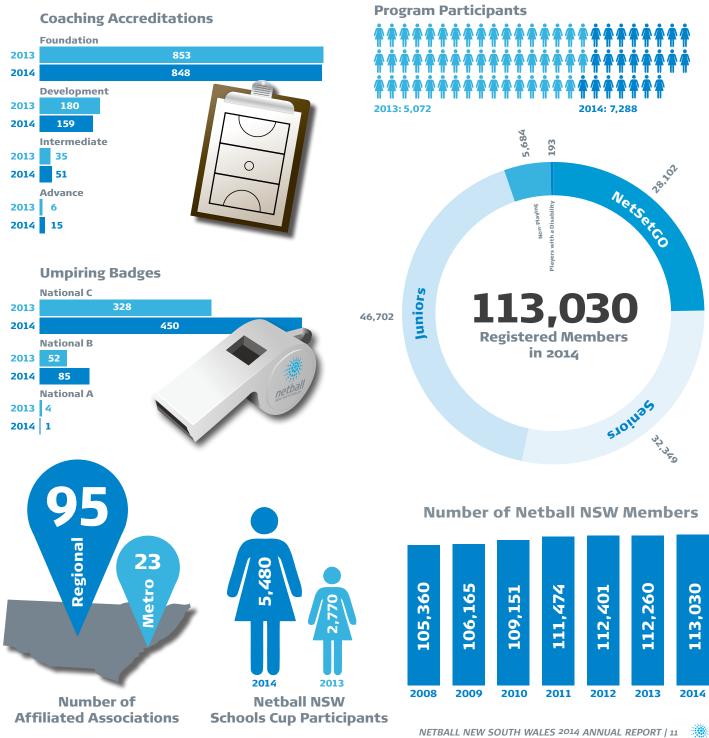




Juniors that participated in NetSetGO. Schools. **Community clinics or events** 



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# **Membership Figures**

2014	To	otal		Total		Seniors		Juniors		ANZ NetSetGO	Netta/ FunNet/ NetSetGO	Non Players		PWD	
	2014	2013	DIFF.	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013		
AFL Riverina	1,141	1,094	47	454	411	422	385	230	270	35	28	0	0		
Armidale District	585	628	-43	149	218	314	288	112	109	10	12	0	1		
Ballina	575	517	58	157	120	252	241	139	136	17	10	10	10		
Bankstown City	1,718	1,750	-32	436	477	722	729	444	449	116	95	0	0		
Barellan & District	19	6	13	3	0	10	6	2	0	4	0	0	0		
Barwon Darling	133	77	56	43	73	28	0	62	0	0	4	0	0		
Bathurst Netball	1,166	1,165	1	333	319	510	503	256	267	67	74	0	2		
Baulkham Hills Shire	5,192	5,041	151	1,191	1186	2,238	2,124	1,459	1,458	295	272	9	1		
Bellingen	0	18	-18	0	0	0	8	0	10	0	0	0	0		
Bermagui	65	75	-10	25	33	26	24	11	16	3	2	0	0		
Blacktown City	2,926	2,995	-69	945	962	1,144	1,172	663	661	173	197	1	3		
Blayney	140	156	-16	11	27	70	55	51	67	8	6	0	1		
Blue Mountains Bourke	1,189 103	1,237 76	-48 27	373 92	395 67	408 9	423 7	287 0	284 0	114 2	119 2	7 0	16 0		
Broken Hill	488	424		192	156	170	162	121	101	7	2 5	0	0		
Brunswick Byron	488	424	64 -43	46	52	170	227	96	92	20	5 32	<u> </u>	0		
Camden & District	1,937	2,013	-43 -76	40	564	828	790	458	92 522	154	137	0	0		
Campbelltown	2,401	1,971	430	751	770	901	839	559	178	190	184	0	0		
Casino	362	398	-36	110	139	146	162	96	87	10	104	0	0		
Cessnock	468	375	93	110	82	140	138	157	131	29	24	0	0		
Charlestown	904	962	-58	272	340	336	415	260	179	36	28	0	0		
City Of Sydney	650	482	168	608	448	19	26	6	0	17	8	0	0		
Cobar	191	53	138	85	0	37	28	66	23	3	2	0	0		
Coffs Harbour	484	482	2	163	168	193	208	109	89	18	17	1	0		
Condobolin	116	125	-9	40	68	40	45	35	12	1	0	0	0		
Coolamon Comets	78	97	-19	29	34	17	23	30	37	2	3	0	0		
Cooma	16	99	-83	1	21	14	56	1	17	0	5	0	0		
Coonabarabran	67	71	-4	0	1	31	42	28	15	8	13	0	0		
Coonamble	210	210	0	46	41	80	66	82	99	2	4	0	0		
Cootamundra	57	81	-24	28	33	7	26	18	16	4	6	0	0		
Cowra	265	289	-24	65	62	100	115	89	89	10	23	1	0		
Dubbo	1,175	1,101	74	252	190	542	559	305	267	76	84	0	1		
Dungog	85	124	-39	19	3	55	67	0	42	11	12	0	0		
Eastwood/Ryde	4,236	4,224	12	1,132	1100	1,733	1,760	1,090	1,059	281	305	0	0		
Eurobodalla	495	569	-74	99	128	241	288	135	132	20	21	0	0		
Fairfield City District	628	447	181	216	137	265	209	114	82	32	19	1	0		
Forbes Inc.	315 0	307	8	113 0	109 4	148 0	145 64	43 0	40 25	11 0	13 7	0	0		
Gilgandra	41	100 61	-100 -20	9	4 20	27	64 30	1	25 9	4		0	0		
Glen Innes Gloucester	113	164	-20 -51	33	37	<u>27</u> 59	87	18	36	4	2 4	0	0		
Gosford	2,631	2,679	-48	758	800	1,021	1,053	706	669	132	149	14	8		
Goulburn & District	2,031	2,079	56	738	34	130	1,055	47	49	132	7	0	0		
Grafton	517	494	23	107	96	278	277	115	104	17	17	0	0		
Great Lakes	446	425	21	107	64	210	215	109	104	17	21	2	1		
Griffith	467	511	-44	124	108	200	223	133	170	10	10	0	0		
Group 14	288	209	79	2	1	149	87	101	99	36	22	0	0		
Gunnedah	397	326	71	172	92	137	128	60	79	28	27	0	0		
Hastings Valley	1,231	1,302	-71	287	349	562	588	337	324	45	39	0	2		
Hawkesbury City	1,245	1,427	-182	374	440	505	575	321	322	45	90	0	0		
Hills District	3,306	3,324	-18	936	973	1,499	1,647	593	441	278	263	0	0		
Hillston	0	27	-27	0	18	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Hume	1,123	1,075	48	444	393	388	384	250	251	37	45	4	2		
Illawarra District	2,867	2,761	106	772	696	1,249	1,264	731	691	115	110	0	0		
Inner Western Suburbs	2,989	2,925	64	674	688	1,413	1,393	819	765	83	79	0	0		
Inverell	248	335	-87	34	114	91	47	115	172	8	2	0	0		
Jindabyne	159	197	-38	89	111	55	54	14	29	1	3	0	0		
Kiama	794	715	79	171	153	286	269	251	217	86	76	0	0		
Ku-ring-gai	3,948	3,992	-44	1,000	1062	1,450	1,494	1,190	1,142	288	271	20	23		
Kurri Kurri	130	178	-48	3	60	50	71	68	44	9	3	0	0		

2014	То	tal		Sen	iors Juniors		iors	ANZ Netta/ NetSetGO NetSetGO		Non Players		PWD	
	2014	2013	DIFF.	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Kyogle	101	119	-18	39	69	29	23	33	27	0	0	0	0
Lake Cargelligo	42	63	-21	36	39	6	4	0	20	0	0	0	0
Lakeside	1,349	1,401	-52	295	286	638	608	361	443	54	64	1	0
Leeton	290	269	21	48	56	133	124	108	83	1	6	0	0
Lismore	944	981	-37	360	346	398	410	142	179	42	46	2	0
Lithgow	264	259	5	84	70	107	120	56	58	17	11	0	0
Liverpool	1,718	1,276	442	361	309	815	676	416	211	126	80	0	0
Lower Clarence	315	317	-2	46	57	162	155	84	83	23	22	0	0
Macleay	483	447	36	146	134	179	190	140	111	18	12	0	0
Maitland	2,066	2,116	-50	499	524	893	950	538	515	132	127	4	0
Manly-Warringah	5,482	5,555	-73	941	943	2,324	2,246	1,950	2,083	254	277	13	6
Moree & District	60	34	26	28	18	16	16	13	0	3	0	0	0
Mount Druitt	708	711	-3	209	205	271	239	195	236	33	31	0	0
Mudgee District	674	688	-14	221	212	279	307	149	149	25	20	0	0
Muswellbrook	553	429	124	183	105	210	174	141	128	19	22	0	0
Nambucca Valley	265	302	-37	25	22	114	134	100	136	26	10	0	0
Narrabri Netball	345	257	88	118	82	132	107	78	56	17	12	0	0
Narrandera	76	88	12	27	31	8	10	39	47	2	0	0	0
Nelson Bay	425	458	-33	59	72	206	226	144	147	16	12	0	1
Newcastle	3,989	3,830	159	1,302	1157	1,616	1,571	851	868	175	191 3	45	43
Norfolk Island	0	154	-154	0	39	0	48	0	63	0		0	1
Northern Riverina	366	363	3	153	159	110	107	91	75	12	22	0	0
Northern Suburbs	5,588 112	5,737	-149	1,578 50	1639 61	2,632 37	2,748 42	1,227 21	1,134 44	151	215 2	0 0	1 0
Nyngan		149	-37		-	-				4			
Orange Derkee District	1,736 352	1,630 282	106 70	633 103	524 86	741 146	716 128	331	362 63	31 26	28 5	<u>    0</u> 0	0
Parkes District Parramatta Auburn	541	642	-101	103	183	240	251	77 132	175	20 45	33	0	0
Penrith	3,753	3,871	-118	1,359	1311	1,377	1,473	857	916	159	168	<u> </u>	3
Port Stephens	761	640	121	250	174	278	252	187	166	46	48	0	0
Queanbeyan	523	581	-58	89	116	244	232	138	168			0	0
Quirindi	115	109	6	57	42	29	28	25	34	4	5	0	0
Randwick	3,269	3,236	33	676	862	1,525	1,404	935	844	133	124	0	2
Sapphire Coast	519	545	-26	218	232	179	189	97	94	24	30	1	0
Scone	380	507	-127	93	240	153	157	123	105	10	5	1	0
Shoalhaven	1,007	999	8	360	387	400	385	197	169	50	58	0	0
Singleton	578	665	-87	103	169	242	291	189	164	44	41	0	0
Southern Highlands	496	452	44	125	95	199	198	153	144	18	14	1	1
St George District	1,603	1,517	86	363	344	741	745	372	323	127	105	0	0
Sutherland Shire	6,439	6,383	56	2,615	2619	2,304	2,355	1,186	1,100	299	272	35	37
Tamworth	1,519	1,331	188	576	493	599	538	290	267	47	33	7	0
Taree & District	593	568	25	170	170	256	263	134	103	30	29	3	3
Temora	114	146	-32	12	32	45	33	53	75	4	6	0	0
Tenterfield	0	58	-58	0	36	0	12	0	10	0	0	0	0
Tumut	467	541	-74	133	171	171	188	157	175	6	7	0	0
Ulladulla & Districts	258	229	29	39	40	128	118	59	41	32	30	0	0
Wagga Wagga	2,100	2,053	47	735	662	853	888	463	454	48	48	1	1
Warren Junior	100	28	72	30	0	34	15	32	7	4	6	0	0
Wellington	77	102	-25	0	2	37	40	36	54	4	6	0	0
West Wyalong	192	201	-9	97	96	59	60	29	37	7	8	0	0
Westlakes	673	710	-37	124	176	339	319	171	180	39	35	0	0
Wollondilly	687	658	29	173	165	281	297	181	153	48	43	4	0
Woolgoolga District	187	170	17	70	65	70	61	37	33	10	11	0	0
Woy Woy Peninsula	672	657	15	96	95	293	288	218	207	65	67	0	0
Wyong District	2,524	2,582	-58	673	722	1,089	1,111	689	692	70	55	3	2
Yass	101	248	-147	2	60	63	107	34	77	2	4	0	0
Young & District	331	335	-4	146	129	127	148	50	48	8	10	0	0
TOTAL	113,030	112,260	770	32,349	32,380	46,702	46,982	28,102	27,134	5,684	5,592	193	172



## **Sport Development Overview**

The consolidation of Sport Development programs within the coach, umpire, officials, and community education and development space extended into 2014, with excellent numbers of members completing formal accreditations across the State.

Community engagement programs were a focus with the Sport Development team conducting a variety of events, programs and competitions across the state including; Inter-Regional State League, Oceania Netball Cup, Marie Little OAM Shield, Train Like a Swift clinics, Uni Links Program, Managers' Workshops, and Programs centred around Indigenous, Culturally & Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) and People with a Disability (PWD). All offering flexibility within a variety of formats encouraging new and returning participants to the sport.

New initiatives introduced in 2014 included Come and Try sessions conducted at ANZ NetSetGO inclusion centres with a particular focus on culturally diverse communities, and along with NetSetGO Gala Days, 11,200 school students participated in NetSetGO inclusion programs during the calendar year. In addition this number, a further 28,102 juniors were registered as NetSetGO Members, and 520 Clubs and Associations registered as a NetSetGO Centre in 2014.

A total of 46,154 juniors participated in NetSetGO, Schools, Community clinics or events during 2014.

Another new concept was the "Girl Ready" Program introduced at Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School, in conjunction with the Community Migrant Resource Centre, which focused on female students in Years 9 and 10 who were at risk of disengaging from education, with the objective to support personal and physical development through group work and intensive life skills workshops.

The participants were introduced to netball through a variety of skills and drills, as well as modified games, throughout the program learning life skills that go hand-in-hand with team sport – leadership, respect, team work and communication. The program was a huge success, with additional schools expressing interest for 2015.

Cultural & Indigenous competency awareness training was delivered to all Netball NSW staff members, and the organisation is currently engaging Indigenous coach and umpire presenters to run educational and development workshops and courses throughout the state.

178 NSW teachers registered in the national Teacher Ambassador program, and plans are in place to host a Teacher Ambassador event at a NSW Swifts home game in 2015, upskilling these Ambassadors to present Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015 programs.

Netball NSW run School Holiday Clinics continue to be a must attend event, and the Netball NSW Schools Cup competition grew substantially, with 548 teams and 5480 participants across Years 5/6 mixed teams, Years 7/8 girls and Years 7/8 boys categories taking part in 2014 – that's an increase of 50% on 2013.

Coaches, Umpires and Bench Officials earning their accreditations accelerated throughout 2014 with 848 Foundation, 159 Development, 51 Intermediate, and 15 Advance coaches participating in accreditation courses.

450 National C, 85 National B, and 1 National A Umpiring badges were awarded throughout 2014, as well as 7 State and 2 National Bench Official accreditations.

To ensure equal access to advance accreditation and further knowledge in a flexible environment with real-time access to resources, Netball NSW in conjunction with Netball Australia and the Australian Sports Commission launched the online e-Learning portal for Coaches, Players, Members, Umpires, and Bench Officials.

### Neita Matthews OAM Umpire's Encouragement Award

2014 Kate Howard (Bankstown City Netball Association) 2013 Eugene Afa (Penrith) and Leisa Kenny (Forbes) Stephen Jackson (City of Sydney Netball Association) 2012 2011 Clare Breust (Queanbeyan Netball Association) 2010 Rebecca McKinnon (Ku-ring-gai Netball Association) Tara Warner (Fairfield City Netball Association) 2009 2008 Sarah Sandstrom (St George District Netball Association) 2007 Helen Dolbel (Penrith Netball Association) Rachel Hughes (Bathurst Netball Association) 2006 Alan Melville (Liverpool City Netball Association) 2005



Kate Howard with Neita Matthews OAM at 2014 Netball NSW State Dinner

### Lynn Quinn OAM Bench Official of the Year Award

2014Dianne Ward (Sutherland Shire Netball Association)2013Maria Rigor (Hills District Netball Association)



Dianne Ward with Lynn Quinn OAM at 2014 Netball NSW State Dinner

## **Schools Cup**



The Hills Sports High School, Years 7/8 Girls Schools Cup State Champions

The Netball NSW Schools Cup experienced incredible growth in 2014 with nearly 5,500 players taking the court for 548 teams representing 319 primary and secondary schools.

Schools Cup is an initiative by Netball NSW to provide New South Wales primary and secondary school students in Years Five, Six, Seven and Eight with the opportunity to enjoy netball in a fun and safe environment.

School teams competed in round robin "Local Day" carnivals earlier in the year, with the overall winners from each Local Day progressing to a "Regional Final" where 20 State Finalists were revealed to represent their community at the State Final held at the Anne Clark Centre on Tuesday 16 September.

The Finalists competed in three age-divisions – Years 5/6 Mixed, Years 7/8 Girls and Years 7/8 Boys – all vying to take home the 2014 State Champions trophy in their respective division.

After its inaugural competition in 2013, two new divisions were included in 2014 with the introduction of the Years 7/8 Girls and Boys divisions.

Speaking ahead of the 2014 Finals Day, Netball NSW General Manager – Sport Development, Nikki Horton, could not have been happier with the progression of the State-wide competition.

"We've seen a huge response to this year's competition with more than double the number of children participating in 2014 compared to last year, which is really pleasing and a credit to everyone involved," Horton said.

"Netball NSW recognised an opportunity to engage public and primary schools from around the State, as well as give our younger netballers a chance to compete against one another – something they previously didn't have access to."

"To see how well this competition has been received by schools across NSW after only two years is a great reflection on the popularity of netball at a grassroots level," concluded Horton.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School from the Hunter Region were crowned the Years 5/6 Mixed Division State Champions, while Sydney Metropolitan schools The Hills Sports High School and Xavier College – Llandilo took out the Years 7/8 Girls and Years 7/8 Boys Divisions, respectively.

The 2014 Netball NSW Schools Cup is proudly supported by our Official Charity Partner The Kids' Cancer Project.

#### 2014 Netball NSW Schools Cup – State Finalists Years 5/6 Mixed

Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains (Sydney Metropolitan) St Mary's Catholic Primary (Hunter) Catherine McAuley, Orange (West/Central West) St Mary's Primary, Casino (Far North Coast) Gerringong Public (South Coast) St Francis Xavier's Primary (Northern Inland) Wauchope Public (North Coast) St Patrick's Primary, Albury (Riverina)

#### Years 7/8 Girls

The Hills Sports High (Sydney Metropolitan) Wadalba Community (Hunter) St Raphael's Catholic College, Cowra (West/Central West) St John's College, Woodlawn (Far North Coast) Carroll College (South Coast) Narrabri High (Northern Inland) St Paul's College, Port Macquarie (North Coast) The Riverina Anglican College 'Green' (Riverina)

#### Years 7/8 Boys

Xavier College, Llandilo (Sydney Metropolitan) St Joseph's High, Aberdeen (Hunter) Oberon High (West/Central West) Carroll College (South Coast)



Xavier College – Llandilo, Years 7/8 Boys Schools Cup State Champions

## **Marie Little OAM Shield**



Back row: Jenny O'Keeffe (Head Coach), Rebel Ervasti, Caroline Day, Tara Daniels, Uriah Weston, Melissa Gallagher (co-Capt), Karina Baines, Annie Collins (Assistant Coach), Ellen Monaghan (Manager) Front row: Dallas Austin Sarah Jayne Forrest (co-Capt), Danielle Burns

The Netball NSW Marie Little OAM Shield Team finished second at the 2014 Marie Little OAM Shield following a narrow 9-8 loss to defending Champions Victoria in the Final at the Waverley Netball Centre on Sunday 17 August.

At the premier netball event for players with an intellectual disability, the NSW side competed against the Victorian All Abilities Team and South Australia.

The three teams played each other twice in a round-robin style competition before the top two teams at the end of the six matches played the Final to determine which team would hold the Shield, but the NSW team was unable to overcome the defending Champions on their home soil.

After being down by as many as four goals early in the first half of the decider, NSW fought back to trail by just one goal at halftime, 5-4. It was goal-for-goal in the second half and when Victoria scored to go ahead by one in the dying seconds, NSW was unable to add another goal; Victoria winners 9-8.

NSW Head Coach Jenny O'Keeffe was very proud of her team who rebounded from a loss in the first round to challenge Victoria in the Final.

"We were absolutely thrilled with our players. We lost our first game this morning which was a little disappointing but it was just our first game, then after that they started playing the way we were really hoping they might," O'Keeffe said.

"Everyone played beautifully, the players are pleased with themselves and they should be".

After finishing the 2013 tournament without a win, it was a great reward for the NSW team to walk away with three victories.

Final Placing: 2nd

#### Results

2 wins, 2 losses NSW 5 def by VIC 13 NSW 19 def VIC 6 NSW 14 def SA 12 FINAL: VIC 9 def NSW 8

#### Marie Little OAM 1933 - 2014

On Sunday 17 August, Marie Little OAM passed away peacefully after a short illness.



Marie was the founder of

AUSRAPID, a national organisation established to increase the sporting and recreational opportunities for all people with an integration disability within Australia.

In 2013, Netball Australia's All Abilities Carnival was renamed the Marie Little OAM Shield in honour of Marie, who was a champion of disability in netball.

# **Oceania Netball Cup**

2014 marked the third instalment of the Oceania Netball Cup, with a record number of 42 teams joining in the fun at the Anne Clark Centre over Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 September.

Teams travelled from all over the State to participate; from Barellan to Nowra, even visitors from the Australian Capital Territory and Tonga!

The Oceania Cup was the brainchild of NSW netball legend Mo'onia Gerrard to inspire girls, particularly those with a pacific islands background, to be active and feel the benefits of playing netball.

The competition was divided into three age groups – Under 13, Under 15, and Under 18 – with the Under 15 Division so popular, it was divided into two pools. While the weather turned poor in the early afternoon of Day Two, cutting short some of the competition, it didn't put a dampener on the day with participants staying until the very end to cheer on the winners and runners-up announced at the presentation.

Congratulations to the following teams who were crowned their age-group Champions.

Under 13: Afatasi Styles Under 15 – Pool A: Cronulla Sharks Under 15 – Pool B: Fobalicious Under 18: The United

Gerrard was on-hand during the tournament to encourage the teams and said she was beyond thrilled at seeing her little project, the Oceania Cup, grow year after year. "The Oceania Cup has a great crew behind it ... having the support from Netball NSW, the Swifts, the umpires who help run it. For the third year [of the event] we saw 42 teams participate... and it's pretty amazing the response from the community," Gerrard said.



## **NSW umpires rule in 2014**



It was an inspiring year for New South Wales umpires in 2014 with a number of personal accolades celebrated, ground-breaking initiatives introduced, and hundreds of dedicated netball rules-women (and men!) donning their whites and picking up the whistle.

Our umpires continued their legacy as some of the best in the business – whether it be on the international or national stage, during DOOLEYS State League, or even in the most remote communities of NSW.

From Sharon Kelly officiating her 100th international test during the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, to Dubbo College students picking up the whistle for the first time as part of the Indigenous Sporting Program. Netball NSW takes a lot of pride in the work that goes into our Umpire programs and workshops, particularly those that see our Sport Development Team hitting the road to visit regional areas; especially with the aid of our incredible Regional Coordinators.

One such program is NetEd, which are three-hour workshops which supports the existing accreditation frameworks, and designed for both coaches and umpires at beginner and development levels.

More than 160 umpires participated in the NetEd workshops in 2014, with the Umpires on Court sessions consisting of two compartments; exploring the skills required to coach beginner umpires and the simple methods used to test umpires.

As Netball NSW Umpire & Officials Development Coordinator Jan Simpson simply puts, it's about upskilling those in regional areas to go back to their communities and pass on what they've learned.

"It's important that regional areas are self-sustainable and the quality of our metropolitan and regional presenters – both for Netball NSW and Netball Australia courses and programs – is of a high standard," Simpson said.

"Our aim at Netball NSW is to continue to improve the standard of umpiring in this State, by providing a structured pathway for the education of our talent and experienced mentors who are the educators and role models of the next generation of fantastic umpires."

That positive development pathway was none so obvious than in 2014 with our umpires flying the flag on the international and national stage.

Four umpires were allocated to the Glasgow Commonwealth Games; five out of the six Australian ANZ Championship umpires were NSW representatives; four emerging High Performance umpires were selected for Netball Australia's Umpire Talent Program, including Hayley Burgess and Bronwen Adams appointed to their first international tournament in Singapore; and more fantastic umpiring news to continue in 2015.

In a first for our friends in white, Netball Australia will launch an online version Level 1 Umpires Course in January 2015, meaning anyone with internet capabilities can sit their Level 1 exam to get started on their umpire development journey.

Australia is the first country in the world to move towards an online education court for umpires, which has been designed to assist umpires in achieving the necessary skills and knowledge to be an effective umpire and also enjoy their important role in the game.

Netball Australia has also introduced a Community Umpire Toolkit, which all Associations will receive free of charge in 2015. The toolkit is designed to assist umpire convenors and presenters to deliver fun, interactive umpire education sessions (like Umpire Bingo!) that teach the rules of netball to new umpires, and how to apply those rules in a practical, games-based environment.

It's going to be an exciting year for NSW netball in 2015, culminating in the Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015 in August. Netball NSW will continue to deliver a variety of programs and courses, umpires' camps and training days, plus provide opportunities for peer-based learning.

What's more, it's going to be FUN! So get in involved with your local Club and/or Association and join the highly respected and high performing NSW umpire club in 2015.









## NSW coaching stocks continue to rise



Australian Diamonds' Head Coach Lisa Alexander at a Netball NSW Insiders Series Workshop

New South Wales coaches continue to tick-off goals on their development pathway with fifteen achieving their Advanced Coaching Accreditation during 2014.

This is an incredible statistic considering there have only been five coaches to achieve their Advanced certificate previous to this season since 2010 - and there are some notable names amongst the list of achievers.

NSW Swifts' Assistant Coach Megan Anderson along with South East Regional Netball Academy (SERNA) Head Coach Adele Caesar, Southern Sport Academy (SSA) Assistant Coach Rosemary Clarke, NSW 17/U Assistant Coach Amber Cross, Central Coast Academy of Sport (CCAS) Head Coach Gima Crowdy, Parramatta Auburn (PANA) State League coach Therri Ellison, Swifts' Contracted Specialist Defensive Coach Mo'onia Gerrard and her former teammate Sonia Mkoloma, as well as Western Sydney Academy of Sport (WSAS) Assistant Coach Marj Parr.

Netball NSW Coach Development Coordinator Dianne Brown said it was amazing to see so many coaches achieve their Advanced status, particularly in such a short time-frame from each other.

"This is a really talented group of coaches and it's great to see their hard work being repaid by receiving their Advanced Accreditation. To have so many in a relatively small period of time just shows how many great coaches we have in our system and in turn, the development and training they can help provide our young athletes," Brown said.

The above list of coaches were invited to an Insiders Series workshop on the weekend, along with their Advanced and High Performance colleagues, at the NSW Swifts' Round 13 home game on Sunday 25 May.

Australian Diamonds Head Coach Lisa Alexander took the coaches through a practical and theoretical session at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, utilising the NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) netball squad for a real-time training session.

The workshop allowed the coaches to view techniques in action, whilst also giving them an opportunity to ask their burning questions of the Aussie coach.

Brown said the experience was eye-opening for the group, with many commenting on how much they had gained from the workshop.

"I had coaches who have been in the system for a long time say how much they took from the session, which is really satisfying to know our Insiders Series can cater for all coaching levels." "We have seen an incredible response from our coaching community, including having world class identities such as Lisa Alexander give us their time.

"Hopefully we see this trend continue and some of those targeted coaches in the audience one day take reins and deliver an Insider Series workshop," Brown concluded.

In addition to these fifteen newly qualified Advanced coaches, 848 members completed their Foundation, 159 Development and 51 Intermediate during 2014.

Netball NSW has available an expanded series of coaching development opportunities and courses in 2015.

Courses include Foundation and Development Coaching; Dare to Develop a Diamond 11-13 & 14-16 year-old Coaching; Community Coaching General Principles; Intermediate General Principles of Coaching; and NetEd Coach on Court Workshops.

More opportunities such as The Insider Series will be added to the 2015 schedule with all details available from the Netball NSW website.



NSW Swifts' Head Coach Rob Wright attending a Netball NSW coaching workshop in 2014

# **Regional State League**





Newcastle were crowned 2014 GrainCorp Inter-Regional State League Champions

Following the success of its inaugural season, the Netball NSW GrainCorp Inter-Regional State League returned in 2014 providing an important opportunity for players, coaches, officials and administrators from Associations outside of Sydney Metropolitan to experience the game at the highest level in their region.

With the support of Netball NSW Major Partner GrainCorp, all seven regions outside of Sydney Metropolitan (Region One) staged a State League competition, with each Regional Champion invited to attend the State Final at the Anne Clark Centre over the weekend of Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 September.

Newcastle were crowned the 2014 GrainCorp Inter-Regional State League Champions, coming from behind to defeat defending Champions Orange, 45-38, in the Final.

Orange got off to a great start, opening out to a five goal advantage early in the opening quarter. However the younger Newcastle side soon regathered their composure to keep within touch of their opponents. While their attacking end saw plenty of the ball, they couldn't pull back the deficit on the scoreboard with Orange posting a healthy six goal lead at the first break.

With a couple personnel changes during the break Newcastle worked hard and soon had pulled back the gap to just three goals. But Orange were up to the challenge and, using their speed to transition the ball quickly down the court, maintained their handy lead. Soon the sides were locked in a goal-for-goal battle, with Orange maintaining a two goal buffer at half-time.

The see-sawing battle continued into the second half; Newcastle scored first to get within one goal, however Orange had a reply straight away to keep their opponents at bay. With their defensive end working overtime to create turnovers, Orange hit their opposition where it hurt most – the scoreboard. By halfway through the third quarter the West/Central West champions had pushed back out to a six goal lead.

But Newcastle's defenders were equally up to the challenge, pulling in crucial intercepts to give possession back to their side. With less than 30 seconds remaining, Newcastle evened the score and after taking the next centre pass, scored a goal to hit the lead for the first time.

With 15 minutes to state their case to be crowned the 2014 Champion, both sides threw everything into the contest, leaving everything on court. Again they were locked in a goal-for-goal battle as Orange tried desperately to take back the lead, while Newcastle did their best to hold on.

As the clock counted down fatigue appeared to begin to set in, as the teams approached the end of two days of back-to-back netball. But it was Newcastle who held strong, coming back from six goals down to post a seven goal victory and claim the 2014 Inter-Regional State Champion title.

In the third place play-off, Tamworth overcame a spirited Grafton to post a 52-40 victory on the back of a strong second half performance. After being locked in a draw for much of the opening 15 minutes, Tamworth put out strong second and third quarter performance to force Grafton into chase mode. Despite the Far North Coast Champions winning the final quarter by two goals, it wasn't enough to chase down the deficit with Tamworth claiming third place.

#### 2014 GrainCorp Inter-Regional State Final - Placings

1. Newcastle (Hunter)

2. Orange (West/Central West)

- 3. Tamworth (Northern Inland)
- 4. Grafton (Far North Coast)

5. Hastings Valley (North Coast)

\*South Coast & Riverina weren't represented at the State Final

### 2014 Regional State League - Honour Roll

Grafton

Far North Coast
Hunter Div 1 Hunter Div 2 Hunter Div 3 Hunter Div 4 Hunter Div 5 Hunter Div 6
Hunter Div 7

North Coast Div 1 North Coast Div 2

Northern Inland Div 1 Northern Inland Div 2

Riverina Div 1

South Coast Div 1 South Coast Div 2

West/Central West Div 1 West/Central West Div 2 Newcastle 21s Nelson Bay Opens Charlestown 17s Nelson Bay 17s Westlakes 15s Newcastle 14s Maitland 14s Hastings Valley 21s

Nambucca Valley 17s

Tamworth Group 14

#### Wagga Wagga Opens

Sapphire Coast Queanbeyan

Orange Bathurst

## Going far and west to promote Netball



Menindee Public School



The Netball NSW Sports Development Department over the past year has seen thousands of juniors across all regions of New South Wales engage in netball like never before. Regional Coordinators and Development Officers work with Associations, Clubs, community groups, schools, and other government agencies to showcase the physical, mental and social benefits of netball.

During 2014, Netball NSW Regional Development Officer Emily Ross spent a large part of the calendar year on the road, visiting some of the most remote parts of the Far West region to help spread our passion for our favourite sport.

To provide some insight into the invaluable work being undertaken by Emily in remote NSW, the Netball NSW's Communications Department documented her movements throughout a seven day period.

From Sunday 19 to Monday 27 October, Emily visited five remote towns, seven schools and travelled close to 3,000km.

The tour saw more than 570 participants getting involved, with temperatures consistently hovering over 39 degrees Celsius.

Despite the searing temperatures, Emily said the tour was an amazing success with the happiness of the kids leaving a lasting impression.

"The netball community in the Far West are fantastic and it was great to see a rural Association such as Broken Hill doing an incredible job, despite being so remote – just a lazy 1,147 kilometres or a 13-hour drive from Sydney!" Emily said.

"I was really impressed by the natural athleticism of the kids I saw on the tour, some of who had never played netball before. Students and teachers all around were glad to see Netball NSW present and loved the opportunity to participate and try a new sport.

"The places I visited reminded me why I love sport so much – they all just want to play to have fun, not to win but for the enjoyment of it with friends, family and the wider community. It was an amazing trip and I can't wait to get back out there again," Emily said.

The tour began in Broken Hill before Emily hit the road visiting White Cliffs Public School (Monday 20), Wilcannia Central School (Tuesday

21), Broken Hill Netball Association (Tuesday 21), Menindee Central School (Wednesday 22), Alma Public School (Thursday 23), Burke Ward Public School (Friday 24), and St Johns Cobar (Monday 27).

There were skills sessions, competitions, introductory clinics, Level 1 Umpiring courses and an ANZ NetSetGO Gala Day assisted by a school principal (who is actually the town's NetSetGO Coordinator).

Participants aged from kindergarten right through to 50-years-old joined in the activities, with participants from Indigenous and non-Indigenous backgrounds. Boys and girls, mums and dads, umpires and players and coaches... everyone got involved in the Far West Tour which is a wonderful sight to see!

"There was so much enthusiasm from the places I visited, with communities now picking up what we've started – taking back to their own netball clubs or schools and continuing to spread the great game of netball," Emily said.

"One such story is the great work being done out of Broken Hill Netball Association and their umpiring program, in that the older girls are mentoring the younger umpires coming through, which has increased confidence in both groups and helps the Association's continuation. We really saw that affect in the Level 1 Umpiring Course we held, and look forward to seeing it continue."



Alma Public Schoo



## **High Performance Overview**



2014 saw the consolidation of the Netball NSW 2014-2017 High Performance Plan.

Our State Team Program continued to develop with the reintroduction of the 17/U Development Squad to provide athletes not selected in the State Team with the opportunity to continue their growth within a High Performance environment. The Development Squad had an identical training schedule with their 17/U counterparts, and concluded their 2014 Program with will two games against one of the top secondary school teams in New Zealand, St Margaret's High School.

Our State Teams participation in the 2014 National Netball Championships delivered mixed results, with the 21/U finishing third, the 19/U fifth, and the 17/U finished Runners-Up in a very close encounter with the host State, Victoria. While the Team Standings were below that is expected from NSW Teams, 16 athletes were rewarded for their individual performances during the Nationals with selection in Australian squads.

The Netball NSW Blues finished the 2014 Australian Netball League (ANL) season in eighth, in what were improved performances on the previous year, and the Netball NSW Waratahs fourth. Special mention to Waratahs' shooter Kristina Brice who set a new ANL record for the highest goal tally in a season with 461 goals to her name, and was named joint 2014 ANL Player of the Year, sharing the accolade with NSW junior and Western Sting midcourter Ashleigh Brazill.

Under the guidance of Head Coach Rob Wright, the NSW Swifts reached the ANZ Championship Finals Series for the first time since 2011. The team faced many adversities at the beginning of their 2014 campaign, from developing new combinations to season-ending injuries. But with skill and sheer determination, the Swifts finished the regular season in third place to host Waikato/Bay of Plenty Magic in the Minor Semi Final – losing this game by one goal, 50-49.

The roster's outstanding performances throughout the season were acknowledged with higher honours; four Swifts were selected in the 2014 Australian Diamonds' squad (Kimberlee Green, Sharni Layton, Susan Pratley and Caitlin Thwaites), three athletes won Commonwealth Games Gold in Glasgow as members of the Australian Netball Team (Kimberlee Green, Sharni Layton and Caitlin Thwaites), with a further player named in the Australian 21/U squad (Gretel Tippett).

Captain Kimberlee Green was voted the 2014 ANZ Championship co-MVP alongside the Magic's Jo Harten, while both Green and Susan Pratley were rewarded for their consistency all season with selection in the FOXTEL All-Stars Team. Our Regional Academy of Sport Programs continued to development with all Academies implementing the Develop a Diamond National Curriculum. The South East Region Netball Academy (SERNA) was established and all 11 Academies participated in the NIB Competition and Academy Games. Significant priority was given to Coach Development across 2014 with the NSWIS Head Coach visiting all Academies and selected training sessions/camps. This was enhanced further with a follow up courtside session for all coaches along with an in house theory coach education session at nib games. Academy teams were also had the privilege of having a NSW Swifts' Ambassador courtside for one day of nib providing coaching and player mentoring.

During July, Netball NSW congratulated Sue Hawkins, the now former New South Wales Institute of Sport (NSWIS) Head Coach, who was named Head Coach of ANZ Championship franchise, Mainland Tactix. Prior to this appointment, Sue made a significant contribution to netball in NSW over a number of years. The former England Netball Head Coach and Australian representative was the NSW Swifts' High Performance Coach in 2012, and has coached a number of NSW Representative Teams. Sue also played a hands-on role in the area of coach development, mentoring a number of NSW State Team Coaches and Netball Coaches at Regional Academies of Sport throughout NSW.

NSW coaches continued to excel at a National Level with Lenore Blades appointed as a 17/U National Selector, Maria Lynch 19/U National Selector, while Briony Akle and Moira Gaha were accepted into the Netball Australia High Performance Coaching Program.

NSW Swifts' coaches Megan Anderson (Shooting) and Mo'onia Gerrard (19/U Specialist Coach), plus State Team Assistant Coach Amber Cross (17/U National Program) were chosen in Netball Australia's 2014 Targeted Coach intake, designed to give development opportunities within national programs and national camps.

Netball NSW would like to thank the strong support of a number of stakeholders who have played important roles in the organisation's High Performance Programs in 2014. These include Partner NSWIS, Regional Academy Of Sport CEOs, Program Managers and Head Coaches. The 2014 State Team personnel including Coaches, Managers, Physiotherapists and Selectors.

We now look ahead to 2015 which is shaping up to be a massively exciting year for netball in the state of NSW. We will continue to evaluate and review our programs, consolidate the High Performance Plan, and develop further our relationships with our stakeholders all whilst enjoying the busy but exciting netball calendar!

# **High Performance Overview**



2014 Australian Diamonds Squad Kimberlee Green Sharni Layton Susan Pettitt (nee Pratley) Caitlin Thwaites Plus 2015 NSW Swifts' recruit Julie Corletto.

#### 2014 Australian Commonwealth Games Netball Team

Kimberlee Green Sharni Layton Caitlin Thwaites Plus 2015 NSW Swifts' recruit Julie Corletto.

#### 2014 Real Insurance Netball Series

Constellation Cup v New Zealand Silver Ferns and Test Series v England Kimberlee Green Sharni Layton Caitlin Thwaites Plus 2015 NSW Swifts' recruit Julie Corletto.

#### 2014 Australian 21/U squad

Kristina Brice Taylah Davies (had to redraw due to injury) Kristiana Manu'a

#### 2014 Netball Centre of Excellence Specialist Camps

Defence: Kristiana Man'ua Shooting: Kristina Brice Tall defenders: Prudence Ellis, Mikayla Upton Centre/Wing Defence: Maddie Hay and Gabi Simpson

#### Australian 17/U Development Squad

Keira Austin Prudence Ellis Kirra Jones<sup>A</sup> Kristen Kessler Lauren Moore<sup>\*</sup> Claire O'Brien Amy Parmenter Cassandra Radford \*withdrew from Australian camp with injury ^called into Australian 17/U Squad as replacement for Lauren Moore

#### Australian 19/U Squad

Toni Anderson Maddie Hay Tanisha Stanton Lauren Yager Billie Gurr<sup>\*</sup> \*called into Australian 19/U Squad as injury replacement



Sharni Layton representing the Australian Diamonds in the 2014 Constellation Cup Test Match at Allphones Arena



Back Row (L-R) : Donna-marie Clarke (Manager), Laura Alves, Amalia Plevey, Jacoba Clough, Adele-Marie Caesar (Head Coach), Ainsley Mann, Nicole Clough, Mikaela Callender, Michelle Hendrie (Assistant Coach) Front Row (L-R): Jaynaya Shepherd, Jasmin Fuller, Nikayla Ingram, Jisha Smith, Amy Hodson, Emma Benson, Nikki-Leigh Francis, Zoe Lee-Archer. Absent: Georgia Reed, Georgia Ross

### **Creating a High Performance Pathway** 17/U Development squad reintroduced in 2014



Former NSW State Team Coach and current NSW Swifts' Head Coach Rob Wright is excited about the prospects of future State Teams, having spent time providing specialist coaching to a number of the 2014 sides, including the NSW 17/U Development squad.

The squad was reintroduced in 2014 to provide athletes with the opportunity to continue their growth within a High Performance environment, and it's a move which has been welcomed by Wright.

"For me, having this 17/U Development squad back in our High Performance Program is exceptionally important and I'm really excited we brought it back," said Wright after participating in one of squad's training sessions as part of the 2014 State Team program.

"If you look at the numbers that try out in that 17/U age group, sometimes 150 to 160 kids which we have to get down to 12, often there are so many talented young players that the next 20 could also be competitive at Nationals.

"This program gives an opportunity for this group of players to get the extra development and support they need to force their way into selection contention next time around."

"What I hope we will see is the Development squad athletes continue to process throughout this season and go on to be selected in the NSW 17/U or 19/U Teams next year, and that they can see there is a pathway which is important."

When participating in these training sessions, it was key for Wright to talk with the coaches and assess if there was a theme they wanted him to work on that complemented their existing program.

"When working with the Development squad I will tailor my session to best benefit the group, while exposing them to future expectations," explained Wright.

"Often athletes at that age don't quite understand how to train as they should, so our trainings are about working really hard, working consistently and at a high level.

"I believe if you have good skills and work really hard, things will happen. It's a simple concept, but a concept that we have adopted at the Swifts.

"We want quality, and we want intensity, and they're the things I really push at the sessions I take with all the State Teams."

An outcome of Netball NSW's review of its High Performance Program in 2013 was the need to create a top to bottom Performance Culture that would develop and support sustained success across all Programs.

"For Netball NSW it's really important for all our teams throughout the entire High Performance Program to adopt consistent themes and philosophies in both training and playing," conveyed Wright.

"I believe the themes of quality and intensity are absolutely critical to success, not just in netball but any sport. If you have high quality skills and work with real intensity and consistency, you have to be better.

"If our 17s are better that makes our 19s better and our 21s, and it goes all the way up the pathway to the NSW Swifts.

"Then what we are trying to do at the Swifts is develop Diamonds, which is the ultimate for any Australian athlete."

Wright is looking forward to being involved with the State Teams again during 2015.

"I've really enjoyed working with all the Teams during their 2014 campaigns as it's given me an opportunity to build a rapport with the players.

"It's actually something Kim Green is committed to; she wanted to grow a real connection between the Swifts and all our State sides.

"We saw at the Netball NSW Conference the Swifts players working with the State Teams, and our Swifts coaches in Megan (Anderson) and Anita (Keelan) have also been running sessions with the teams.

"We really love it; we are New South through and through, so we want the best for all our teams and that starts with our Regional Academies, Development Squads, all the way up," concluded Rob Wright.

#### 2014 Netball NSW 17/U Development Squad

Amelia Basheer Chloe Chapman Meg Collins Olivia Duffy Laura Henderson Sally Hunter Cristina Linaker Madeleine McCathie Braedan Quince Natasha Robards Olivia Rowntree Kelly Singleton Mikayla Upton Georgina Woods Head Coach: Leonie Stewart-Weeks Assistant Coaches: Pate Cooper and Jaqua Heddle Manager: Charlene Sommerville

### **State Teams**



Amber Cross (Assistant Coach), Moira Gaha (Head Coach), Chelsea Bolton – Illawarra, Claire O'Brien – St George, Loren Singleton – Baulkham Hills, Cassandra Radford (vc) – Sutherland Shire, Lauren Moore – Wyong, Brooke Fennings – Charlestown, Prudence Ellis – Ku-ring-gai, Leanne Grevenitz – Wyong, Kiera Austin – Eastwood Ryde, Kirra Jones – Illawarra, Amy Parmenter (c) – Randwick, Kristen Kessler – Wyong, Deborah Kassing (Manager). Absent: Emily Boulton-Smith (Physio), Rebecca Langford (Assistant Physio)

### **NSW 17/U**

After going through the tournament undefeated, the NSW 17/U side came agonisingly close to being crowned Champions, going down to Victoria in the Grand Final. Considering all but one athlete were attending their first National Netball Championships, this is quite an achievement from the group of young athletes.

NSW celebrated victories over each of the States and Territories throughout the round-robin – including the eventual Champions – except for Queensland, where they played out a thrilling 30-30 draw; the only tie of the tournament.

All seven starting players were selected in the 2014 Australian 17/U Squad, including Captain Amy Parmenter, shooters Kiera Austin and Prudence 'Rudi' Ellis, midcourters Claire O'Brien and Kristen Kessler, and defenders Cassandra Radford and Kirra Jones.

#### **RESULTS:**

NSW 47 def NT 15 NSW 38 def WA 19 NSW 49 def TAS 24 NSW 33 def SA 28 NSW 30 drew QLD 30 NSW 34 def VIC 25 NSW 37 def ACT 23 SF: NSW 29 def SA 27 GF: NSW 25 def by VIC 29



Narelle Stokes (Manager), Colleen Mitchell (Assistant Coach), Tanisha Stanton (c) – Eastwood Ryde, Madeline Woods – Sutherland Shire, Zoe Gilbert – Manly Warringah, Natalie Eldridge – St George, Lauren Yager – Sutherland Shire, Alisha Cairns – Blacktown City, Billie Gurr – CSNA/Syd Uni, Toni Anderson (vc) – Sutherland Shire, Sarah Kitcher – Grafton, Olivia Doyle – Baulkham Hills, Charlotte Jasprizza – Orange, Courtney Richmond – Blacktown City, Nathaniel Harnett (Physio), Ryan Fraser (Assistant Physio) Absent: Briony Akle (Head Coach)

### **NSW 19/U**

Six athletes made their National Netball Championships debut with the NSW 19/U side in 2014, which finished fifth in this year's tournament.

The side lost Blacktown City shooter Alisha Cairns early in their campaign to a serious knee injury, however persevered to finish with four wins. Grafton product Sarah Kitcher enjoyed court time in the defensive circle, while Natalie Eldridge showed good accuracy when going to the post. Three athletes were also selected into the Australian 19/U Squad, including Captain Tanisha Stanton, shooter Lauren Yager and defender Toni Anderson, while their NSW teammate Billie Gurr was a late inclusion as an injury replacement.

#### **RESULTS**:

NSW 46 def ACT 21 NSW 19 def by SA 35 NSW 36 def TAS 20 NSW 20 def by VIC 32 NSW 24 def by WA 46 NSW 22 def by QLD 42 NSW 32 def by NT 35 5v8 Play-off: NSW 40 def ACT 22 5th Place Play-off: NSW 37 def TAS 27





Dianne Brown (Assistant Coach), Megan Simpson (Head Coach), Taylah Davies – Sutherland Shire, Donnay Van Taak – Sutherland Shire, Sophie Halpin (vc) – Eastwood Ryde, Karli Ireland – Sutherland Shire, Phoebe Seamer – Newcastle, Kristina Brice – Baulkham Hills, Claudia Russell – CSNA/Syd Uni, Kristiana Manu'a – St George, Amy Sommerville (c) – Eastwood Ryde, Tiesha Ojeda – Sutherland Shire, Maddie Hay – Baulkham Hills, Daniel Vukovic (Physio), Donna Harrison (Manager) Absent: Lauren Cantwell – Manly Warringah

### **NSW 21/U**

The NSW 21/U side boasted plenty of experience for a young outfit, including Captain Amy Sommerville who attended her seventh National Netball Championships. She was ably assisted by Vice Captain Sophie Halpin, as well as 2014 NSW Swift Maddie Hay, World Youth Cup silver medallist Kristina Brice, and 2015 NSW Swift Taylah Davies.

Lauren Cantwell joined the side a week before the tournament began after 2014 NSW Swift Gretel Tippett had to withdraw late due to injury. However the speedy goal attack didn't miss a beat, providing a different element to the NSW shooting end.

After finishing one goal shy of Victoria during the preliminary rounds, NSW were defeated by the eventual Champions in the Semi Finals to end their chance at featuring in the 2014 title decider. However the side finished the tournament in emphatic fashion, defeating Queensland by 42 goals to claim third place.

#### **RESULTS:**

NSW 45 def ACT 43 NSW 36 def by VIC 37 NSW 55 def QLD 45 NSW 41 def by SA 53 NSW 48 def WA 35 SF: NSW 32 def by VIC 36 3rd Place Play-off: NSW 70 def QLD 28



## **ANL Teams**



Justin Walsh (Physio), Amber Cross (Assistant Coach), Claire O'Brien – St George, Donnay Van Taak – Sutherland Shire, Nikki Degeenaars (vc) – CSNA/Sydney Uni, Holly Pearce – St George, Lauren Yager – Sutherland Shire, Kirra Jones – Illawarra, Billie Gurr – CSNA/Sydney Uni, Claudia Russell – CSNA/Sydney Uni, Lauren Moore – Wyong, Kiera Austin – Eastwood Ryde, Kara Styles – St George, Toni Anderson – Sutherland Shire, Sophie Halpin (c) – Eastwood Ryde, Tanisha Stanton – Eastwood Ryde, Briony Akke (Head Coach), Debra Hanson (Manager)

### **Netball NSW Blues**

The Netball NSW Blues opened and closed their 2014 Australian Netball League (ANL) campaign at home, with a win over neighbouring rivals the Canberra Darters in Week 1 and loss to compatriots the Netball NSW Waratahs in Week 7.

The side featured six ANL debutants, including 2014 Australian 19/U representative Toni Anderson and four members of the 2014 Australian 17/U Squad – shooter Keira Austin, midcourter Claire O'Brien, and defenders

Lauren Moore and Kirra Jones.

In her third ANL season, Sophie Halpin was given the captaincy nod with Nikki Deegenaars appointed Vice Captain. The two defensive midcourters were the cornerstone of the side, leading from the front with their on-court performances.

Youngsters Austin and Moore grew with every performance and featured in almost every game during their first season of ANL action, proving the future is bright for NSW netball.

#### **RESULTS:**

NNSW Blues 47 def by Tassie Spirit 48 NNSW Blues 58 def Canberra Darters 42 NNSW Blues 37 def by VIC Fury 66 NNSW Blues 45 def by VIC Flames 49 NNSW Blues 40 def by Southern Force 67 NNSW Blues 53 def by QLD Fusion 64 NNSW Blues 60 def Territory Storm 39 NNSW Blues 46 def by Western Sting 55 NNSW Blues 36 def by NNSW Waratahs 69



Moira Gaha (Assistant Coach), Anita Keelan (Head Coach), Brooke Miller – Eastwood Ryde, Leah Shoard – Sutherland Shire, Jessica Calderara – Eastwood Ryde, Kristiana Manu'a – St George, Elly Willan – CSNA/Sydney Uni, Kristina Brice – Baulkham Hills, Mel Tallent – Sutherland Shire, Nicole Styles – St George, Amy Sommerville – Eastwood Ryde, Emily Keenan (c) – Eastwood Ryde, Maddie Hay – Baulkham Hills, Kaitlyn Bryce – St George, Maureen Stephenson (Manager), Kate Macdermid (Physio)

### **Netball NSW Waratahs**

Despite boasting plenty of experience, the Netball NSW Waratahs finished fourth in the 2014 Australian Netball League (ANL) after battling injuries throughout the eight-week competition.

Featuring elite netball talent including 2014 NSW Swifts' Maddie Hay and Brooke Miller, former ANZ Championship representatives Leah Shoard and Melissa Tallent, as well as Australian Institute of Sport graduates Kristina Brice, Kaitlyn Bryce and Amy Sommerville, the Netball NSW Waratahs also had experienced coach Anita Keelan at the helm.

Starting the season strongly with emphatic wins over the Canberra Darters and Tassie Spirit, the

Netball NSW Waratahs would go on to feature in both double-Extra Time matches for the 2014 season, unfortunately losing both; first to the Queensland Fusion and then eventual Champions, Victorian Fury.

The side lost speedy shooter Shoard the week before Finals to a serious knee injury, however persevered to come within two goals of VIC Fury in the Semi Finals.

#### **RESULTS:**

NNSW Waratahs 80 def Canberra Darters 26 NNSW Waratahs 70 def Tassie Spirit 31 NNSW Waratahs 78 def by QLD Fusion 80 (Double Extra Time)

NNSW Waratahs 89 def Territory Storm 21 NNSW Waratahs 45 def by Western Sting 60 NNSW Waratahs 67 def Southern Force 49 NNSW Waratahs 69 def NNSW Blues 36 NNSW Waratahs 69 def by VIC Fury 71 (Double Extra Time)

NNSW Waratahs 60 def VIC Flames 42 SF: NNSW Waratahs 51 def by VIC Fury 53 3rd Place Play-off: NNSW Waratahs 36 def by Western Sting 54

### **SNA/SERNA**



### 2014 SERNA Squad



In March 2014, Netball NSW announced the establishment of the South East Region Netball Academy (SERNA) as part of the Regional Academies of Sport (RAS) Netball Program.

SERNA is a new initiative, replacing a previous program in that region, and like the Sydney Netball Academy, will be run by Netball NSW.

The South East Region Netball Academy forms an important step in the Player Pathway and focuses on developing players to be the very best they can be both on and off the court.

The program supported strongly by Netball NSW offers the following:

- Individual skill development, sport science education and support structures for each athlete to easily integrate to the next level of the NSW elite athlete pathway
- Access to the Develop a Diamond Academy Program by Netball Australia
- Preparation of athletes for NSW State Team trials
- Coach and umpire education, promoting continuous improvement to develop the region's coaches and umpires
- A program which concentrates on the well-being of each athlete to make sure they have a life/sport balance

Sixteen athletes were selected in the 2014 South East Region Netball Academy (SERNA). From this Squad, a team was selected to represent SERNA at the ClubsNSW Academy Games held at University of Wollongong in April and during July's nib Games in Maitland.

#### 2014 SERNA Squad

Nicole Clough (Queanbeyan) Jacoba Clough (Queanbeyan) Georgia Reed (Queanbeyan) Nikki-Leigh Francis (Eurobodalla) Jasmine Fuller (Eurobodalla) Amy Hodson (Merimbula) Nikayla Ingram (Queanbeyan) Zoe Lee-Archer (Queanbeyan) Georgia Ross – Queanbeyan Laura Alves (Eurobodalla) Aisha Smith (Eurobodalla) Ainsley Mann (Merimbula) Amalia Plevey (Sapphire Coast) Emma Benson (Queanbeyan) Mikaela Callendar (Queanbeyan) Jaynaya Shepherd (Queanbeyan) Head Coach: Adele-Marie Caesar Assistant Coach: Cindy Millyn Manager: Cath Reed

### 2014 SNA Squad



Each year Netball NSW holds trials to select players from the Sydney Metropolitan Area to form a development squad, with 28 athletes chosen in the 2014 Sydney Netball Academy (SNA) squad.

SNA were represented by a team in each of the two contested Divisions at the 2014 nib Games, with SNA finishing Division One Runner Up to Western Sydney Academy of Sport (WSAS) on goal differential, after both teams finished the three day tournament with six wins and one loss.

In Division Two it was the reverse with SNA taking out top spot on goals differential over WSAS after both teams finished on 18 competition points.

#### 2014 SNA squad

Hayley Attenborough (Sutherland Shire) Amelia Basheer (Manly Warringah) Adrienne Bogard (Sutherland Shire) Lucy Chapman (Randwick) Chloe Chapman (Randwick) Jordyn Chue (Ku-ring-gai) Madalaine Clark (Ku-ring-gai) Lily Drury (Sutherland Shire) Natalie Eldridge (St George) Prudence Ellis (Ku-ring-gai) Lauren Fornasaro (Hills District) Samantha Horton (Manly Warringah) Veronika Jukic (Eastwood Ryde) Kirrily Laws (Randwick) Olivia Lennon (Sutherland Shire) Maddison Mann (Sutherland Shire) Jordan Marsh (Manly Warringah) Maddison Marsh (Manly Warringah) Madeleine McCathie (Randwick) Emily Moore (Ku-ring-gai) Claire O'Brien (St George) Cassandra Ojeda (Sutherland Shire) Olivia Page (Eastwood Ryde) Amy Parmenter (Randwick) Cassandra Radford (Sutherland Shire) Kelly Singleton (Manly Warringah) Alana Stechiwskiz (Sutherland Shire) Georgina Woods (Northern Suburbs) Head Coach: Jen Wright Assistant Coach: Sandy Attard Manager: Deb Kassing



Gretel Tippett



Abbey McCulloch



NSW Swifts hosted Southern Steel at AIS Arena on ANZAC Day



Paige Hadley











Brooke Miller





Allphones Arena Blockbuster, Swifts v Thunderbirds Round 10



Kimberlee Green



Susan Pettitt (nee Pratley)



Sarah Wall



Carla Dziwoki



Maddie Hay



Sharni Layton



## **NSW Swifts**





Another full house at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre

The 2014 ANZ Championship season was another record-breaking year for the NSW Swifts, both on and off the court. From record Membership numbers to record crowd numbers, the NSW Swifts also featured in the Finals Series for the first time since 2011.

The NSW Swifts celebrated its highest Membership numbers to date with 1,676 signing up to cheers from the RED ZONE, as well as setting a new ANZ Championship regular season crowd of 10,118 at Allphones Arena – smashing the previous record of 8,509.

The franchise welcomed a new Head Coach – albeit a familiar face – in Rob Wright, as well as six new recruits in the playing roster, including three ANZ Championship debutants.

The team faced many adversities at the beginning of their 2014 campaign, from developing new combinations to season-ending injuries. But with skill and sheer determination, the Swifts finished the regular season in third place to host Waikato/Bay of Plenty Magic in the Minor Semi Final.

The roster's outstanding performances throughout the season were acknowledged with higher honours; four Swifts were selected in the 2014 Australian Diamonds' squad (Kimberlee Green, Sharni Layton, Susan Pratley and Caitlin Thwaites), three athletes won Commonwealth Games Gold in Glasgow as members of the Australian Netball Team (Kimberlee Green, Sharni Layton and Caitlin Thwaites), with a further player named in the Australian 21/U squad (Gretel Tippett).

Captain Kimberlee Green was voted the 2014 ANZ Championship co-MVP alongside the Magic's Jo Harten, while both Green and Susan Pratley were rewarded for their consistency all season with selection in the FOXTEL All-Stars Team.

#### 2014 NSW Swifts

Kimberlee Green (Captain), Carla Dziwoki, Paige Hadley, Madeline Hay, Sharni Layton, April Letton, Abbey McCulloch, Brooke Miller, Sonia Mkoloma, Susan Pratley, Caitlin Thwaites, Gretel Tippett and Sarah Wall (Permanent Replacement Player)

#### Coaching and Support Staff

Rob Wright – Head Coach Megan Anderson – Assistant Coach Anita Keelan – Technical Assistant Coach Mo'onia Gerrard – Specialist Defensive Coach Megan Simpson – Specialist Midcourt Coach Toni Kidwell – Team Manager Paula Peralta, Brett Doring, Daniel Vukovic (Physiotherapists) Jason Howell – Strength & Conditioning Coach Bjorn Maddern – Performance Analyst Dr. Grace Bryant OAM And the NSWIS Performance Team

#### 2014 NSW Swifts ANZ Championship Results

Round 1:	Swifts 54 def Fever 51
Round 2:	Swifts 68 def Tactix 57
Round 3:	Swifts 49 def by Thunderbirds 50
Round 4:	Swifts 53 def Firebirds 48
Round 5:	Swifts 63 def Pulse 45
Round 6:	Вуе
Round 7:	Swifts 50 def by Vixens 56
Round 8:	Swifts 40 def by Firebirds 55
Round 9:	Swifts 65 def Steel 52
Round 10:	Swifts 54 def Vixens 50
Round 11:	Swifts 58 def Fever 47
Round 12:	Swifts 45 def Thunderbirds 42
Round 13:	Swifts 55 def Magic 43
Round 14:	Swifts 53 def by Mystics 56
Minor Semi:	Swifts 49 def by Magic 50



L-R: Paige Hadley, Abbey McCulloch, Susan Pratley, Sharni Layton, Carla Dziwoki, Gretel Tippett, Rob Wright (Head Coach), Caitlin Thwaites, Sonia Mkoloma, April Letton, Kimberlee Green (captain), Madeline Hay and Brooke Miller.

## **Commonwealth Games Gold**



2014 Australian Netball Team

The Australian Diamonds finished the 2014 season undefeated, breaking both a 12-year Commonwealth Games Gold Medal drought and claiming two Test series' clean sweeps in the process.

It has been an amazing year for the National Netball side, which featured NSW juniors Kimberlee Green and Kimberley Ravaillion, plus Green's 2015 NSW Swifts' teammates Julie Corletto, Sharni Layton and Caitlin Thwaites. Netball NSW Alumni member Rebecca Bulley was selected as a training partner for the 12-strong Commonwealth Games Team and chosen to contest the 2014 Constellation Cup against the Silver Ferns.

NSW representatives were also included in the wider training squad, including 54-Test veteran shooter Susan Pettitt (nee Pratley) and up-and-coming midcourt defender Gabi Simpson.

Led by Head Coach Lisa Alexander, the Diamonds are currently on a 19-game winning streak which stretches back to last year's Constellation Cup series. In that 2013 series, the Australians dropped the opening Test against their Tasman rivals, the New Zealand Silver Ferns, only to bounce back to claim the series 4-1 and to kick-start their long-standing run of victories.

Fast-forward to the final match of this year's Constellation Cup, where is the Aussies posted their ninth consecutive victory over the Kiwis; just one win short of the all-time record held by Jill McIntosh, from 1995-1998.

In 2014 the Diamonds have posted 13 victories in total, with their highest score (77) and largest winning margin (50 goals) coming from their preliminary round match against Barbados during the Commonwealth Games.

Their lowest winning margin came from the same tournament, a nailbiting last minute one-goal victory over England, while their lowest score (47) was at Sydney's Allphones Arena against the Silver Ferns during the Constellation Cup.

With the Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015 just around the corner, this current winning streak would provide plenty of confidence to the Diamonds who will be looking to defend their World Champions status on home soil.

The international tournament will be played in the Sydney Olympic Park sports precinct, at both Allphones Arena and Netball NSW's new centre of excellence, Netball Central.

For the first time, the world's top two ranked nations will open the tournament on Friday 7 August, with the new competition format allowing teams more than one opportunity to verse the same side.

With those top two teams currently Australia and New Zealand, it sets up for an exciting opening match of the NWC2015!

#### Australian Diamonds - 2014 Results

Commonwealth Games Preliminary Rounds Australia 63 def Wales 36 Australia 49 def England 48 Australia 77 def Barbados 27 Australia 69 def Trinidad & Tobago 34 Australia 64 def South Africa 40

Semi Final Australia 57 def Jamaica 42

Gold Medal Match Australia 58 def New Zealand 40

### 2014 Real Insurance Test Series Constellation Cup

Invercargill Australia 59 def New Zealand 42 Melbourne Australia 49 def New Zealand 40 Sydney Australia 47 def New Zealand 34 Auckland Australia 51 def New Zealand 49

#### **England Series**

Bendigo Australia 55 def England 37 Canberra Australia 54 def England 47



2014 NSW Swifts Caitlin Thwaites, Kimberlee Green and Sharni Layton



### Catherine Cox The fairy tale ending to a stellar career



Midway through the 2014 season, Netball NSW junior and shooting legend Catherine Cox announced her retirement from all forms of the game following the conclusion of the ANZ Championship... and what a dream end to her career the 38-year-old has enjoyed!

No one could have written the script more perfectly, with 'Cath' finishing her playing days on court for the final whistle of the 2014 ANZ Championship Grand Final – her second Championship winning season.

Coming on for the final 15 minutes, Cath finished with six goals to her name and an ANZ Championship Premiers Medal round her neck as her side – the Melbourne Vixens – finished 11-goal victors over the Queensland Firebirds.

Cath finishes her career having ticked all the boxes possible in our sport; Commonwealth Games and World Netball Championship Gold Medals, dual-ANZ Championship Winner, back-to-back former National Netball League Champion, Hall of Fame recognition, as well as individual accolades.

The goal shooter began her State representative journey in 1992 with the NSW 17/U Team, going on to further Waratah honours with the NSW 19/U Team (1993-94) and NSW Opens (1995-1998).

Cath was a member of the Sydney Swifts in the former National Netball League (1997-1999, 2002-2007) and captained the NSW Swifts in the ANZ Championship for four seasons (2008-2011), including the inaugural 2008 ANZ Championship winning season.

With 251 elite netball games (combined ANZ Championship and former netball league) under her belt, Cath finished with 2,149 ANZ Championship goals to her name and was a staple of the Australian Netball Team for more than a decade, representing the Green & Gold on 108 occasions.

Someone who had a regular front row seat to watching Cath in action was her former Swifts and Diamonds teammate and shooting partner, Susan Pettitt (nee Pratley).

Together the pair turned defenders inside out, with their mobile play and tag-team shooting. The first time the two shooters played together was during the Australians 2006 Commonwealth Games campaign; Susan had joined the Sydney Swifts from Canberra, however the season was starting after the international tournament.

"I don't really remember too many details of that first time playing together, only because the whole experience was so grand and daunting. However what I do remember is that it didn't take too long for us to gel." The duo would feature together in the shooting circle, both on the domestic and international stage, for six years – Cath, the already established star and 'Prats', the new kid on the block. While Cath was the older and more experienced of the two, Susan says she never felt intimidated by her presence.

"She really loved and looked after her teammates. For us it just clicked; we both had strengths we brought to the partnership and we worked hard to develop that combination over a number of years. Even when we hadn't played together during the 2012 ANZ Championship, we came together during the International Series later that year, and it was like nothing had changed," Susan admitted.

However from all the memories playing together, for Susan it's the friendship that developed off the court that she really treasures.

"Cath is a dear friend to me, and will be when netball is all over. It sounds clichéd but with Cath – what you see is what you get. She's the ultimate professional and takes her job seriously on court; but off court she's a bit of a goofball and likes to make life fun."

"It will be sad not seeing her on court next season, but the legacy she has left behind is a testament to Cath's hard work and dedication to our sport. She is a legend," Susan concluded.

Applause and praise has followed Cath around the country, and indeed the world, since her retirement in April, and we suspect will continue to do so into the future.





## Competition and Events Overview

## **Biennial Conference**

The Netball NSW Biennial Conference, the fifth of its kind, was held at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 February, with over 300 delegates registering for a weekend of all things netball. The Conference engaged all levels of netball coaches, umpires, administrators and supporters from Associations and Clubs from around NSW and beyond.

The Conference concluded with a special NSW Swifts Intra-Club Exhibition Match, as part of the NSW Swifts free Fan Day, also held at the Sports Centre.

Netball NSW Chief Executive Officer Carolyn Campbell said it was fantastic to see so many attend the event, and the excitement it brings for the upcoming year.

"The Conference is here to motivate; to give our members the chance to mix with so many like-minded people is an incredible opportunity and to be able to do it in one place, at one time, and to be able to do it in February just ticks all those boxes for us and sets us up for an incredible year I believe."

## **NSW Swifts FAN Day**

NSW Swifts supporters turned up in their droves to the Club's free Fan Day at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, with more than 1,500 fans joining in the fun.

From getting into the 'Swifts Spirit' at the Styling Station and face painting stall, to getting up close and personal with some interesting characters – not just the Swifts players, but some of Australia's favourite native animals at Taronga's Zoomobile thanks to NSW Swifts Principal Partner QBE, fans were treated to a day of excitement.

There were prizes on offer, merchandise available to purchase, exclusive behind-the-scenes tours for 2014 Members, and the Kids Zone for fans to create posters for the team.

The NSW Swifts also took to the court for an Intra-club Exhibition Match to close the day, giving home fans their first look at the team (plus guests) in action before their opening match of the 2014 ANZ Championship.



2014 NSW Swifts FAN Day at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre



Biennial Conference

## **President's Dinner**

Twenty-six members of the New South Wales netball community were acknowledged and celebrated the 2014 Netball NSW President's Dinner for their significant contribution to the sport.

The 26 recipients, who have all given 40-plus years of service to netball, were nominated by their respective Associations for special acknowledgement at this function, with their combined years of netball voluntary work equating to 1,245 years.

In addition to acknowledging the work of volunteers, the Netball NSW President's Dinner – which was first introduced in the late 90s and is held every five years – acknowledges NSW State Teams and the State's Australian representative players who have retired from the sport over the last five years.

## **State Dinner**

Netball NSW held its 2014 State Dinner on Saturday 1 November in the Grand Ballroom at Allphones Arena, in front of almost 340 members of the netball community.

The Netball NSW State Dinner was a celebration of the sport in the State throughout the 2014 season. In addition to acknowledging the performances of the NSW representative teams at the National Netball Championships, Australian Netball League and ANZ Championship, a number of individuals were honoured for their achievements during 2014.

"2014 will be remembered as another highly successful year for netball in New South Wales, with participation and engagement growing across all areas of our sport," stated Netball NSW President Wendy Archer AM during her welcome address at the event.

"As this year draws to a close, we look forward with eager anticipation to our pending move to Netball Central, our world-class centre of excellence, and playing a significant role in delivering the Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015," concluded Archer.



2014 State Dinner

## **State Championships**



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2014 Pat Weston OAM Country Championship Cup Winner - Orange

In 2014 the Netball NSW State Championships were again split across two venues. Campbelltown District Netball Association hosting the Opens, 21/U and 17/U, and Camden District Netball Association hosted the Over 35s, 40s and 45s Divisions.

129 teams from 74 Associations competed in three days of netball over the June long weekend. 2014 also saw the return of the 21/U division for the first time since 2011.

In 2014 Netball NSW welcomed on-board Coast2Coast as an Official Partner of the State Championships.

The following winners were crowned at presentations held at both venues following the conclusion of the competition.

Open Championship Winner - Orange Open Division Two Winner – Wagga Wagga 21/U Championship Winner - Charlestown 17/U Championship Winner - Gosford 17/U Division Two Winner - Charlestown 17/U Division Three Winner - Muswellbrook Over 35 Championship Winner – Baulkham Hills Over 40 Championship Winner – Northern Suburbs Over 45 Championship Winner - Hills District

2014 Pat Weston OAM Country Championship Cup Winner - Orange

Parade of District Winners: Campbelltown - Brunswick Byron Netball Association Camden – Wyong District Netball Association



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13/U Division Three Winner - Dubbo

The Netball NSW State Age Championships continue to be the biggest event in the Netball NSW calendar, with over 3,500 netballers representing 91 Associations in a near record 306 teams during late June.

In 2014, Illawarra District Netball Association hosted both the Championship and Division Two event, while Campbelltown District Netball Association delivered Divisions Three and Four.

The 2014 Championships were held in challenging weather conditions over three days. Extreme high winds on the NSW South Coast forced a delay in games at Illawarra's Fred Finch Park on Day Two, but as is always the case with the NSW netball community; players, officials and spectators soldiered on to make these Championships a huge success.

The State Age Championships welcomed Coast2Coast on-board as an Official Partner.

All divisions were hotly contested with the winners being presented in front of family, friends and fellow competitors:

15/U Championship Winner - Sutherland Shire 14/U Championship Winner - Liverpool City 13/U Championship Winner - Newcastle 12/U Championship Winner – Manly Warringah 15/U Division Two Winner - Westlakes 14/U Division Two Winner – Inner Western Suburbs 13/U Division Two Winner – Parramatta Auburn 12/U Division Two Winner - Maitland 15/U Division Three Winner – Queanbeyan 14/U Division Three Winner - Maitland 13/U Division Three Winner - Bathurst 12/U Division Three Winner – Dubbo 15/U Division Four Winner – Leeton & District 14/U Division Four Winner - Inverell 13/U Division Four Winner – Nambucca Valley 12/U Division Four Winner - Nambucca Valley

Parade of District Winners:

Championship and Division Two – Hastings Valley Netball Association Division Three and Division Four – Grafton Netball Association

#### PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Armidale Ballina Bankstown City Barellan Bathurst Baulkham Hills Blacktown City Blayney & District Blue Mountains Broken Hill Brunswick Byron Camden & District Campbelltown District Casino Cessnock Charlestown City of Sydney Coffs Harbour Condobolin Coonabarabran Cowra Dubbo Dungog Eastwood Ryde Eurobodalla Fairfield City Forbes Glen Innes Gosford City Goulburn Grafton Great Lakes Griffith Group 14 Gunnedah Hastings Valley Hawkesbury Hills District Illawarra District Inner West Inverell Kiama Ku-ring-gai Kurri Kurri Lakeside

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Images from 2014 State Age Championships held at Illawarra District Netball Association and Campbelltown District Netball Association
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## **DOOLEYS State League**



2014 DOOLEYS State League Waratah Cup Winners - St George

The pinnacle of Sydney Metropolitan netball, the DOOLEYS State League was held for the final time at the Anne Clark Centre before the competition moves to Netball Central from season 2015 onwards.

The 2014 DOOLEYS State League Finals Series once again produced some thoroughly entertaining contests, with many deciders going down to the wire including three Double Extra Time contests. While the Waratah Cup Champion was decided in late July, it was a Grand Final Bonanza on Saturday 13 September which culminated in Divisions 2-8 being decided.

St George Netball Association finished the big winners this year as the only Association to take home two Division titles, including the top Division. It was a history making season for their Waratah Cup side, having finished Minor Premiers and claiming the top trophy both for the first time.

St George Head Coach Moira Gaha couldn't hide her ecstasy following the final whistle, heaping praise on her charges for not only their Grand Final performance against Eastwood Ryde, but their entire season.

"We've said it before, [tonight's Grand Final win is] history making for our District. This team has been an amazing team to coach right from the word go ... they support each other on and off the court, and it's just so exciting, so deserving for all 12 girls," Gaha said.

A turnover in the first few minutes gave the Minor Premiers an early advantage over Eastwood, pulling out to as much as three goals. However the defending Champions worked hard and by halfway through the opening quarter had pulled level.

St George's defence was unforgiving, with all seven players putting pressure on every Eastwood pass and run of play. The tactic saw the Minor Premiers pull away by seven goals five minutes into the second quarter.

However the defending Champions were no strangers to pressure, working the ball patiently to stay in touch with St George. Eastwood began to make their move, putting up three unanswered goals, however the buzzer denied them a fourth; St George holding a three-goal buffer at half-time, 22-19.

The break couldn't stem St George's momentum, the Minor Premiers outscoring Eastwood Ryde 15 goals to seven in the third quarter to open out to a comfortable 11-goal advantage at the final break.

After being down by as many as 15 goals, the defending Champions made a strong push halfway through the final quarter, led by NSW 21/U Captain Amy Sommerville in the shooting circle. But St George showed why they were the Minor Premiers; having lost just once during the season, the team in Red never took their foot off the pedal. St George's Belynda Loveday was recognised as the game's most valuable player when presented with the Netball NSW President's Medal following the match.

#### **Division 2**

After finishing the regular season in third place, Sutherland Shire delivered Eastwood Ryde their first loss of the season to be crowned the 2014 Champions. Sutherland were in control for much of the title decider to defeat the Minor Premiers, 51-41.

#### Division 3

Minor Premiers St George capped off the double, claiming the 2014 title after defeating Northern Suburbs by 25 goals in the title decider, 55-30.

#### **Division 4**

Finishing the regular season in third place, Parramatta Auburn overcame Minor Premiers Illawarra, 50-42, to be crowned the 2014 Champion.

#### Division 5

Minor Premiers Blue Mountains held out Hills District to post a tight three goal victory to claim the Champions title, 46–43. The lead exchanged hands multiple times throughout the strong contest, with Blue Mountains holding strong to claim the win.

#### **Division 6**

Illawarra claimed the Champions title after overcoming Ku-ring-gai, 45-36, on the back of an exciting second half from the Minor Premiers. It was a tight contest for much of the match, with Illawarra's defence working overtime for their shooters to capitalise on the scoreboard.

#### **Division 7**

Campbelltown held out City of Sydney/Sydney Uni to be crowned the 2014 Champions, posting a 49-37 victory. The majority of the game was a tight race, before Campbelltown pulled away in the final quarter to claim the title.

#### **Division 8**

Minor Premiers Central Coast finished the 2014 season undefeated to be crowned Champions after overcoming Bankstown City, 59-38, in the title decider.



## State League Winners

## **DOOLEYS State League Final Standings**

#### Waratah Cup

Winner: St George Runners Up: Eastwood Ryde Table after Minor Rounds 1. St George 2. Sutherland Shire 3. Eastwood Ryde 4. CSNA/Sydney Uni 5. Baulkham Hills 6. Manly Warringah

- 7. Liverpool City
- 8. Newcastle

#### **Division Two**

Winner: Sutherland Shire Runners Up: Eastwood Ryde Table after Minor Rounds 1. Eastwood Ryde 2. Ku-ring-Gai 3. Sutherland Shire 4. Bankstown City 5. Campbelltown District 6. Randwick 7. Penrith District 8 Central Coast 9. Northern Suburbs 10. Manly Warringah

#### **Division Three**

Winner: St George Runners Up: Northern Suburbs Table after Minor Rounds 1. St George 2. Northern Suburbs 3. Ku-ring-Gai 4. Eastwood Ryde 5. Illawarra 6. Sutherland Shire 7. Baulkham Hills 8. Hills District

9. Blacktown City 10. Penrith District

### **Division Four**

Winner: Parramatta Auburn Runners Up: Illawarra Table after Minor Rounds 1. Illawarra 2. Northern Suburbs 3. Parramatta Auburn 4. CSNA/Sydney Uni 5. Liverpool City 6. Central Coast 7. Randwick 8. Hawkesbury City

#### 9. Camden & District

10. Sutherland Shire

#### **Division Five**

- Winner: Blue Mountains Runners Up: Hills District Table after Minor Rounds 1. Blue Mountains 2. Bankstown City 3. CSNA/Sydney Uni 4. Hills District 5. Eastwood Ryde 6. Wollondilly 7. Baulkham Hills
- 8. Manly Warringah
- 9. Penrith District
- 10. Parramatta Auburn

#### **Division Six**

Winner: Illawarra Runners Up: Ku-ring-Gai Table after Minor Rounds

- 1. Illawarra
- 2. Blacktown City
- 3. Ku-ring-Gai
- 4. Randwick 5. Penrith District
- 6. Baulkham Hills
- 7. Northern Suburbs
- 8. Fairfield City
- 9. St George

10. Hills District

#### **Division Seven**

Winner: Campbelltown District Runners Up: CSNA/Sydney Uni Table after Minor Rounds

- 1. Campbelltown District
- 2. CSNA/Svdnev Uni
- 3. Blue Mountains
- 4. Inner Western Suburbs 5. Parramatta Auburn
- 6. St George
- 7. Hills District
- 8. Sutherland Shire
- 9. Camden & District
- 10. Hawkesbury City

#### **Division Eight**

Winner: Central Coast Runners Up: Bankstown Table after Minor Rounds

- 1. Central Coast
- 2. Eastwood Ryde
- 3. Bankstown City
- 4. Liverpool City
- 5. Campbelltown District
- 6. St George
- 7. Blacktown City 8. Hills District
- 9. Camden & District 10. Fairfield City

## Nance Kenny Medal OAM State League Player of the Year

2014 2013	Kaitlyn Bryce Leah Shoard	St. George Sutherland Shire
2012	Tiffany Lincoln	Hunter United
2011	Kimberly Borger	St. George
	Samantha May	Baulkham Hills
2010	Tiffany Lincoln	Manly Warringah
2009	Kelly Adamson	Hunter and Central Coast United
2008	Landell Archer	Fairfield City / Sydney Uni
2007	Joanne Day	Eastwood Ryde
2006	Katie Walker	Manly Warringah
	Applee Kennengiersser	Penrith
2005	Samantha May	Sydney Storm
2004	Kelly Adamson	Penrith
	Megan Bertenshaw	Hawkesbury City
2003	Tanya Lund	Manly Warringah
2002	Nerida Stewart	Ku-ring-gai
2001	Nerida Stewart	Ku-ring-gai
2000	Shay Barley	NSWIS



Kaitlyn Bryce with David Kenny, son of Nance Kenny OAM at the 2014 State Dinner

## Margaret Corbett OAM State League Coach of the Year

Vicki Jansen	Sutherland Shire
Janene Van Gogh	Manly Warringah
Maria Lynch	Sutherland Shire
Lyn Hahn	Camden
Maree Phelps	Blue Mountains
Kath Tetley	Baulkham Hills
Jenny O'Keefe	Manly Warringah
Jan Grant	Blue Mountains
Anita Keelan	Eastwood Ryde
Moria Gaha	St George
	Janene Van Gogh Maria Lynch Lyn Hahn Maree Phelps Kath Tetley Jenny O'Keefe Jan Grant Anita Keelan



Margaret Corbett OAM with Vicki Jansen at the 2014 State Dinner

## Court Craft Night Interdistrict





2014 Court Craft Night Interdistrict contested at the Anne Clark Centre for the final time

2014 saw a significant change to the Netball NSW CourtCraft Night Interdistrict competition. With the impending move to Netball Central, the decision was made to move CourtCraft Night Interdistrict to a three night a week competition. This shift saw Divisions being spread over Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings for the first time, which mirrored the way in which the competition will be run during 2015 at the new centre of excellence at Sydney Olympic Park.

Long-time Major Partner CourtCraft continued their loyal support of the ten week competition, which was played in high spirits with some super talented youngsters mixing with the seasoned competitors.

The 2014 Night Interdistrict was the final netball competition to be held at the Anne Clark Centre, closing an important chapter in the history of Netball NSW.

DIVISION ONE Champion: Liverpool City Runners-Up: Manly Warringah

DIVISION TWO Champion: Northern Suburbs Runners-Up: Bankstown City

#### **DIVISION THREE**

Champion: Illawarra Runners-Up: Hills District DIVISION FOUR Champion: Liverpool City Runners-Up: Hills District

DIVISION FIVE Champion: Ku-ring-gai Runners-Up: Bankstown City

DIVISION SIX Champion: Eastwood Ryde Runners-Up: City of Sydney/Sydney Uni

DIVISION SEVEN Champion: Baulkham Hills Runners-Up: Inner Western Suburbs

DIVISION EIGHT

Champion: Blacktown Runners-Up: Camden & District

DIVISION NINE Champion: Bankstown City Runners-Up: Eastwood Ryde























Images from 2014 Court Craft Night Interdistrict competition at the Anne Clark Centre



## Netball NSW Masters



The 2014 Netball NSW Masters, proudly supported by Major Partner the Australian College of Physical Education (ACPE), was hosted by Shoalhaven Netball Association over the weekend of Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October.

The event marked the fifth instalment of the Netball NSW Masters, with an increased number of 34 teams contesting a round-robin style competition across three age groups; Over 35, Over 40 and Over 45.

The ACPE also supported the Best and Fairest Awards for the third year running – awards for both team and individuals, as voted by the 2014 Masters' participants.

Masters action continued off the court on the Saturday night with a social function held for all competing teams at the Bomaderry Bowling Club.

Netball NSW would like to extend our sincere thank you to both Shoalhaven Netball Association and Shoalhaven City Council for their support and help in bringing together another successful Netball NSW Masters weekend.

Congratulations to the following Division Winners and Award Recipients;

#### ACPE Best and Fairest Individuals

Over 35 Competitive: Deborah Lawler (Starlight) Over 35 Social: Nathalie Rayes (Shoalies) Over 40 Competitive: Jodie Buckley (Junction Hotel In Motion) Over 40 Social: Heather Noblett (Captivas) Over 45 Competitive: Raylene Allen (Bankstown City ladies)

#### ACPE Best and Fairest Teams

Over 35 Competitive: Scone RSL Over 35 Social: Medowie Mocktails Over 40 Social: Hastings Saints Over 40/45 Competitive: Blayney

#### Over 35 Competitive

Gold: St George Silver: Scone RSL Bronze: HCP Slick Chicks

#### Over 35 Social

Gold: Sapphires Silver: Shoalies Bronze: Oakhill

#### Over 40 Competitive

Gold: Junction Hotel in Motion Silver: Sutton Forest Bronze: Hastings

#### **Over 40 Social**

Gold: Angels Silver: Scots Bronze: Shoalies 40

#### **Over 45 Competitive**

Gold: Over the Hills Silver: Bankstown City Ladies









Images from 2014 Netball NSW Masters held at Shoalhaven Netball Association

## **President's Dinner**



2014 President's Dinner at West Leagues Club in Leumeah

Twenty-six members of the New South Wales netball community were acknowledged and celebrated at this year's President's Dinner for their significant contribution to the sport.

Held on Saturday 7 June at Wests Leagues Club in Leumeah, the President's Dinner paid tribute to those volunteers within the NSW netball community who have given tirelessly over a substantial period of time.

The 26 recipients, who have all given 40-plus years of service to netball, were nominated by their respective Associations for special acknowledgement at this function, with their combined years of netball voluntary work equating to 1,245 years.

"It's wonderful to have so many brilliant, awesome, staggering women in one room, at one time, so we can acknowledge them – I just get blown away by this," said Netball NSW President Wendy Archer AM after the conclusion the event.



Marilyn Melhuish OAM and Neita Matthews OAM

"When I read that figure (1245 years), I'm not joking; my jaw I think hit the ground. I thought 'that can't be right, that's got to be a mistake' – but it's not, because when you add them up, that is just mindboggling.

"It's really hard to think that that group of women we saw standing out the front there (at the function) put in that amount of years, not hours, but years.

"We couldn't begin to calculate the amount of hours that have gone into making up those years of service, because it's all voluntary and they're just so humble," Archer said.

#### Those acknowledged at the function;

Marie Mackney, Lismore Netball Association, 62 years of service Adele Saunders OAM, Newcastle Netball Association, 62 years of service Dorothy Lockwood, Tamworth Netball Association, 62 years of service Nance Dwyer, Newcastle Netball Association, 61 years of service Pam Guyer, Macleay Netball Association, 55 years of service Brenda Williams, Ku-ring-gai Netball Association, 54 years of service Eulalie Hayes, Lower Clarence Netball Association, 52 years of service Neita Matthews OAM, Eastwood Ryde Netball Association, 49 years of service Anne Doring OAM, Eastwood Ryde Netball Association, 49 years of service Madeline Allen, Westlakes Netball Association, 47 years of service Robyn Bates, Eastwood Ryde Netball Association, 46 years of service Margaret Rowland, Eastwood Ryde Netball Association, 46 years of service Jeanette Wright, Ku-ring-gai Netball Association, 46 years of service June Haynes, Northern Suburbs Netball Association, 45 years of service Clara Hicks, Randwick Netball Association, 45 years of service Carmel Higgins, Blue Mountains Netball Association, 44 years of service Lesley Milner, Hills District Netball Association, 44 years of service Megan Kocsis, Eastwood Ryde Netball Association, 43 years of service Barbara Pope, Ku-ring-gai Netball Association, 43 years of service Valda Evans, Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association, 42 years of service Lesley Evans, Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association, 42 years of service Berwyn Collings, Ku-ring-gai Netball Association, 42 years of service Dianne Polychrome, St George District Netball Association, 42 years of service Lynette Burgess OAM, Hills District Netball Association, 41 years of service Sandra Minett, Bankstown City Netball Association, 41 years of service Shirley Fitzgerald\*, Lakeside Netball Association, 40 years of service

In addition to acknowledging the work of volunteers, the Netball NSW President's Dinner – which was first introduced in the late 90s and is held every five years – acknowledges NSW State Teams and the State's Australian representative players who have retired from the sport over the last five years. At this year's event, the elite netball careers of both Kimberley Smith and Vanessa Ware were celebrated.

\*Deceased

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## 2014 Award Winners

## **Netball NSW Award Winners**

Hall of Fame Inductees Vicki Kerr Helen Mann\* Marilyn Melhuish OAM Edna Pritchard\*

Anne Clark Service Awards Marilyn Latham – Eastwood Ryde Annette Rowe – Baulkham Hills Betty Spillane – Inner Western Suburbs Margaret West – Charlestown

Nance Kenny OAM Medal – DOOLEYS State League Player of the Year Kaitlyn Bryce – St George

Marilyn Melhuish OAM NSW Swifts Player of the Year Kimberlee Green

Marj Groves AM Scholarship Taylah Davies – Sutherland Shire

## Judy Dunbar Media Awards

Best Photo – Steve Gosch, Central Western Daily Best Feature – Amanda Shalala, ABC News 24 Overall Coverage – Telegraph Sports Department, NewsCorp Community Media Excellence – Central Western Daily

Lynn Quinn OAM Bench Officials Award Dianne Ward – Sutherland Shire

Neita Matthews OAM Umpires Encouragement Award Kate Howard – Bankstown City

Margaret Corbett OAM DOOLEYS State League Coach of the Year Vicki Jansen – Sutherland Shire

\* Deceased

## **NSW Swifts Awards**

Co-Recipient, 2014 ANZ Championship MVP Kimberlee Green

QBE NSW Swifts Most Valuable Player of the Year Kimberlee Green

NSW Swifts Members' Player of the Year Kimberlee Green

NSW Swifts Players' Player of the Year Sharni Layton

NSW Swifts Coaches' Award Sarah Wall

NSW Swifts' Club Person of the Year Sarah Sugar

## **Netball Australia Awards**

Australian ANZ Championship Umpire of the Year Sharon Kelly

Co-Recipients, Australian Netball League Player of the Year Ashleigh Brazill, Western Sting (NSW Junior) Kristina Brice, Netball NSW Waratahs

Lorna McConchie Umpire Award Michelle Phippard

Spirit of Netball Sharon Kelly

## **NSW Federation - Sports Awards**

Co-Recipient, Administrator of the Year Nikki Horton

Co-Recipient, Official of the Year (co-recipient) Sharon Kelly

Recipient, Distinguished Long Service Marie Mackney

Finalist, Volunteer Director of the Year Wendy Archer AM

Finalist, Athletes with a Disability Team of the Year Netball NSW Marie Little OAM Shield Team

Finalist, Young Official of the Year Jordan Kiss





Sarah Wall receiving the 2014 NSW Swifts Coaches' Award



Rose Brazill, mother of Ashleigh with Kristina Brice at Netball Awards



Sharni Layton receiving the 2014 NSW Swifts' Players' Player Award



Sharon Kelly receiving the Spirit of Netball at Australian Netball Awards



Kimberlee Green, 2014 QBE NSW Swifts' Most Valuable Player



Michelle Phippard receiving Lorna McConchie Umpire Award







Judy Burns who received National Bench Accreditation with Ruth Havrlant



Hall of Fame inductee Vicki Kerr with Wendy Archer AM



Kaitlyn Bryce with David Kenny, son of Nance Kenny OAM



Kate Howard with Neita Matthews OAM



Margaret Corbett OAM with Vicki Jansen



Dianne Ward with Lynn Quinn OAM









## **Hall of Fame Inductees**

Vicki Kerr, Edna Pritchard, Helen Mann and Marilyn Mulhuish OAM were inducted into the Netball NSW Hall of Fame at the annual State Dinner held in the Grand Ballroom at Allphones Arena on Saturday 1 November, 2014.

To be considered for the prestigious Netball NSW Hall of Fame, nominees must meet the award criteria which includes, having been retired for at least five years from active involvement. These four deserving recipients are only the 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th Members of the NSW netball community to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"The calibre of this year's Hall of Fame inductees is extraordinary," expressed Netball NSW President Wendy Archer AM.

"These women have been outstanding in their respective eras, each bringing their own special skills to the game and all making a lasting contribution to the development of netball throughout New South Wales."

"As we move into an exciting new period for netball, it's important we celebrate our past and those who were at the forefront of shaping who we are today. And these four inspiring role models embody everything which is great about our sport and are richly deserving of our highest honour," concluded Archer.



## Edna Pritchard\*

Edna Pritchard made a significant contribution to the sport of netball in NSW, being selected in the first NSW State basketball side in 1928. Edna captained this team and remained a member of the team and captain for the next four years, before her retirement from representative basketball in 1932.

She will forever be remembered as the first NSW State Captain and a fantastic defensive player.

In 1929, Edna and Evie Carpenter were voted "the finest defensive combination in Australia" at the Interstate Carnival, and in 1930 she was a NSW Delegate to the All Australia Netball Association. Edna was also a champion cricketer, representing NSW during the years 1928 to 1935; she went on to play baseball and golf, and was Patron of Orange Netball Association from the 1960's until 1985.



### Helen Mann\*

Helen Mann was a true pioneer for the sport of Netball, making an outstanding contribution to administration at both the State and National levels.

From the early 1930s, she was involved in what was known as the "playground movement" for over thirty years. Run by the Council of City of Sydney, the movement provided recreational facilities for children

living in Sydney's inner city areas.

Helen introduced an inter-playground netball competition and eventually formed the NSW Junior Association. She became the first Secretary of the NSW Junior Association, which was affiliated with the NSW Association. Helen's commitment to the cause drew many admirers wishing to assist, and as the movement grew in numbers, many playground teams entered the NSW Association's Saturday afternoon competitions.

Girls from various playgrounds went on to represent at the State Level, namely Daisy Barlett, Pat Chadwick, Kay Ryan, Pat and Therese McCarthy and Carole Sykes; others became administrators at District Associations. The "Coronation" Playground provided a venue which was one of the few hard courts in Sydney for State training, State selection and badging for umpires.

Mann became secretary of the NSW Association in 1947 and held the position until 1951; during this time she was also NSW Delegate to the All Australia Netball Association (1947-1951), NSW Opens State Team Manager (1950), NSW Liaison Officer All Australia Netball Association (1951), then in 1952 was elected Secretary/Treasurer of All Australia, a position she held until 1957.

For her distinguished service to netball, Helen became the first NSW Member to receive All Australia service award in 1959.



### **Marilyn Melhush OAM**

Marilyn Melhuish OAM has made a significant and lasting contribution to netball at a District, State, National, and International level for over fifty years.

She has been a long serving volunteer and has credentials in the technical areas of umpiring, coaching and administration.

Hailing from St George District Netball Association, an Association she still remains involved with until this day, Marilyn first held the position of Secretary (1974-75) and later as President (1977-1988).

For sixteen years from 1981, Marilyn was a NSW State Team Manager and also Australian Team Manager from 1985-1996; being awarded the All Australia service award in 1997 and Medal of the Order of Australia in 1992 for services to netball.

She brought her extensive knowledge and experience to the role of Netball NSW President between 1997-2003, while sitting on the National Affairs Committee, and as Convenor, Netball NSW Appointments Panel. From 1999-2004, Marilyn was also a Director, All Australia Netball Association. To acknowledge her contribution to Netball NSW, Marilyn was made Life Member in 2004, with the governing body's National Netball League Player of the Year Award being named in her honour.

Marilyn held the position of President, All Australia Netball Association from 2004-2006, and was the All Australia Delegate to Asian Netball Federation during this period.

Over the past decade, Marilyn has continued to be a proud advocate of netball across all facets of the game, providing support and mentoring where needed.



### Vicki Kerr

Vicki Kerr embodies what it means to represent the Waratah of New South Wales, having been both a player and coach during an unrivalled period for NSW State Team netball.

The dynamic circle defender began her netball career with the Sutherland Shire Netball Association, and was a Member of the NSW Open Team from 1971-

1978; captaining the Team in 1973 and Vice-Captain from 1974-1977.

Her success as a player transferred to the coaching ranks, when Vicki held the position of NSW 21/U Head Coach from 1982-1990. During this time, the NSW 21/U team won six National Netball Championships (1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989), which to this day remains an unbeaten benchmark.

Vicki continues to pass on her vast knowledge and experience, coaching Sutherland Shire Netball Association representative teams across all age divisions.

In 1985, Vicki was made a Life Member of Sutherland Shire Netball Association, and in 2000 was awarded the Australian Sports Medal for services to Netball.

## Hall of Fame



Anne Clark BEM\* (2004)



Margaret Corbett OAM (2006)



Margaret Morris\* (2009)



Nance Kenny OAM (2011)



Elizabeth Ellis AM (2013)

1950 Mary Matheson\*

1952

1964

1970



Amy Dobbie\* (2004)



**Terese Kennedy** (2006)



Lois Green (2009)



Neita Matthews OAM (2011)



Barbara Long OAM (2013)



Sue Kenny OAM (2004)



Maureen Boyle OAM (2007)



Dorothy McHugh (2010)



Edna Ross\* (2012)



(2014)





Keeley Devery OAM





Nola Green\* (2008)



Marie Dunn OAM\* (2011)



Lisa Beehag (2011)



Marilyn Melhuish OAM (2014)

## **Current Patron**

Irene Booth Anne Clark BEM\* Fay LoPo' AM Lady Susan Martin



Carissa Tombs OAM (2005)



Carole Sykes (2008)



Marjorie Groves AM\* (2011)



Sharon Finnan OAM (2011)



Vicki Kerr (2014)

Neita Matthews OAM





#### Edna Ross\* Margaret Morris\* 1978 1966 Nance Kenny OAM 1980 1967 Marie Dundon\* 1981 1968 Anne Clark BEM\* 1982

Amy Dobbie\* 1970 Dorothy McHugh OAM 1972 Eileen Percy\* 1989

**Netball NSW Life Members** 

1974 May Hackett MBE\* 1975 Moria McGuinness MBE\* Pat Weston OAM\* Neita Matthews OAM Marj Groves AM\* Barbara Long OAM Margaret Corbett OAM

1985 Audrey Davis OAM\* Marie Dunn OAM\*

2001 Marilvn Melhuish OAM 2004 2007 Kath Fullagar OAM 2008 Maureen Boyle OAM 2010 Anne Sargeant OAM 2012



Anne Sargeant OAM

(2004)

Nicole Cusack

(2007)

Karan Smith (2012)











## **Anne Clark BEM Service Awards**

1976	Margaret Corbett OAM	Sutherland Shire		Maureen Goetze	Blue Mountains
	Jean Gee	Manly Warringah		Coralie Newman	Manly Warringah
	Moira McGuinness MBE*	Sutherland Shire	2002	Pam Guyer	Macleay
	Irene Pychtin	Eastwood-Ryde	Mar	June Jarmain	Westlakes
1977	Val Curran*	Illawarra & District	IVICI	Yvonne Keegan	Orange
1011	Marj Groves*	Sutherland Shire		Lesley Quinn*	Northern Suburbs
	Pam Hall	Manly Warringah		Gwen Winsor	Manly Warringah
		, .	2002		, .
	Gai O'Sullivan	Eastwood-Ryde	2002	Carmel Higgins	Blue Mountains
	Joy White (Lister)	Manly Warringah	Nov	Vera Wiltshire	Manly Warringah
1978	Edna Jenkin*	Illawarra & District		Valda Hampson	Woy Woy
	Barbara Long OAM	Liverpool City		Estelle Lawler	Liverpool City
	Neita Matthews OAM	Eastwood-Ryde		Margaret Burke	Sutherland Shire
	Betty Moore	Bankstown City	2003	Robyn Bates	Eastwood-Ryde
	Jean Peare OAM*	Hawkesbury City		Laurie Bissaker	Inner Western Suburbs
	Mavis Shipway*	Sutherland Shire		Roslyn De Luca	Manly Warringah
	Gladys Waugh	St George		Colleen Kime	Blue Mountains
1979	Evelyn Bywater	Western Suburbs		Diane Pascoe	Charlestown
	Agnes Ellis *	Sutherland Shire	2004	Helen Andrews	St George
	Molly Smith *	Lakeside		Len Burgess	Hills District
1980	Val Oliver*	Illawarra & District		Betty Greenaway	Fairfield City
	Kath Whiteley	Liverpool City		Rena Spears	Queanbeyan
1981	Clare Lear*	Illawarra & District		Patricia Yeomans	Parramatta-Auburn
1982	Pat Craig	Gosford	2005	Helen Cane	Baulkham Hills
1002	Margaret Elder	Baulkham Hills	2000	Lynne Middleton	Orange
	Evelyn Langbein	Manly Warringah		Helene Herbert	St George
1983	Beatrice Bessell	Hawkesbury City			Sutherland Shire
1903		5 5		Lesley Morgan*	Ulladulla
	Myra Bradley	Illawarra & District	0000	Kay Hodge	
	Maureen Greentree	Sutherland Shire	2006	Cathy Aird	Baulkham Hills
	Robyn Kenny	Forbes		Val Brunker	Kiama
	Beryl Mooney*	Tamworth		Beverley Dew OAM	Manly Warringah
1984	Adele Saunders OAM	Newcastle		Kay Smith	Lower Clarence
1986	Dot Lockwood	Tamworth		Rhonda Swindale	Ulladulla
	June Roby	Westlakes	2007	Lesley Milner	Hills District
1987	Joan Buttriss*	Penrith District		Beverleen Woodward	Queanbeyan
	Marie Dunn OAM*	Parramatta-Auburn		Margaret Cliff	Manly Warringah
	Betty McGirr	Illawarra		Berwyn Collings	Ku-ring-gai
	Gai Urguhart	Newcastle		Aileen Shutt	Newcastle
1988	Carol Baiton	Young/Shoalhaven	2008	Cheryl Cairns	Kurri Kurri
1990	Lorna Allen	Newcastle		Cheryl Hamilton	Inner Western Suburbs
	Val Lalor*	Eastwood-Ryde		Norma Lowe	Ulladulla
	Peggy Moore	Singleton		Sandra Marks	Blacktown City
	Cath Penning	Liverpool City		Myra Zacher	Coffs Harbour
1991	Jeanette Wright	Ku-ring-gai	2009	Joy Grogan	Westlakes
1992	Nance Dwyer	Newcastle	2009	Noni Greentree	
1992	3				Manly Warringah
4000	Sheila Eather*	Hawkesbury City		Robyn Butler	Ulladulla
1993	Clare Loughland	Manly Warringah		Kevin Smith	Newcastle
1994	Frances Smith	Tamworth		June & Norm* Rogers	Illawarra & District
	Jill Beckhaus	Penrith District	2010	Margaret Nolan	Westlakes
	Myrtle Williams*	Sutherland Shire		Ellen Monaghan	Newcastle
	Anne Marie Osborne	Lithgow		June Backshall	Ballina
1996	Ivy Haughey	St George		Shirley O'Brien	Ballina
	Margaret McGrath*	Lakeside		Kate Thornborough	Coffs Harbour
	Sue Mitchell	Shoalhaven	2011	Anne Tait	Inner Western Suburbs
1997	Maureen Long	Liverpool City		Lorraine Everitt	Baulkham Hills
	Madeleine Allen	Westlakes		Toni Field	Northern Suburbs
	Joy Charles	Illawarra & District		Pamela Burt	Westlakes
	Noeline Boyce	Maitland		Robyn Aitkin	Sutherland Shire
	Irene Murray	Charlestown	2012	Ernita McGrath	Dubbo
1998	Eulalie Hayes	Grafton		Vivienne Bertenshaw	Hawkesbury City
	Kath Fullagar OAM	Bankstown City		Helen Dean	Manly Warringah
1999	Margaret Smith	Penrith District		Marie Caddies	Charlestown
1000	Joan Burge*	Northern Suburbs		Sue Denman	Port Stephens
	Pat Bishop	Sutherland Shire	2013	Marian Chilvers	Westlakes
2000	Joan Marscham*	Eastwood-Ryde	2010	Julie Gates	Armidale
2000		Lakeside		Janice Jackson	Penrith District
	Shirley Fitzgerald		0044		
	Brenda Williams	Ku-ring-gai	2014	Marilyn Latham	Eastwood Ryde
	Shirley Connolly	Campbelltown		Annette Rowe	Baulkham Hills
0001	Maureen Boyle OAM	Manly Warringah		Betty Spillane	Inner Western Suburbs
2001	Barbara Bird	Maitland		Margaret West	Charlestown
	Joan Brook	Gosford			
	Christine Byng*	Bankstown City			

## **Fullagar and Long Honoured**

In January 2014, Netball NSW congratulated both Kath Fullagar and Barbara Long who received the prestigious Order of Australia (OAM) for service to netball after being named in the Australia Day Honours List.

## **Kath Fullagar**

Kath Fullagar has made a significant contribution to the sport of netball at school, club, district, state and national level since she first picked up a ball in 1949.

Kath has been a member of Birrong Sports Club since 1969, and in addition to coaching, held the positions of Umpires' Convenor, Treasurer, Secretary and President. In 1982 Kath was awarded Life Membership of Birrong Sports Club.

In 1972 Kath became Bankstown City Netball Associations' Umpire Convenor with a vision to strengthen the umpire pool within the Association. The statistics show that she was prolific in producing 6 A Badged umpires, 24 B Badged umpires and 137 C Badged umpires – a total of 167 umpires attaining their badge. Kath was awarded Life Membership of Bankstown City Netball Association in 1982.

She continued as a Bankstown City Netball Association Representative Coach and Umpires Convenor until 1983 when she became Secretary to the Association in 1984. She returned as Umpire's Convenor in 1998-1999 and then became the Publicity Officer for the Bankstown City Netball Association and held this position for four years.

Kath also contributed greatly to the sport at NSW level as Assistant Secretary of NSW Netball Association Executive (1984-1993).

In 2007, Kath received Netball NSW Life Membership in recognition of her dedication to the State body, and was awarded the Anne Clarke Service Award in 1998 for her contribution to the sport.

"Kath is just one of those loved people within netball where nothing was ever too much trouble," explained Wendy Archer.

"If she was able to help you, she would in whatever capacity she possibly could. Always there with a positive word for people, and it didn't matter what level you were operating at, she was able to have empathy with that particular group of people.

"Kath is one of those women who set a platform in her own District so that they could develop and prosper, as well as bringing those skills into the NSW arena.

"Volunteers are the backbone of our sport, particularly at the grassroots level, and without the passion and commitment of people such as Kath, netball in NSW wouldn't be as strong as it is today," concluded Archer.

## **Barbara Long**

Barbara Long's contribution to the sport of netball in NSW spans seven decades, from her days as a young netballer in the mid 1940's, to her involvement throughout District Association and State level organisations.

In 1965, Barbara formed the Southern District Sports Association Women's Basketball for youth club, followed by the Southern District Women's Basketball Association the following year. This Association would later be known as Liverpool City Netball Association, of which Barbara was the Foundation President for 18 years from 1968 – 1985.

Her commitment to Liverpool City extended well beyond the Committee Room, as Barbara coached both Liverpool City Representative teams (1965-1980) and Liverpool City State League Team (1996-98), and was a member of the Selection Committee (1965-1980).

Barbara also managed (1966-68) and coached at junior State (1970-73 and 1981-1986), senior State (1974) and night State level (1974). She was also a Netball NSW Selector for 15 years (1973-1988) and was Netball NSW Junior Vice President in 1976.

In 1982, Barbara received Netball NSW Life Membership in recognition of her dedication to the State body, and in November 2013, was inducted into the Netball NSW Hall of Fame.

"Barbara is from that era of women who really set a strong platform for netball in NSW to jump off and be moving along the path as we are today," said Wendy Archer.

"She had a very close association with Anne Clark, and was instrumental in setting up the Liverpool Netball Association which is going great guns these days.

"As a volunteer, Barbara was a woman that just gave and gave and gave of herself in whatever capacity people needed her assistance with, and at the NSW level was very strong in a number of areas, coaching and selection in particular.

"Barbara's standing within our community and the regard people have for her was further highlighted when she was inducted into the Netball NSW Hall of Fame last November. There was a palpable feeling of warmth in the room and the acknowledgement of her contribution was just very very special to see," concluded Archer.



Kath Fullagar OAM



Barbara Long OAM with Wendy Archer AM



## Broadbent and Sargeant honoured



Anne Sargeant OAM elevated to Legendary Status, NSW Hall of Champions

NSW netball legend and former Australian representative Alison Broadbent (nee Williams) was inducted into the NSW Hall of Champions during 2014, recognising her amazing contribution to the sport of netball.

The NSW Hall of Champions is the home of a unique memorial and museum honouring more than 300 of the State's finest athletes across 50 sports.

The 39-year-old was one of six NSW athletes honoured during the induction ceremony on Monday 17 November, at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre where the Hall of Champions is displayed.

The ceremony also commemorated a milestone for the NSW Hall of Champions, which celebrated its 30th anniversary of recognising some of the country's most accomplished and respected athletes.

Alison joins other netball legends such as Nicole Cusack, Keeley Devery OAM, Liz Ellis AM, Therese Kennedy, Sue Kenny OAM, Carissa Tombs OAM, Catriona Wagg OAM and Anne Sargeant OAM, who was also honoured at the induction ceremony.

After being inducted into the NSW Hall of Champions in 1980, Anne was elevated to Legendary Status becoming the first netballer to be named in the Hall of Legends.

NSW Minister of Sport and Recreation Stuart Ayres was present during the ceremony, which also saw Adam Gilchrist AM (cricket), Daphne Hilton (Para-Athlete), Hugh Treharne OAM (yachting), Phillipe Rizzo (gymnastics) and Troy Sachs OAM (wheelchair basketball) inducted.

"I am honoured to induct these six accomplished athletes, who have excelled at the highest levels of their chosen sport, into the NSW Hall of Champions," Minister Ayres told attendees at the event.

"Their induction is a public recording and celebration of their representation of our great state, furthermore our country, their contributions to sport and importantly their achievements."

Further to the six inductees of the Hall of Champions, Anne Sargeant OAM (netball) was inducted into the NSW Hall of Legends alongside Michael Wenden AM MBE (swimming).

"The Hall of Legends allows us to recognise those champions of sport, who have come to represent the greatest of the great in their sports field," Minister Ayres said.

Alison Broadbent inducted into the NSW Hall of Champions

"All of these athletes' names will now line the walls of the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre to mark their outstanding accomplishments and to inspire future generations.

"This is an appropriate way in which we can show respect to the dedication, courage and triumphs of these remarkable athletes."

The NSW Hall of Champions consists of a 'Wall of Fame' displaying photographs from over 350 athletes depicting many memorable moments. A museum with a nationally significant collection of over 2,000 sporting artefacts forms part of the Hall of Champions.

"Each year the Sports Centre welcomes over 300,000 visitors who can walk through this corridor of sports memories and milestones," Minister Ayres said.

"They can take a moment to see and learn about what these greats have achieved, and in turn dream big for their own sports ambitions."

The NSW Hall of Champions is open daily from 9am to 5pm and is free to public.



Alison Broadbent as a Sydney Swift following the 2006 Commonwealth Bank Trophy Grand Final



## Commerical and Communications Overview

2014 was another productive and positive year for both Netball NSW and the NSW Swifts within the Commercial and Communications department.

#### Highlights

- Allphones Arena Blockbuster which attracted a League-record regular season attendance of 10,118 (a 26% increase on 2013)
- Launch of the "Let's Play Netball" grassroots marketing campaign
  31% increase in NSW Swifts Membership for season 2015, selling out with 2,200 Members
- Launch of a new NSW Swifts website
- Implementation of a Social and Digital Media strategy which saw significant growth across all online channels
- · Growth of corporate portfolio across both platforms
- Rebrand and launch of Netball NSW logo

#### **Commercial activities**

Netball NSW and the NSW Swifts have a loyal and growing corporate portfolio including Government, Educational, Commercial and Charity Partners. We continue to be committed to ensuring all our partnerships are mutually beneficial and offer increased brand awareness and exposure to all involved. These positive relationships enable us to invest in our various community programs and initiatives with the aim to increase participation and inclusion at all levels of the sport.

Identification of commercial assets is an ongoing process and we continually try to explore areas of Netball NSW that can be commercially enhanced for the benefit of Netball. With this in mind, we are delighted to announce the following Partners who have resigned; DOOLEYS (State League naming-rights Partner), Study Group/ACPE (Major Partner – Netball NSW Masters), The Athlete's Foot (Official Community Partner), Coast2Coast (Official NSW Swifts Merchandiser and Preferred Supplier Netball NSW), The Sydney Boulevard Hotel (NSW Swifts Partner), Telstra (NSW Swifts Partner), Nova969 (NSW Swifts Partner), The Kids' Cancer Project (Official Charity).



DOOLEYS Catholic Club Lidcombe naming-rights sponsor of the Netball NSW State League

In addition to this, new Partners have been brought on-board including; Etixx (Official Nutrition Partner), to supply nutrition and supplements to the NSW Swifts, State Teams and Development Squads, BBX International (Netball NSW and NSW Swifts Team Partner), SKLZ (Netball NSW and NSW Swifts Team Partner), Finish with the Right Stuff (NSW Government initiative with Netball NSW Partner).

Retaining and obtaining corporate partners during a challenging economic market was a significant focus and we are proud with what has been achieved in a tough environment.

We would like to thank all Partners for their ongoing support and contribution to Netball from the community and grassroots, to the elite level. Their support is greatly appreciated and has a significant positive impact on netball across NSW.

#### Membership and Ticketing

The NSW Swifts were delighted with the support shown by our loyal fans with a record 1,676 members for the 2014 season and had strong ticket sales with a total of 28,868 people watching the Swifts live at home in 2014. This success culminated in a League-record regular season attendance at the Allphones Arena Blockbuster which attracted 10,118 (a 26% increase on 2013). History was also made with the NSW Swifts hosting the first-ever ANZ Championship game in Canberra on ANZAC Day, which was a very proud moment for all those involved.

NSW Swifts 2015 membership packages also went on sale in 2014 coinciding with the launch of our 2015 Beyond Expectation campaign the day after the Australia Netball Team won Commonwealth Games Gold. This resulted in a 31% increase on 2014, selling out of all 2,200 available memberships.

We would like to thank all our members and fans who support the NSW Swifts and the growth of netball, we will certainly be aiming for a season Beyond Expectation in 2015.

#### NSW Swifts & Netball NSW Digital and Social Media

2014 saw the implementation of a new social and digital media campaign to increase the "ultimate source" approach which began in 2013. This has shown a significant growth in all online channels. A revamped, new look NSW Swifts' website was developed and launched in December 2014, which is more reflective of our brand as well as being more flexible and functional, allowing the website to grow with the organisation. Social and digital channels now command a prominent place on the front page allowing ease of sharing information with other networks. The reduced "page views" for Netball NSW (new website launched November 2013) is a positive outcome, showing the ease of useability and how accessible information is without having to search the entire website, particularly surrounding marquee events such as State Age Championships.

#### NSW Swifts – Digital and Social Media Statistics

Ŭ	2013	2014
Visits	153,356	203,644
Unique Visits	101,209	138,401
Page views	424,650	554,537
Facebook likes	7,488	12,784
Twitter followers	3,459	5,077
Instagram followers	1960	5174

#### Netball NSW - Digital and Social Media Statistics

	2013	2014
Visits	461,756	464,499*
Unique Visits	204,119	234,259
Page views	2,108,139	1,591,028
Facebook likes	3,632	6,790
Twitter followers	497	1,075
Instagram followers	612	1,840
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\* Figure only recorded until 15 December, 2014.

A new, mobile responsive, fully e-commerce, Netball NSW online store has been introduced, which is a one-stop-shop for all netballing requirements for playing, training, coaching, umpiring, apparel, equipment and a number of Netball NSW run events.



Corporate Partners Mascot Race at NSW Swifts Allphones Arena Blockbuster

## Commerical and Communications Overview

#### Netball NSW Re-Brand

To coincide with the move to Netball Central, Netball NSW unveiled a new corporate logo and style (below) replacing the long standing previous logo. The new logo, an adoption of Netball Australia's "One Brand" launched in 2005, retains the traditional Netball NSW blue while incorporating a modern grey tone.

The new "One Brand" has now been implemented and embedded across the whole of the organisation and brings Netball NSW into a new, modern era.



#### Marketing campaigns

Netball NSW continues to support a variety of Women in Sport initiatives & Health and well-being campaigns including Finish with the Right Stuff. We seek to support as many Women in Sport events as possible, where player availability permits, to encourage the growth of participation within woman's sport in a safe and trusted environment.

#### Let's Play Netball

Netball NSW launched our "Let's Play Netball" 2015 promotional campaign. The "hero" of this campaign is a 2-minute "Let's Play Netball" video produced by Netball NSW which reflects why it's great to play netball – irrespective of age, race, religion or background – and is focused on encouraging grassroots participation.

In addition to relaunching the letsplaynetball.com.au webpage, Netball NSW has also designed A5 Flyers, A4 posters and A3 posters to accompany the video and have provided these to each Member Club and or Association. Website tiles have also been produced for the Club and or Association to use on their website, plus Let's Play Netball DL Flyers have also been produced for the Netball NSW Sports Development Team to distribute.



#### NSW Swifts and Netball NSW Media Coverage

The media coverage the NSW Swifts increased during 2014, this was in no small part due to the ongoing work of the Communications Team who proactively reached out to key media outlets and provided them with content which would cut through in such a cluttered sports market.

The Communications Team also worked with well-known and respected media personalities such as Channel Seven's Jim Wilson and Chris Bath who became "champions" of the NSW Swifts, with Mark Beretta regularly displaying the NSW Swifts ball and match dress in the "locker" behind the Sports Desk on Sunrise. Triple M Breakfast hosts Gus Worland and Mark Geyer – both have children playing netball – provided regular support by way of shout outs on air and social media mentions.

Excluding New Zealand media, the NSW Swifts featured regularly in a number of outlets including The Daily Telegraph, The Sunday Telegraph, Sydney Morning Herald, Fox Sports, Channel Seven, ABC Grandstand and numerous ABC radio programs. With Fox Sports News being based in Sydney, a NSW Swift would be a live in-studio guest ahead of every home game.

The increased coverage not only had benefits to the organisation's Commercial Partners, but positioned NSW Swifts as the State's leading women's sports team and assisted in driving record match day attendances and membership.

Local and Regional media outlets across NSW continue to be hugely supportive of all things netball, particularly of Netball NSW programs and events. With Netball NSW taking their own professional photos of numerous events, we were able to provide imagery to interested outlets to gain further coverage for the sport. With a member of the Communications Team travelling with the NSW Swifts, State and ANL Teams when they play on the road; Netball NSW could provide match reports and interviews to gain further coverage.



Channel Seven's Jim Wilson with 2014 NSW Swifts



Channel Nine's Neil Breen interviewing Sharni Layton





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## Directors' report For the year ended 31 December 2014

The directors present their report together with the financial report of the New South Wales Netball Association Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2014 and the auditor's report therein.

## 1. Directors

The directors of the Company at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

Name and qualifications	Other directorships	Responsibilities	Appointed/ Resigned
W Archer AM	Australian Rescue Management Pty Ltd InteRisk P/L	President	Director since 20 March 1999
C Campbell	Cartridge World NSW, Cartridge World Parramatta, Cartridge World Raymond Terrace Complete Event Management NSW Sports Federation	Chief Executive Officer and Director	Director since 9 May 2006
J Drakos	Keats Street Services Keats Street Property & Events	Director	Elected 25 March 2012
C Feldmanis	Delta Electricity Perpetual Equity Investment Company Ltd Uniting Financial Services Limited Feldmanis & Associates Pty Ltd	Director	Appointed since 29 March 2014
J Hahn	Nil	Director	Director since 26 March 2000
R Havrlant	Havrlant Family Trust Havainvesta Pty Ltd Polava P/L	Director	Director since 3 March 2007
C McCormack	3 Beer Bellies Pty Ltd	Director	Elected 23 March 2013
C Murphy	Proqual Property Services P/L Proqual Super Fund Proqual Unit Trust	Director	Director since 07 March 2009
R Watson	Nil	Director	Director since 29 March 2003

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2014

## 2. Directors' meetings

The number of directors' meetings, including meetings of committees of directors held and attended by each of the directors of the Company during the financial year are:

	BOARD M	OARD MEETINGS	
Director	Number of Meetings Attended	Number of Meetings Held *	
W Archer AM	14	14	
C Campbell	14	14	
J Drakos (previously Bothwell)	13	14	
C Feldmanis	9	10	
J Hahn	14	14	
R Havrlant	12	14	
C McCormack	13	14	
C Murphy	13	14	
R Watson	13	14	

\* Reflects the number of meetings held during the time the director held office during the year.

## 3. Company Secretary

Mr Michael Anderson was appointed to the position of Company Secretary on 1 April 2014, and Mr Anderson is currently the Company's General Manager Corporate Services and a Justice of the Peace for NSW.

### 4. **Principal activities**

The principal activities of the Company during the course of the financial year were to administer the sport of netball throughout New South Wales.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the activities of the Company during the year.

Company performance is regularly measured against:

- Demographic analysis of participation numbers, potential players, and lost players;
- Reporting against funded projects from external stakeholders;
- Delivery of programs to enhance retention and recruitment of players and volunteers throughout regional and metropolitan NSW;
- Feedback from member associations and other key stakeholders; and
- Financial Forecasts and Budgets approved by the Directors.

## 5. **Operating and financial review**

The profit from ordinary activities after tax for the year amounted to \$32,392,887 (2013: \$117,576 loss). The profit from ordinary activities includes a revenue amount of \$32,512,867 relating to the Netball Central project at Sydney Olympic Park. Revenue from capitation fees amounted to \$5,039,559 compared with \$4,426,052 for the prior year.

The Company's long term objectives are to promote, encourage and oversee the game of Netball from the junior to elite levels throughout New South Wales and to generally take such action as may be considered conducive to the best interests of the game.

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2014

## 5. **Operating financial review (continued)**

In order to ensure the long term objectives are being met, the Company will:

- Organise, conduct, and develop competitions within New South Wales from junior to elite levels;
- Promote competition matches between affiliated associations and to institute, regulate and control all championship competition between those affiliated associations;
- Select and manage netball teams to represent New South Wales in matches against teams representing other States and Territories of Australia and outside Australia;
- Affiliate with and support Netball Australia Limited or such other organisation as shall from time to time exist for the promotion, regulation and control of Netball throughout Australia; and
- Maximise the usage of the Netball Central facility with both Netball and non-Netball related activities as considered appropriate.

The Company's short term objectives are to increase participation numbers at Junior through to elite levels of the game throughout NSW. We aim to provide a link into elite pathways of the sport, and to create and implement programs which will enhance the education of all participants (players, coaches, umpires, game officials etc) thus ensuring the sustainability and growth of the sport.

In order to ensure the short term objectives are met, the Company will:

- Provide opportunities for regular feedback from District personnel to Netball NSW to support and enhance membership promotions;
- Review current member needs and document requirements;
- Develop additional supporting competitions;
- Develop a sporting program and associated marketing campaign to introduce young children to become current and future players and supporters;
- Measure and monitor performance at all levels against agreed targets and goals;
- Conduct a review of the delivery of coaching, and umpiring programs and player pathways;
- Continually update and align the operations of Netball NSW at all levels with regulatory controls; and
- Maximise the usage of the Netball Central facility with both Netball and non-Netball related activities as considered appropriate.

## 6. Significant changes in the state of affairs

On the 18 December 2014 the Company finalised the construction of the Netball Central project at Sydney Olympic Park when the building was deemed to have reached Practical Completion by independent certifiers. Per the Deed of Agreement executed by the Company with the NSW Government's Office of Communities and the Sydney Olympic Park Authority, the Company is now proceeding to enter into a lease for the Netball Central facility for a term of ninety-nine years, with the Sydney Olympic Park Authority being its landlord. This lease is expected to be executed in the first quarter of 2015 upon completion of the issuing of a subdivision certificate for the site. At this time it is also expected that an Asset Management Plan (the Plan) for Netball Central will be drafted by external consultants, which will detail a twenty five year life cycle cost plan for the facility, including a recommended capital investment and maintenance schedule. Upon the finalisation of the Plan and its approval by the Sydney Olympic Park Authority, the Company will be required to establish a sinking fund bank account on behalf of the Sydney Olympic Park Authority and make annual contributions to the sinking fund which can only be used for major repairs and asset replacement expenditure in accordance with the approved Plan.

Upon Practical Completion of Netball Central, the Company recognised in full the grants it had received from the NSW Government, the Australian Federal Government, the Sydney Olympic Park Authority and interest receipts on the grant monies as income.

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2014

## 6. Significant changes in the state of affairs (continued)

The Company relocated from the Anne Clark Centre to Netball Central on 1 December 2014 and the Company is in the process of completing a Deed for the surrender of it lease at the Anne Clark Centre with the Auburn City Council. This Deed is expected to be finalised prior to 31 March 2015.

In the opinion of the directors, aside from the matters outlined above, there were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company that occurred during the financial year under review.

## 7. Dividends

The Company is a non-profit organisation and is prevented by its constitution from paying dividends.

## 8. Environmental regulation

The Company's operations are not subject to any significant environmental regulations under either Commonwealth or State legislation.

## 9. Events subsequent to reporting date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event, not outlined above, that is of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company, in future financial years.

## 10. Likely developments

The directors do not anticipate any other particular development in the operations of the Company which will affect the result in subsequent years aside from the matters noted in the significant changes in the state of affairs section.

## 11. Indemnification and insurance of officers

The Company has provided for and paid premiums during the year for directors' and officers' liability and legal expenses insurance contracts.

### 12. Membership

The Company is incorporated and domiciled in Australia as a Company limited by guarantee. In accordance with the Constitution of the Company, every member of the Company undertakes to contribute an amount limited to \$1 per member in the event of the winding up of the Company during the time that he or she is a member or within one year thereafter. At 31 December 2014 there were 113,030 members (2013: 112,260 members).

### 13. Lead auditor's independence declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration, as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, is set out on page 6 of this annual report and forms part of the directors' report for the financial year ending 31 December 2014.

This report is made with a resolution of the directors:

Dated at Sydney this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015.

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Director



## Lead auditor's independence declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To: the directors of the New South Wales Netball Association Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit for the financial year ended 31 December 2014 there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Sydney

26th day of February 2015

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## The New South Wales Netball Association Limited Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

### For the year ended 31 December 2014

For the year ended 51 December 2014	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Revenue from Netball Central Project		32,512,867	-
Revenue from rendering of services	6	8,177,261	7,369,059
Revenue from sale of goods		14,009	21,701
Total revenue		40,704,137	7,390,760
Cost of goods sold		(2,801)	(15,453)
Employee expenses	5	(3,639,595)	(3,417,494)
Administration expenses		(644,546)	(801,399)
Insurance expense		(552,277)	(533,501)
Depreciation & amortisation		(161,353)	(196,569)
Sports centre operating expenses		(197,529)	(192,988)
Coaching & umpiring expenses		(722,158)	(451,621)
Competitions & events		(731,819)	(735,954)
Grants		(159,460)	(129,130)
Team & representation expenses		(1,290,176)	(1,319,880)
Netball Central development expenses		(340,822)	-
Impairment reversal/(loss) on Property, plant & equipment		-	159,430
Results from operating activities		32,261,601	(243,799)
Financing income		131,286	126,223
Net Finance income	8	131,286	126,223
Net profit / (loss) for the period		32,392,887	(117,576)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period		32,392,887	(117,576)

The statement of comprehensive income is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements set out on pages 11 to 22.

## The New South Wales Netball Association Limited Statement of changes in equity

## For the year ended 31 December 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Retained earnings opening balance 1 January	3,351,704	3,469,280
Profit / (Loss) for the period	32,392,887	(117,576)
Other comprehensive income for the period		
Total comprehensive income for the period	32,392,887	(117,576)
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity	-	-
Retained earnings closing balance 31 December	35,744,591	3,351,704

The statement of changes in equity is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements set out on pages 11 to 22.

## The New South Wales Netball Association Limited Statement of financial position

## As at 31 December 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	3,395,019	3,920,051
Trade and other receivables	10	141,804	135,553
Inventories		7,192	-
Other	11	80,912	73,233
Total current assets		3,624,927	4,128,837
Property, plant and equipment	12	33,770,634	470,262
Total non-current assets		33,770,634	470,262
Total assets		37,395,561	4,599,099
Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	13	702,131	150,104
Provisions	14	672,209	821,378
Employee benefits	15	196,285	154,675
Total current liabilities		1,570,625	1,126,157
Employee benefits	16	80,345	121,238
Total non-current liabilities		80,345	121,238
Total liabilities		1,650,970	1,247,395
Net assets		35,744,591	3,351,704
Members' funds			
Retained profits		35,744,591	3,351,704
Total members' funds		35,744,591	3,351,704

The statement of financial position is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements set out on pages 11 to 22.

## The New South Wales Netball Association Limited Statement of cash flows

## For the year ended 31 December 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash receipts from customers, members and sponsors		8,839,435	8,167,356
Cash paid to suppliers and employees		(8,546,895)	(8,190,682)
Net cash from/ (used) operating activities		292,540	(23,326)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Cash flows from investing activities Interest received		131,286	126,223
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	16,568
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(948,858)	(362,517)
Net cash used in investing activities		(817,572)	(219,726)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(525,032)	(242,890)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		3,920,051	4,163,103
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	9	3,395,019	3,920,051

Note: Money received for construction of the Netball Central is not recognised in cash flows above as it was held in trust until the date the building was deemed to have reached Practical Completion (18 December 2014) at which time the assets were transferred to the Company.

The statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements set out on pages 11 to 22.

## The New South Wales Netball Association Limited Notes to the financial statements

## 1. Reporting entity

The New South Wales Netball Association Limited (the "Company") is a company domiciled in Australia.

The Company is a not-for-profit entity and is primarily involved in administering the sport of netball throughout New South Wales.

### 2. Basis of preparation

### (a) Statement of compliance

In the opinion of the directors, the Company is not publicly accountable. The financial statements are Tier 2 general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001. These financial statements comply with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 26th February 2015.

#### (b) Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

### (c) Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Company's functional currency.

#### (d) Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

## (e) Changes in accounting policies

Short-term employee benefits

The Company has adopted AASB119 Employee Benefits (2011) with a date of initial application of 1 January 2014. As a result of AASB119 (2011), the Company has changed its accounting policy with respect to the definition of short-term employee benefits. The amended AASB119 (2011) defines the short-term benefits as benefits that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. It was previously defined as those due to be settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which employees render the related service. This change may result in benefits previously classified as short-term being treated as other long-term employee benefits and measured on a discounted basis.

The Company assessed its short-term employee benefits on adoption of the revised standard and noted it to have no impact to the Company's financial statements.

## The New South Wales Netball Association Limited Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 2. Basis of preparation (continued)

## (e) Changes in accounting policies (continued)

### AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement

AASB 13 provides a single source of guidance on how fair value is measured, and replaces the fair value measurement guidance that is currently dispersed throughout Australian Accounting Standards. Subject to limited exceptions, AASB 13 is applied when fair value measurements or disclosures are required or permitted by other AASBs. There has not been any material changes as a result of adopting this new standard.

### 3. Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

### (a) **Property, plant and equipment**

#### (i) Owned assets

Items of property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation (see below) and impairment losses (see accounting policy (e)).

Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment.

Intangible assets, other than goodwill and expenditure on research and development, that are acquired by the Company and have finite useful lives are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

#### (ii) Leased assets

Leases in terms of which the Company assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Other leases are classified as operating leases.

#### (iii) Subsequent costs

The Company recognises in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment the cost of replacing part of such an item when that cost is incurred if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the item will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other costs are recognised in the income statement as an expense as incurred.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (a) **Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

#### (iv) Depreciation

Depreciation is charged to the income statement on a diminishing value basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of property, plant and equipment. The estimated useful lives in the current and comparative periods are as follows:

	2014	2013
Netball Central (Leasehold)	25 years	20 years
Building extensions	25 years	20 years
Office extensions	25 years	20 years
Furniture and fittings	5-11 years	5-11 years
Equipment	3-11years	3-11 years
Motor vehicles	3 years	3 years
Website development and software	3 years	3 years

The residual value, if not insignificant, is reassessed annually.

#### (b) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are stated at their cost less impairment losses (see accounting policy (e(i))).

#### (c) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the estimated costs of completion and selling expenses.

#### (d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits.

#### (e) Impairment

The carrying amounts of the Company's assets, other than inventories (see accounting policy (c)), are reviewed at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated (see accounting policy (e(i))).

An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement, unless an asset has previously been revalued, in which case the impairment loss is recognised as a reversal to the extent of that previous revaluation with any excess recognised through profit or loss.

Impairment losses recognised in respect of cash-generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to cash-generating units (group of units) and then, to reduce the carrying amount of the other assets in the unit (group of units) on a pro rata basis.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (e) Impairment (continued)

#### (i) Calculation of recoverable amount

The recoverable amount of the Company's investments in receivables carried at amortised cost is calculated as the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate (i.e., the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition of these financial assets). Receivables with a short duration are not discounted.

The recoverable amount of other assets is the greater of their fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash inflows, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

#### (ii) Reversals of impairment

An impairment loss in respect of a receivable carried at amortised cost is reversed if the subsequent increase in recoverable amount can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised.

An impairment loss in respect of other assets is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount.

An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

#### (f) Employee benefits

#### (i) Defined contribution plans

Obligations for contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the profit or loss in the period during which services are rendered by employees. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in future payment is available.

#### (ii) Long-term service benefits

The Company's net obligation in respect of long-term service benefits, other than pension plans, is the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods. The obligation is calculated using expected future increases in wage and salary rates including related on-costs and expected settlement dates, and is discounted using the rates attached to the Commonwealth Government bonds at the balance sheet date which have maturity dates approximating to the terms of the Company's obligations.

#### (iii) Wages, salaries, annual leave, sick leave and non-monetary benefits

Liabilities for employee benefits for wages, salaries, annual leave and sick leave that are expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date represent present obligations resulting from employees' services provided to reporting date, are calculated at undiscounted amounts based on remuneration wage and salary rates that the Company expects to pay as at reporting date including related on-costs, such as workers compensation insurance and payroll tax.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (g) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are stated at cost.

#### (h) Revenue

#### Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of returns and allowances, trade discounts and volume rebates. Revenue is recognised when there is persuasive evidence, usually in the form of executed sales agreements, that the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the buyer, recovery of the consideration is probable, the associated costs and possible return of goods can be estimated reliably, and there is no continuing management involvement with the goods.

#### **Rendering of services**

Rendering of services revenue represents revenue earned from the Company's trading activities, including membership, sponsorship, funding and gate receipts. Revenue from services rendered is recognised in profit or loss in proportion to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date.

#### **Government grants**

The company is supported by grants received from the federal and state governments. Grants received on the condition that specified services are delivered, or conditions are fulfilled, are considered reciprocal. Such grants are initially recognised as a liability and revenue is recognised as services are performed or conditions fulfilled. Revenue from non-reciprocal grants is recognised when the company obtains control of the funds.

#### **Revenue received – Netball Central Project**

Revenue received in relation to Netball Central comprises grant and other funding received directly by the Company together with the fair value of assets contributed to the Company in relation to Netball Central that did not require the Company to provide an equivalent value in return for receiving such assets.

Revenue in relation to Netball Central has been recognised only when the Company has obtained control of the contribution, or the right to receive the contributions, it is probable that the economic benefits comprising the contribution will flow to the entity and the amount of the contribution can be measured reliably.

#### (i) Finance income and expenses

Finance income comprises interest income on funds invested and interest income is recognised as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

Finance expenses comprise interest expense on borrowings. All borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (j) Segment reporting

A segment is a distinguishable component of the Company that is engaged either in providing products or services (business segment), or in providing products or services within a particular economic environment (geographical segment), which is subject to risks and rewards that are different from those of other segments.

#### (k) Goods and services tax

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as a current asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority are classified as operating cash flows.

#### (l) Income tax

No provision for income tax has been made in the accounts because of the exemption allowed under Section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act (1997).

#### (m) Lease payments

Payments made under operating leases are recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Lease incentives received are recognised as an integral part of the total lease expense, over the term of the lease.

#### Determining whether an arrangement contains a lease

At inception of an arrangement, the Company determines whether such an arrangement is or contains a lease. A specific asset is the subject of a lease if fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of that specified asset. An arrangement conveys the right to use the asset if the arrangement conveys to the Company the right to control the use of the underlying asset.

At inception or upon reassessment of the arrangement, the Company separates payments and other consideration required by such an arrangement into those for the lease and those for other elements on the basis of their relative fair values. If the Company concludes for a finance lease that it is impracticable to separate the payments reliably, an asset and a liability are recognised at an amount equal to the fair value of the underlying asset. Subsequently the liability is reduced as payments are made and an imputed finance charge on the liability is recognised using the Company's incremental borrowing rate.

#### 4. Determination of fair values

A number of the Company's accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. When applicable, further information about the assumptions made in determining fair values is disclosed in the notes specific to that asset or liability.

		2014 \$	2013 \$
5.	Employee expenses	Ŷ	Ψ
	Wages and salaries	3,051,930	2,844,730
	Superannuation contributions	304,805	283,844
	(Decrease)/Increase in provision	(8,782)	76,070
	Payroll tax	164,548	138,809
	Fringe benefits tax	117,549	59,041
	Directors' fees	9,545	15,000
		3,639,595	3,417,494
6.	Revenue from rendering of services		
	Affiliation and capitation fees	5,039,559	4,426,052
	Grants income	241,133	211,218
	Sponsorship income	254,874	218,862
	Anne Clark Netball Centre	175,242	296,468
	Umpiring and coaching	357,458	466,547
	Competitions and events	719,242	550,092
	Trans Tasman Trophy	1,315,693	1,160,187
	Other income	74,060	39,633
		8,177,261	7,369,059
7.	Auditor's remuneration		
	Audit services Auditors of the Company <i>KPMG</i>		
	Audit and review of financial	24,000	25,745
	reports	24,000	25,745
	Other services Auditors of the Company <i>KPMG</i>		
	Other assurance services	2,498	6,784
		2,198	6,784
8.	Net financing income	2,190	0,701
	Interest income	131,286	126,223
	Financial income	131,286	126,223
	Financial expenses	-	-
	Net financing income	131,286	126,223

#### 9. Cash and cash equivalents

	Cash and cash equivalents	2014 \$	2013 \$
	Cash at bank and on hand	193,883	(23,080)
	Deposits at call	3,201,136	3,943,131
		3,395,019	3,920,051
10.	<b>Trade and other receivables</b> Trade receivables	141,804	135,553
		141,804	135,553
11.	Other assets	20.010	72.022
	Prepayments	80,912	73,233
		80,912	73,233

12. Property, Plant and Equipment

	Netball Central	Building extensions	Office extensions	Furniture and fittings	Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Intangible Asset	Total
	(Leasehold)			D	-			
	\$	9	\$	S		S	\$	\$
Cost								
Balance at 1 Jan 2014	287,787	327,368	245,661	27,328	277,204	165,611	ı	1,330,959
Additions	33,270,704		·	3,128	161,793	ı	26,100	33,461,725
Disposals	(14,422)	(327, 368)	(245,661)	I	-	I	I	(587,451)
Balance at 31 Dec 2014	33,544,068		1	30,456	438,997	165,611	26,100	34,205,233
<b>Depreciation and</b> impairment losses Balance at 1 Jan 2014	14,422	327,368	245,661	18,693	189,680	64,874	,	860,698
Depreciation for the year	51,465			5,489		48,685	I	161,352
Disposals	(14,422)	(327,368)	(245,661)	I	I	I	ı	(587,451)
Impairment reversal on asset	·	ļ	I	I	·	ı	ı	ı
Balance at 31 Dec 2014	51,465		I	24,182	245,393	113,559	ı	434,599
Carrying amounts								
At 1 January 2014	287,787	ı	I	8,635	87,526	100,737		470,263
At 31 December 2014	33,492,604			6,273	193,604	52,052	26,100	33,770,634

was deemed to have reached Practical Completion by independent certifiers. Notification has been received by the NSW Government, Office of Sport that confirms that Netball Central (Leasehold) – On the 18 December 2014 the Company finalised the construction of the Netball Central project at Sydney Olympic Park when building "SOPA") and the State provides for the grant of a 99 year lease from SOPA to the Company. Upon expiry or termination of the lease, Netball Central will revert to Netball Central became the property of the Company on 18 December 2014. The Deed of Arrangement between the Company and Sydney Olympic Park Authority SOPA.

		2014 \$	2013 \$
13.	Trade and other payables		
	Trade payables	183,720	99,875
	Other trade payables and accrued expenses	72,144	50,229
	Income Received in Advance	446,267	-
		702,131	150,104
14.	Provisions		
	Netball Australia 2015 Capitation Liability	672,209	821,378
		672,209	821,378

The Netball Australia Capitation liability for 2015 is based on 2014 membership numbers for the senior, junior, non-player and player with a disability (PWD) membership categories. The liability in prior period (2013) included an amount for the membership categories of Netta and FunNet which have been replaced by the NetSetGo program. NetSetGo fees to Netball Australia are charged as incurred in each financial year based on actual participant numbers and there is no liability outstanding at year-end.

#### 15. Employee benefits

Current		
Liability for annual leave	196,285	154,675
	196,285	154,675
Non-current		
Liability for long service leave	80,345	121,238
	80,345	121,238

#### 16. Segment reporting

The Company's principal activity is the promotion of netball in New South Wales. The New South Wales Netball Association's principal place of operation is from 1 December 2014 Netball Central, Sydney Olympic Park, Australia.

1.5		2014 \$	2013 \$
17.	Operating leases		
	Leases as lessee Non-cancellable operating lease rentals are payable as follows:		
	Less than one year	75,629	36,443
	Between one and five years	266,205	108,169
	More than five years	2,586,242	75,058
		2,928,076	219,670

#### 17. Operating leases (continued)

The Company relocated from the Anne Clark Centre to Netball Central on 1 December 2014 and the Company is executing a Deed for the surrender of its lease at the Anne Clark Centre (for building and ground facilities) with the Auburn City Council which was due to expire on 31 December 2021. This Deed is expected to be finalised by 31 March 2015. As the lease surrender has not been finalised as at the reporting date the lease commitments for the Anne Clark Centre are still included in figures detailed in this note.

Notwithstanding that a lease for Netball Central has yet to have been executed, the lease is deemed to be in place as at the date the building was deemed to have reached Practical Completion, as stipulated in the Deed of Arrangements between the lessor and the lessee.

Minimum lease payments have been recognised accordingly and they comprise a base amount plus an incremental contingent rental. Contingent rentals are based on either movements in the Consumer Price Index or operating criteria.

#### 18. Related parties

The following were key management personnel of the Company at any time during the reporting period, and unless otherwise indicated were key management personnel for the entire period:

#### **Executive directors**

C Campbell

#### **Non-executive directors**

W Archer AM J Drakos C Feldmanis J Hahn R Havrlant C McCormack C Murphy R Watson

#### Executives

LACCULTIES	
M Anderson	GM Corporate Services (Commenced 13 Jan 2014)
D Brown	GM Sports Development (Interim role Commenced 22 Oct 2014)
G Eckert	GM Operations and Events
T Fear	GM High Performance (Completed employment 31 Oct 2014)
N Horton	GM Sports Development (to 21 Oct 2014) and GM High Performance
	(Interim role commenced 22 Oct 2014)
T Prosser-Shaw	GM Commercial and Communications (Commenced 1 Mar 2014)
M. Simpson	GM Strategy and Governance
K Tetley	GM Commercial and Communications (Completed employment 2 Feb 2014*)
R Wright	NSW Swifts Head Coach

\*On secondment to Netball Australia until 30 Jan 2016

#### Key management personnel compensation

The key management personnel compensation included in "Employee expenses" are as follows:

#### **18.** Related parties (continued)

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Short-term employee benefits	990,094	862,553
Other key management personnel transactions with the company		
<i>Director-related entities</i> Sponsorship income from Cartridge World NSW, a director-related entity of C Campbell	(7,500)	(7,500)
Goods purchased from Cartridge World NSW & Parramatta, a director-related entity of C Campbell	19,588	27,501

From time to time, directors of the Company may purchase goods from the company or participate in other Association activities. These purchases and participations are on the same terms and conditions as those entered into by other Company employees or customers and are trivial or domestic in nature.

Apart from the details disclosed above in this note, no other director has entered into a material contract with the Company during the year or since the end of the previous financial year and there were no material contracts involving other directors' interests existing at year-end.

#### **19.** Contingent Liability

The Company may receive a claim in respect of the work undertaken by a contractor. It is the Company's intention to dispute the claim should it be received and no further information has been disclosed in respect of this matter in order not to prejudice the position of the Company in the potential dispute with the contractor.

#### 20. Subsequent Events

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company, in future financial years.

#### 21. Company details

The Company is incorporated and domiciled in Australia as a Company limited by guarantee. In accordance with the Constitution of the Company, every member of the Company undertakes to contribute an amount limited to \$1 per member in the event of the winding up of the Company during the time that he or she is a member or within one year thereafter. At 31 December 2014 there were 113,030 members (2013: 112,260 members).

The registered office of the Company is Netball Central, 2 Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127.

# The New South Wales Netball Association Limited

#### **Directors' declaration**

In the opinion of the directors of The New South Wales Netball Association Limited (the Company):

- (a) The company is not publically accountable;
- b) the financial statements and notes that are contained in pages 7 to 22, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2014 and of their performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:

Carol Murphy Director

John Hahn Director

Dated at Sydney this 26th day of February 2015



#### Independent auditor's report to the members of the New South Wales Netball Association Limited

#### Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the New South Wales Netball Association Limited (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2014, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, notes 1 to 21 comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

#### Directors' responsibility for the financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We performed the procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements, a true and fair view which is consistent with our understanding of the Company's financial position and of its performance.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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#### Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Auditor's opinion

In our opinion the financial report of the New South Wales Netball Association is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2014 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

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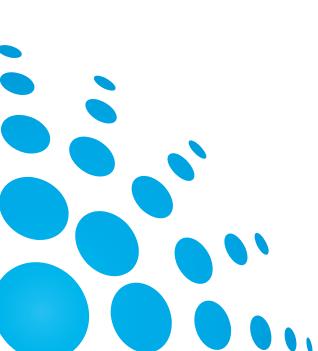
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