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NEW SOUTH WALES

Our Mission Statement

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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FINANCIAL REPORT

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President's Report

It was an exceptional year of achievement and milestones for Netball in 2015 and how wonderful it was that Netball NSW played a magnificent part in showcasing the strength of our sport.

Against this wonderful background we saw a continued strong performance in the administration and governance of our organisation, coupled with many outstanding achievements in all facets of our game by our members.

Our wonderful new facility, Netball Central, has been the backdrop for some fantastic events with the hosting of the ANZ Championship Summer Shoot Out (won by our magnificent NSW Swifts), the 2015 Underage National Netball Championships followed by awe inspiring performances at Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I sincerely thank all of our member Associations and our members for their continued support, and in particular for their outstanding efforts at the grassroots level which feeds directly into the Netball NSW arena. Without your continued support we cannot provide the opportunities to all of our members so that they can realise their potential in their chosen area.

Our Annual Dinner was a spectacular night of acknowledgement with great warmth for all recipients. We acknowledged the magnificent women who were honoured with an Anne Clark Service Award for their outstanding contribution to their home Association – Laurel Cunico (Baulkham Hills Netball Association), Linda Free (St George Netball Association), Margaret Spackman (Forbes Netball Association) Margaret Thoms (Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association) and Beverley Thorpe (Shoalhaven Netball Association).

Our Hall of Fame inductees were again of the highest calibre with Alison Broadbent (nee Williams), Evie Carpenter, Selina Hornibrook (nee Gilsenan), and Moira McGuinness MBE inducted. For the first time an inductee was elevated to the position of "Legend" and it was delightful to bestow Anne Sargeant OAM with this honour. In addition to Netball NSW Hall of Fame inclusions, Selina Hornibrook was also inducted into the NSW Hall of Champions and Anne Sargeant OAM was inducted to the Sport Australia Hall of Fame with "Legend" status and we could not be more proud of these achievements.

Our representative honours have continued to grow across the areas of our athletes, umpires and bench officials to both National and International competitions.

Snapshot of a few, of our many achievements:

- Five NSW Swifts, including Kimberlee Green as Vice Captain of the Australian Diamonds, became World Champions in front of 16,849 fans at Allphones Arena at Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015 in August
- Six NSW athletes, plus three current NSW Swifts were selected in the Australian Squad for the NWC2015 campaign
- Six NSW athletes on the Australian Diamonds Tour of England in January
- Five players in the Constellation / Malawi Series with Kimberlee Green named Australian Vice Captain for the Malawi Series
- Six players into the Fast5 World Netball Series
- Six players and two invitees into the Australian 21/U squad for the World Youth Cup, plus the Assistant Coach
- Six players into the Australian 19/U team
- Six players and the Team Manager for the Australian 17/U team
- Our Waratahs completed their Australian Netball League competition in fifth place
- Our Marie Little OAM Team won the Shield
- Six of our AA umpires received international appointments
- One new International Umpiring Award and two endorsements.

We also saw excellent growth in 2015 with membership numbers continuing to grow. We reached a record 114,872 members – an outstanding achievement we are incredibly proud of. Our NetSetGO numbers also continue to grow with 28,656 participants in 2015. We

saw an incredible 38% increase in Schools Cup numbers in 2015 with 764 teams participating.

Our coaching accreditation numbers also saw increases across each level – 1,088 Foundation Coaches, 202 Development Coaches, 108 Intermediate Coaches, 18 Advance Coaches and one Elite Coach.

Likewise, we have 552 National C Umpiring Badges, 87 National B Umpiring Badges and three National A Umpiring Badges.

The brilliant Sharon Kelly umpired the ANZ Championship Grand Final and was named Australian Umpire of the Year for the 14th consecutive year. Sharon retired after Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015, and she did so as an outstanding light in the umpiring arena. Netball NSW provided six ANZ Championship pool umpires, 10 ANL pool umpires, two bench officials and Maureen Boyle OAM was appointed Chair of the Umpires Appointment Panel to Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015; and five umpires to the Underage National Championships and three umpires to the 21/U National Championships. We also gained one new AA umpiring badge and three new National A badges and one National A endorsement.

Kaitlyn Bryce received the Nance Kenny OAM Medal – DOOLEYS State League Player of the Year, Susan Pettitt (nee Pratley) received the Marilyn Melhuish OAM NSW Swifts Player of the Year, Margaret Murrin received the Margaret Corbett OAM DOOLEYS State League Coach of the Year Award, Lynette Bonnett won the Lynn Quinn OAM Bench Officials Award and Rowena Gibson received the Neita Matthews OAM Umpires Encouragement Award – all personal bests and outstanding achievements.

Our NSW Swifts had all of us enthralled throughout the season and the Grand Final against the Queensland Firebirds will be a game that will surely go down in history as one of the best netball games ever seen.

Throughout all of these acknowledgements it is very clear to see that our values shine strongly. It is also very clear that the Waratah under which we all sit is represented with great passion and pride and it is clearly understood what the traditions of the Netball NSW Waratah mean to our sport.

It was a wonderful year and I am looking forward to working with the Board and together leading our organisation to ensure that Netball NSW remains at the cutting edge of our sport by providing strong leadership and governance and opportunities for all of our members while celebrating our passion for our chosen sport.



Wendy Archer AM
President
Netball NSW

CEO's Report

What a year 2015 turned out to be. A year full of outstanding accomplishments that put netball in Australia – and NSW specifically – onto the world stage.

In December 2014 Netball NSW moved into the newly completed Netball Central, with the official opening taking place in February 2015. The new headquarters of Netball NSW has allowed us as an organisation to refocus on our activities in line with our values – We Are Passionate, We Are Team, Our Integrity Defines Us, We Will Excel, We Are Connected – and to concentrate on embedding those values into everything we do. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Netball NSW staff for their professionalism and enthusiasm during the relocation and the way they have adapted to working in the new environment.

We had the unique opportunity to see Netball Central in full swing as the secondary host venue for the outstanding Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015, hosting training sessions and pool games. That event showcased everything that is great about netball in Australia and our ability to put on the best netball event in history. Netball Central has and will continue to host corporate events and functions and this will be an exciting journey for us.

As part of the Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015, Netball Central also hosted the World's Biggest Netball Clinic, with 555 school children gathered to have fun with some of their netball heroes. The Clinic exemplified everything that is great about Netball NSW – dedication and commitment to grassroots netball. It demonstrated how strong our participation platform is and shows how successful our engagement is.

Association support and development was a key focus and will be continue to be so as part of our 2016–2020 strategy developed throughout 2015. We are only as strong and as good as our Associations and members and we have continued our commitment to their growth.

The NSW Swifts had an amazing year. While we didn't come away with the result we hoped, with the smallest of margins in a most prolific Grand Final – we recognise that the team had a hard run into the finals and in spite of this, shone beyond all of our expectations.

I am proud and impressed with the role our coaches and other support personnel played in preparing our players for the Netball World Cup and international stage. They were outstanding on the court and did us all proud.

It was a year of significant and remarkable achievements for Netball NSW and I am looking forward to continuing to embed and consolidate our achievements in the coming year.

Carolyn Campbell
Chief Executive Officer
Netball NSW

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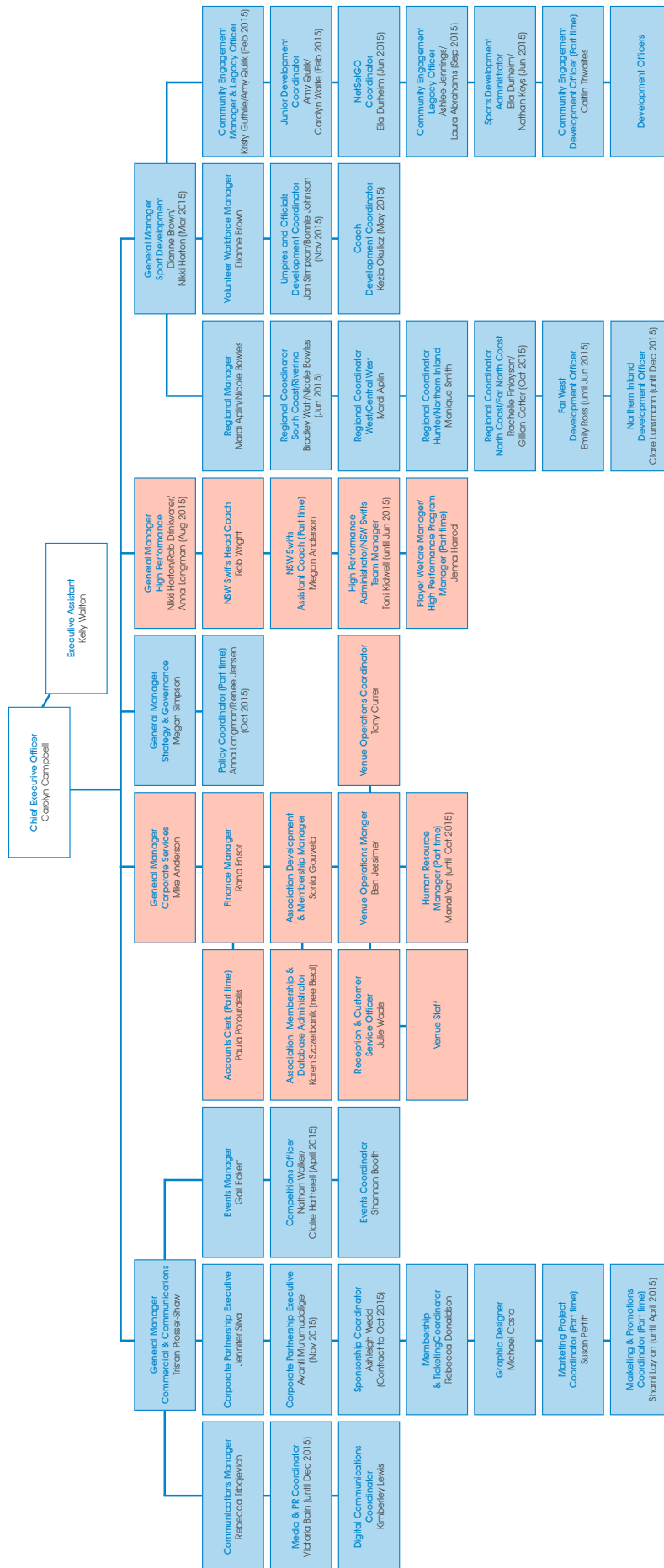
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Carolyn Campbell
Chief Executive
Officer



Organisational Structure



2020 Vision

Throughout 2015, Netball NSW has focused on developing a strategic vision and set of goals to allow our organisation to grow and thrive over the next five years.

Central to our 2020 Vision is a set of strategic priorities that will provide the framework for Netball NSW to excel.

Supporting the Strategic Vision is a set of pillars that will assist in guiding us to achieve this goal.

Strategic priorities and focus 2016–2020

Priority	Focus
Build and diversify membership models.	We recognise the changing landscape of sporting participation with the influence of cultural and economic pressures. It is critical for us to remain meaningful and relevant within the community and, as a result, will provide greater flexibility for access to the sport.
Drive capability and capacity for Associations to grow.	We will focus on providing necessary support for Associations in areas of administration management and participation growth. We value our volunteer workforce within clubs and Associations and will develop effective programs and resources to support the long term development of netball within the community.
Deliver contemporary governance structures.	We will continue to demonstrate strong governance and efficient procedures to maintain best practice in administration management and ensure compliance across all areas of the business.
Showcase elite netball to a wider audience domestically.	We will identify opportunities to highlight our elite teams and promote our role models to the wider New South Wales and Australian community in an effort to raise the profile of our sport.
Drive commercial partnerships to lift and shift the business of Netball.	We will build relationships with external stakeholders and commercial partners to ensure our products remain relevant for our consumers. We will drive change in our business intelligence and seek to continually improve the environment in which we operate.
Shape Netball NSW urbanisation footprint to build capacity.	We will influence the community within New South Wales by reaching into areas, cultures and organisations to increase participation across all areas of the game.
Diverse and sustainable business model.	We will explore opportunities to grow various business models within the organisation and to diversify the products, offerings and experiences we can deliver to ensure our long term financial sustainability.
Increase the value of our brand.	We acknowledge the strength of our products and our brand within the netball community and will continue to seek opportunities to increase our brand value with commercial partnerships and media exposure.
Showcase netball in bigger and bolder arenas globally.	We aspire to showcase our game in bigger venues in Australia; and seek opportunities to raise awareness of the game in other parts of the world. We aim to become world leaders for female sport!

Our Strategic Pillars



Pillar One

Goal 1

Extend capacity and resources within Netball NSW and Associations' to deliver our sport.

Goal 2

Evolves our sport by increasing participation opportunities and products.

Goal 3

Build capacity of our volunteer workforce.



Pillar Two

Goal 4

Lead the strategic direction of Netball NSW.

Goal 5

Drive business opportunities to enhance our sport.

Goal 6

Deliver the business model through the use of technology.



Pillar Three

Goal 7

Pathways are inclusive, innovative and connected.

Goal 8

Deliver sustainable programs to secure high performing athletes, coaches and officials.

Goal 9

Build a culture of success, respect and excellence.



Pillar Four

Goal 10

Construct and deliver events and competitions to the highest standards.

Goal 11

Expand relationships with partners to maximise opportunities for long term growth of the sport.

Goal 12

Drive our brand through the use of innovative communication platforms.



Netball Central – a new standard in excellence



Netball Central hosted an array of events in season 2015.

We were thrilled to spend our first full year in Netball Central in 2015. The \$35 million centre of excellence officially opened its doors on 6 February 2015, with Netball NSW moving into the purpose-built netball facility in December 2014.

In the 12 months since we moved in, our new home has hosted some of the world's best netball at all levels of the sport, from the finest up and coming grassroots players to the world's elite international stars.

The Honourable Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Sport & Recreation and Police & Emergency Services, officially opened Netball Central in February. Mr Ayres was joined by Craig Laundy MP, Federal Member for Reid, Netball NSW President Wendy Archer AM, Chief Executive Officer Carolyn Campbell and members of the netball community for the historic moment, with the unveiling of a new plaque to mark the momentous occasion.

Mr Ayres described Netball Central as “the heart of netball here in New South Wales, setting a new standard right across all sports”.

“This is a sport that has shown the way in community engagement, in talented player pathways, and in grassroots sport,” Mr Ayres said.

“It is the largest female participation sport that we have and [netball] does an absolutely outstanding job in creating opportunities for young women to be healthy and active. One of the things about [Netball Central] is that it does work from grassroots right through to those elite levels.

“It's a large investment ... but what we see day in, day out across netball courts in NSW, there is no doubt that netball has earned the right to have a centre of excellence, there's no doubt that this facility is the best possible facility that we could deliver for a fantastic sport, and I'm happy to declare it open,” Ayres concluded.

From DOOLEYS State League to Court Craft Night Interdistrict, Netball NSW Schools Cup and Inter-Regional State League; a number of netball competitions have made their debut under the bright lights of our new home in 2015.

The NSW Swifts began their 2015 season with a brand new elite change room and state-of-the-art facilities at Netball Central by training week-in, week-out on the centre's Show Court and having easy access to our home venue, the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre.

The Swifts were able to proudly welcome their competition when Netball NSW played host to the 2015 ANZ Championship Official Pre-Season Summer Shootout in February, marking the first major tournament to be held at the centre.

Netball NSW also hosted Australia's best young netball talent in April when Netball Central held the 2015 17/U and 19/U National Netball Championships, which saw our own 19/U State Team crowned Champions and 17/U Team finish Runners-Up.

The pinnacle netball event of 2015 – the Netball World Cup – was also hosted at Netball Central. Netball Central was the official training venue for all 16 participating teams, whilst also hosting pool matches, play-off and placing games.

“It's been an incredibly busy yet exciting twelve months for Netball NSW as we acclimatise to our new surroundings in Sydney Olympic Park – from opening our doors and hosting the best underage talent from around Australia, to welcoming the world's best netballers contesting the Netball World Cup, our inaugural year has been jam-packed,” Netball NSW CEO Carolyn Campbell said.

Whilst netball will play a major role within its walls, Netball Central has also hosted a range of other competitions and events throughout its inaugural year; the Sydney International Badminton tournament, various Martial Arts competitions, the Australian College of Physical Education (ACPE) Graduation, School Spectacular rehearsals, as well as Cheerleading competitions.

From an operational viewpoint, the move to Netball Central has provided Netball NSW staff with the opportunity to refocus on our values and it will provide the perfect environment as we implement and consolidate our Vision 2020 strategy.

In addition to its place as an elite netball facility, Netball Central also lends itself perfectly to hosting a wide range of functions and events for community, corporate or sporting organisations. This will be a great opportunity for Netball NSW to expand its patronage in 2016.

All-in-all it has been a busy debut twelve months at Netball Central and we look forward to continuing this historical new chapter for many years to come.





The 17/U and 19/U National Championships were hosted at Netball Central in 2015.



The official opening of Netball Central in February, 2015 [L-R] Craig Laundry MP, Carolyn Campbell, Stuart Ayres MP, Wendy Archer AM



In NSW– the best Netball World Cup ever



The Opening Ceremony of the Netball World Cup SYDNEY2015 © Keith McInnes

With a “best games ever” quote from International Netball Federation (INF) President Molly Rhone saying “the 2015 Netball World Cup in Sydney is the best one ever”, NWC2015 Chief Executive Marne Fechner and her team can stand proud.

Day 3 of the competition saw a World Record set for attendance at a netball match, only to be smashed less than a week later on Day 9.

The event broke its own record for a second time on the Final Day, with 16,752 people in attendance to watch the play-offs for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

Nearly 100,000 spectators attended the matches at Sydney Olympic Park over the 10 days of the competition.

The new competition format has extended this World Cup to 64 matches, an increase of 16 matches played in recent years giving teams opportunities to play matches against more countries. It has also extended the tournament from a week to 10 days providing fans with a feast of netballing action.

Former Australian captain, Natalie Bode (nee von Bertouch) loved the new format with close top quality clashes throughout the tournament instead of just in the final days. Watching a New Zealand v Australia match on Day 3 gave impetus to the Cup and was a delight for fans.

She also noted that the system seemed to produce much closer matches providing greater interest for fans and supporters.

Whilst the on court action was fast and furious and kept fans enthralled, it was some of the off court support acts that made the 2015 in Sydney memorable.

Rhone was also impressed that “Sydney organisers took the whole fan experience to another level,” and she enjoyed being a part of the many off-court activities including FanFEST and the Legends Lunch.

FanFEST, the ultimate activity hub for fans, blew out all expectations with 65,292 people heading over the road from Allphones Arena to indulge in all things Netball. With appearances from players from all the competing nations, a variety of interactive netball-based activities, sponsor giveaways and a large merchandising outlet, FanFEST was a pulsing bonus for fans on a scale never seen before at netball.

The younger aspiring netballers were not forgotten with an enormous outdoor netball clinic held by several of Australia’s netball greats creating a world record of 555 young participants. And fans also embraced the variety of associated social events like The Legends Lunch, Grand Final Breakfast and Afternoon Tea with the Stars.

The success of the NWC2015 was very successful with capacity crowds watching the top 16 nations in the world battling each other in exciting netball on the court, however the true measure is often the legacy the event leaves.

Sydney’s “best ever event” legacy lies in raising the bar for future professional World Cups that reflect President Molly Rhone’s opening remark at the Opening Ceremony, and echoed by the Australian Prime Minister, that “Women’s Sport Matters.”

And the final words from Molly Rhone: “Thank you Sydney.”



Volunteers checking out FanFEST at Netball World Cup SYDNEY2015



NSW Representation

Six New South Wales' athletes plus a further three current NSW Swifts were selected in the Australian Diamonds 18-player squad ahead of the Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015.

NSW juniors' Erin Bell, Ashleigh Brazill, Kimberlee Green, April Letton, Kimberley Ravallion and Gabi Simpson, joined NSW Swifts' Julie Corletto, Sharni Layton and Caitlin Thwaites to vie for the opportunity to represent Australia in the Netball World Cup 2015.

When the final Australian Diamonds team was announced, NSW Swifts were the most represented team from the ANZ Championship with Green, Layton, Thwaites, Hadley and Corletto selected.



Australian Diamonds Erin Bell and Paige Hadley © Keith McInnes

Legacy Toolkit

The Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015 provided a unique opportunity to capitalise on the passion and enthusiasm created by the event to promote and encourage more people to try netball or to return to the sport.

In response to the amazing reception netball received throughout the competition and the success of the Australian Diamonds, Netball NSW developed a suite of factsheets to support Associations and Clubs in the delivery of their legacy plans. The Netball NSW Planning Toolkit provided information and ideas to best leverage the interest in netball taking into consideration the current environment of club participation in Australia.

Netball NSW undertook substantial planning to make the most of this opportunity to ensure that future or returning players, coaches, umpires, administrators and fans have an opportunity to participate in netball in their local community all year round.

Associations and Clubs were encouraged to hold 'Come and Try' days, social competitions and programs. They were fully supported by Netball NSW and these events were promoted via the Netball NSW website as part of our ongoing commitment to an enduring legacy throughout netball in NSW.

'Come and Try' days were an excellent way to provide people who were new to netball – or those who were returning after a long absence from the sport – with a 'no strings attached' opportunity to participate in netball prior to deciding to commit their time and money to being a member.

NWC2015 IN NUMBERS



NETBALL
WORLD CUP
Sydney 2015

2 VENUES, 3 COURTS, 64 GAMES

97,874

FANS ATTENDED OVER THE 10 DAYS



3855
MINUTES OF
NETBALL



16,849

WORLD RECORD
NETBALL CROWD

65,292

PEOPLE
ATTENDED

FanFEST

6575
GOALS



WORLD CUP
FOLLOWERS



16K



23K



63K

555



PARTICIPANTS

WORLD'S BIGGEST
NETBALL CLINIC

16
NATIONS



JHANIELE
FOWLER-REID
TALLEST PLAYER

198cm

17 YRS



SHENIQA THOMAS
YOUNGEST PLAYER

17

UMPIRES

30

BALL KIDS

35

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

192

PLAYERS

553

VOLUNTEERS

STATISTICS FROM CHAMPION DATA & NWC2015

Credit Netball Australia





2015 Association Development



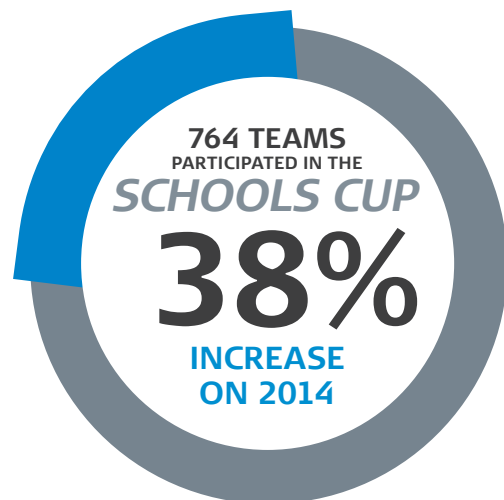
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*Train like a Swift
Participants*

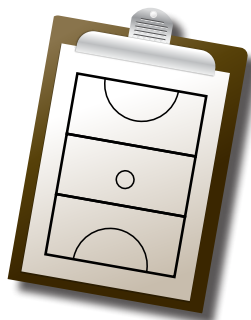
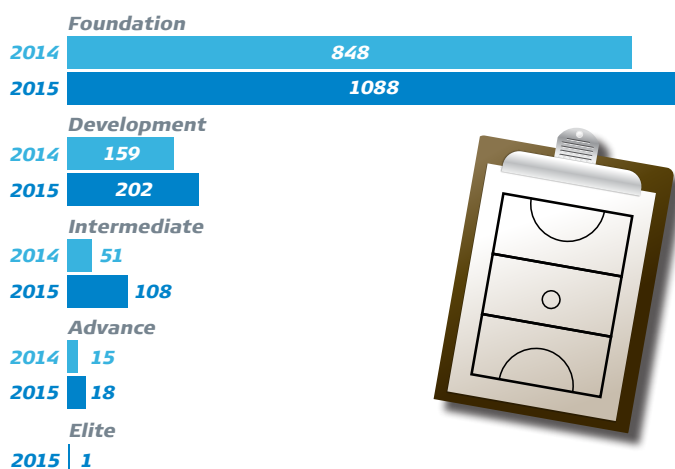


47,115

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



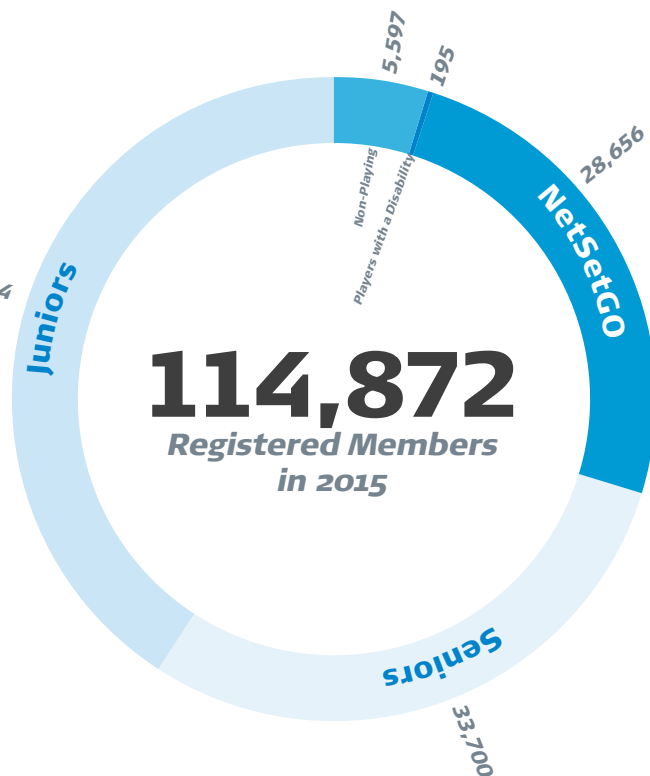
Coaching Accreditations



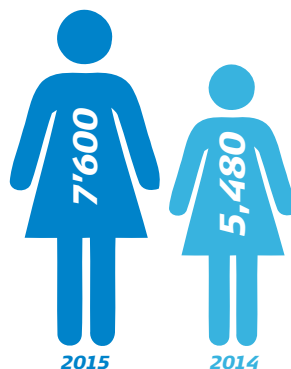
Umpiring Badges



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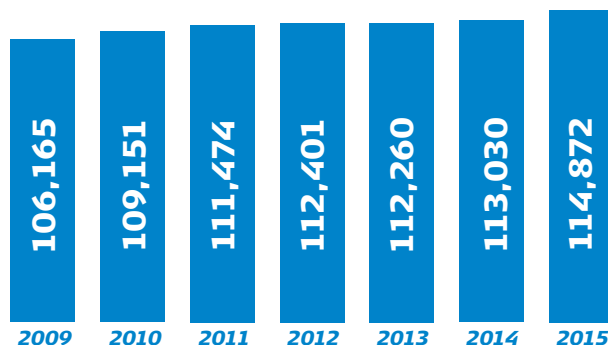


*Number of
Affiliated Associations*



*Netball NSW
Schools Cup Participants*

Number of Netball NSW Members



Membership Figures

	Seniors		Juniors		ANZ NetSetGO		Non Players		All Abilities		Total		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	Diff.
AFL Riverina	480	454	480	422	258	230	59	35	0	-	1,277	1,141	136
Armidale District	159	149	306	314	97	112	16	10	1	-	579	585	(6)
Ballina	141	157	224	252	122	139	29	17	7	10	523	575	(52)
Bankstown City	453	436	711	722	453	444	106	116	1	-	1,724	1,718	6
Barellan & District	-	3	14	10	-	2	6	4	0	-	20	19	1
Barwon Darling	-	43	-	28	-	62	-	-	0	-	-	133	(133)
Bathurst	337	333	523	510	293	256	43	67	0	-	1,196	1,166	30
Baulkham Hills Shire	1,300	1,191	2,204	2,238	1,398	1,459	254	295	10	9	5,166	5,192	(26)
Bellingen	-	-	19	-	8	-	-	-	0	-	27	-	27
Bermagui	24	25	22	26	17	11	3	3	0	-	66	65	1
Blacktown City	826	945	1,070	1,144	638	663	159	173	3	1	2,696	2,926	(230)
Blayney	28	11	62	70	45	51	2	8	0	-	137	140	(3)
Blue Mountains	376	373	405	408	279	287	112	114	7	7	1,179	1,189	(10)
Bourke	90	92	9	9	-	-	2	2	1	-	102	103	(1)
Broken Hill	163	190	177	170	111	121	6	7	0	-	457	488	(31)
Brunswick Byron	39	46	171	197	90	96	29	20	0	1	329	360	(31)
Camden & District	675	497	899	828	497	458	185	154	0	-	2,256	1,937	319
Campbelltown	856	751	848	901	515	559	189	190	0	-	2,408	2,401	7
Casino	109	110	123	146	94	96	7	10	0	-	333	362	(29)
Cessnock	159	150	110	132	166	157	25	29	0	-	460	468	(8)
Charlestown	194	272	356	336	260	260	46	36	1	-	857	904	(47)
City Of Sydney	692	608	48	19	19	6	35	17	0	-	794	650	144
Cobar	97	85	37	37	58	66	4	3	0	-	196	191	5
Coffs Harbour	184	163	201	193	149	109	16	18	1	1	551	484	67
Condobolin	59	40	44	40	22	35	1	1	0	-	126	116	10
Coolamon Comets	30	29	26	17	27	30	3	2	0	-	86	78	8
Cooma	23	1	18	14	6	1	1	-	0	-	48	16	32
Coonabarabran	1	-	40	31	28	28	9	8	0	-	78	67	11
Coonamble	143	46	65	80	63	82	2	2	0	-	273	210	63
Cootamundra	29	28	10	7	31	18	2	4	0	-	72	57	15
Cowra	66	65	94	100	64	89	12	10	1	1	237	265	(28)
Dubbo	267	252	536	542	293	305	67	76	0	-	1,163	1,175	(12)
Dungog	15	19	40	55	28	-	7	11	0	-	90	85	5
Eastwood Ryde	1,118	1,132	1,867	1,733	1,107	1,090	362	281	8	-	4,462	4,236	226
Eurobodalla	121	99	240	241	140	135	20	20	0	-	521	495	26
Fairfield City District	73	216	106	265	117	114	33	32	0	1	329	628	(299)
Forbes	171	113	135	148	44	43	15	11	0	-	365	315	50
Gilgandra	-	-	39	-	46	-	7	-	0	-	92	-	92
Glen Innes	16	9	34	27	16	1	-	4	0	-	66	41	25
Gloucester	46	33	62	59	48	18	3	3	0	-	159	113	46
Gosford	699	758	1,025	1,021	639	706	141	132	10	14	2,514	2,631	(117)
Goulburn & District	110	78	136	130	44	47	18	13	0	-	308	268	40
Grafton	117	107	215	278	119	115	22	17	0	-	473	517	(44)
Great Lakes	141	106	248	211	164	109	11	18	0	2	564	446	118
Griffith	118	124	181	200	130	133	14	10	0	-	443	467	(24)
Group 14	5	2	86	149	71	101	19	36	0	-	181	288	(107)
Gunnedah	131	172	142	137	45	60	28	28	1	-	347	397	(50)
Hastings Valley	335	287	588	562	330	337	44	45	1	-	1,298	1,231	67
Hawkesbury City	391	374	486	505	306	321	72	45	0	-	1,255	1,245	10
Hills District	903	936	1,376	1,499	672	593	186	278	0	-	3,137	3,306	(169)
Hume	444	444	417	388	245	250	63	37	3	4	1,172	1,123	49
Illawarra District	722	772	1,276	1,249	844	731	131	115	0	-	2,973	2,867	106
Inner Western Suburbs	733	674	1,505	1,413	847	819	63	83	0	-	3,148	2,989	159
Inverell	49	34	78	91	77	115	3	8	0	-	207	248	(41)
Jindabyne	77	89	51	55	21	14	-	1	0	-	149	159	(10)
Kiama	195	171	306	286	281	251	77	86	0	-	859	794	65
Ku-ring-gai	1,033	1,000	1,415	1,450	1,180	1,190	226	288	20	20	3,874	3,948	(74)
Kurri Kurri	26	3	13	50	83	68	4	9	0	-	126	130	(4)
Kyogle	35	39	24	29	40	33	-	-	0	-	99	101	(2)

	Seniors		Juniors		ANZ NetSetGO		Non Players		All Abilities		Total		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	Diff.
Lake Cargelligo	22	36	3	6	-	-	-	-	0	-	25	42	(17)
Lakeside	325	295	564	638	387	361	53	54	0	1	1,329	1,349	(20)
Leeton	24	48	129	133	106	108	2	1	0	-	261	290	(29)
Lismore	370	360	387	398	121	142	48	42	0	2	926	944	(18)
Lithgow	86	84	96	107	57	56	9	17	0	-	248	264	(16)
Liverpool City	427	361	905	815	472	416	93	126	0	-	1,897	1,718	179
Lower Clarence	58	46	150	162	95	84	31	23	0	-	334	315	19
Macleay	152	146	218	179	117	140	16	18	1	-	504	483	21
Maitland	577	499	879	893	572	538	111	132	0	4	2,139	2,066	73
Manly Warringah	921	941	2,310	2,324	1,933	1,950	253	254	13	13	5,430	5,482	(52)
Mens	27	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	0	-	29	-	29
Moree & District	47	28	50	16	62	13	-	3	1	-	160	60	100
Mount Druitt	185	209	289	271	189	195	35	33	0	-	698	708	(10)
Mudgee District	222	221	270	279	158	149	9	25	0	-	659	674	(15)
Muswellbrook	146	183	194	210	116	141	19	19	0	-	475	553	(78)
Nambucca Valley	15	25	119	114	91	100	19	26	0	-	244	265	(21)
Narrabri	164	118	132	132	82	78	16	17	0	-	394	345	49
Narrandera	37	27	10	8	43	39	2	2	0	-	92	76	16
Nelson Bay	50	59	185	206	145	144	12	16	0	-	392	425	(33)
Newcastle	1,302	1,302	1,631	1,616	928	851	201	175	40	45	4,102	3,989	113
Northern Riverina	155	153	88	110	92	91	8	12	0	-	343	366	(23)
Northern Suburbs	1,652	1,578	2,805	2,632	1,411	1,227	137	151	0	-	6,005	5,588	417
Nyngan	38	50	45	37	2	21	3	4	0	-	88	112	(24)
Orange	620	633	748	741	360	331	40	31	0	-	1,768	1,736	32
Parkes District	153	103	137	146	59	77	14	26	0	-	363	352	11
Parramatta Auburn	163	124	257	240	130	132	40	45	0	-	590	541	49
Penrith District	1,340	1,359	1,334	1,377	899	857	167	159	2	1	3,742	3,753	(11)
Port Stephens	236	250	290	278	153	187	44	46	0	-	723	761	(38)
Queanbeyan	125	89	265	244	171	138	74	52	0	-	635	523	112
Quirindi	77	57	33	29	18	25	3	4	0	-	131	115	16
Randwick	586	676	1,594	1,525	886	935	124	133	0	-	3,190	3,269	(79)
Sapphire Coast	238	218	180	179	98	97	24	24	0	1	540	519	21
Scone	203	93	159	153	114	123	7	10	1	1	484	380	104
Shoalhaven	393	360	378	400	214	197	49	50	0	-	1,034	1,007	27
Singleton	91	103	269	242	148	189	31	44	0	-	539	578	(39)
Southern Highlands	136	125	206	199	168	153	23	18	0	1	533	496	37
St George District	321	363	751	741	372	372	93	127	1	-	1,538	1,603	(65)
Sutherland Shire	2,575	2,615	2,188	2,304	1,201	1,186	348	299	33	35	6,345	6,439	(94)
Tamworth	686	576	621	599	254	290	43	47	10	7	1,614	1,519	95
Taree & District	191	170	286	256	135	134	39	30	3	3	654	593	61
Temora	58	12	37	45	79	53	16	4	0	-	190	114	76
Tenterfield	-	-	8	-	14	-	-	-	0	-	22	-	22
Tumut	211	133	200	171	152	157	7	6	0	-	570	467	103
Ulladulla & Districts	27	39	118	128	61	59	22	32	0	-	228	258	(30)
Wagga Wagga	741	735	829	853	458	463	58	48	1	1	2,087	2,100	(13)
Warren Junior	67	30	32	34	50	32	3	4	0	-	152	100	52
Wellington	78	-	44	37	33	36	3	4	4	-	162	77	85
West Wyalong	83	97	68	59	44	29	8	7	0	-	203	192	11
Westlakes	153	124	347	339	176	171	43	39	0	-	719	673	46
Wollondilly	201	173	267	281	180	181	42	48	3	4	693	687	6
Woolgoolga District	83	70	104	70	35	37	10	10	0	-	232	187	45
Woy Woy Peninsula	167	96	330	293	205	218	58	65	0	-	760	672	88
Wyong District	735	673	1,083	1,089	711	689	72	70	6	3	2,607	2,524	83
Yass	23	2	68	63	82	34	7	2	0	-	180	101	79
Young & District	113	146	90	127	32	50	8	8	0	-	243	331	(88)
TOTAL	33,700	32,349	46,724	46,702	28,656	28,102	5,597	5,684	195	193	114,872	113,030	1,842





Sport Development Overview

Engagement with the netball community at every level continued to be a focus through 2015.

We had another successful year with registered members reaching 114,872. This includes 33,700 senior players, 46,724 junior players, 28,656 NetSetGO players, 5,597 non-player members and 195 Players With a Disability. There were 25 Metropolitan and 93 Regional Affiliated Associations in 2015.

The first All Abilities seminar and gala day for coaches and program administrators was held. The day was specifically tailored to provide opportunities for people with a disability to participate in netball. The program supports Associations/Clubs who wish to create All Abilities events or competitions.

Girl Ready

The Girl Ready program is targeted towards female students in Year 9 and/or 10 at risk of disengaging from education. Girl Ready is delivered by NSW Swift and Netball NSW Community Engagement Development Officer Caitlin Thwaites who supports the personal and physical development through the sport of netball and intensive life skills workshops. The program is focussed on increasing students' career outlook, social and cultural competency, physical and mental health, personal development, cognitive development and social interest and involvement.

One Netball

There is an identified need to make the game of netball more accessible to the diverse needs of Australia's population. The Australia Post One Netball project delivered targeted programs at the local level to provide opportunities for individuals and communities to experience netball in a safe, inclusive and fun environment. The program aims to break down barriers to participation and establish connections between the netball community and new participants to encourage long-term involvement in the sport. Australia Post One Netball Ambassador Mo'onia Gerrard attended netball sessions at Punchbowl Public School to share her experiences and love of netball.

Netball NSW would like to acknowledge the NSW 2015 Australia Post One Netball Community Award winners who are local inclusion champions that go above and beyond to create and support inclusive netball environments.

- Karina Franke for the development of her Disability Trust Eagles Netball program to enable people with a disability to learn the skills of netball in the Illawarra region, New South Wales (Individual Award).
- Ku-ring-gai Netball Association for the ongoing support of their Allstars program, supporting players with an intellectual disability for more than 15 years in South Turramurra, New South Wales (Association Award).
- Julijana Caldwell for engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls, women and the broader community through her support of the Bundjalarns Netball Club in Lismore, New South Wales (Individual Award).

Koori Games

In 2015 Netball NSW partnered with the Department of Sport & Recreation and Charlestown Netball Association in the delivery of the 16th Annual Koori Netball Tournament. Fifty-seven teams participated in this year's event, with athletes from Under 12s to Opens in action on Friday, 23 and Saturday, 24 October. The tournament is attended by communities from across the state to celebrate a passion for netball, family, and Indigenous culture. 2015 was another successful year for the Malikas teams who were crowned Champions of each division they entered a team into: Under 12s, Open A and Mixed divisions.

New to Netty

The 'New to Netty' program is a state-wide initiative from Netball NSW rolled out in 2015 to deliver come and try programs targeted to attract young people aged 10 to 16 years, inclusive of all backgrounds and abilities. The program aims to engage children in netball through a

positive, free and fun experience that bridges the gap for young people to join a local netball club. The program endeavours to overcome barriers to participation through Community and Club partnerships to work together on increasing transition of local school students participating in the 'New to Netty' program into members of the local Netball Association.

Sporting Schools

Sporting Schools is Australia's largest school-based sports participation program to help children foster a lifelong interest in sport. The national program was launched during 2015 by the Australian Sports Commission to replace the Active After-School Communities program, and aims to engage more children in sport-based activity within schools. The aim for Sporting Schools is to help children foster a lifelong interest in sport, all gaining a healthier mind and body, and having fun in a safe and inclusive environment. After kicking off in July 2015, 5,313 students participated in ANZ NetSetGO Sporting Schools programs.

World's Biggest Netball Clinic

On Monday, 10 August during the Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015, 555 young netballers gathered outside Allphones Arena to create a new world record for the biggest netball clinic. Students from primary schools in both NSW and the ACT participated in netball drills and activities under the watchful eyes of former Australian Diamonds' Bianca Chatfield, Catherine Cox, Liz Ellis, Sharelle McMahon and Natalie Bode (nee von Bertouch). Beginning the day with a warm-up, the enthusiastic students sung along to music, enjoyed the ANZ NetSetGO drills, gained tips from Australian netball legends with everyone lapping up the opportunity to be a part of the world record attempt. In partnership with Netball NSW and Sydney Olympic Park, the clinic provided an opportunity to celebrate the role schools play in netball with the tournament aiming to leave an enduring legacy for the sport in Australia.

Throughout the year, Netball NSW continued to see record-breaking participation:

- Disability Gala Days were attended by 1,750 students
- 275 children participated in NetSetGO Inclusion Gala Days – Multicultural and PWD
- 225 teachers attended professional development opportunities
- 7,219 students participated in the NetSetGO inclusion program in schools
- 900 participants attended school holiday clinics
- 7,600 participants attended Schools Cup
- 330 participants attended Train Like a Swift Clinics

Neita Matthews OAM Umpire's Encouragement Award

2015	Rowena Gibson (Hills District Netball Association)
2014	Kate Howard (Bankstown City Netball Association)
2013	Eugene Afa (Penrith Netball Association) and Leisa Kenny (Forbes Netball Association)
2012	Stephen Jackson (City of Sydney Netball Association)
2011	Clare Breust (Queanbeyan Netball Association)
2010	Rebecca McKinnon (Ku-ring-gai Netball Association)
2009	Tara Warner (Fairfield City Netball Association)
2008	Sarah Sandstrom (St George District Netball Association)
2007	Helen Dolbel (Penrith Netball Association)
2006	Rachel Hughes (Bathurst Netball Association)
2005	Alan Melville (Liverpool City Netball Association)

Lynn Quinn OAM Bench Official of the Year Award

2015	Lynette Bonnett (Hills District Netball Association)
2014	Dianne Ward (Sutherland Shire Netball Association)
2013	Maria Rigor (Hills District Netball Association)



Schools Cup



Schools preparing for the March Past for the Schools Cup State Final

The 2015 Schools Cup competition showcased another record-breaking year as the numbers of students/teams participating has increased every year since commencement of the competition in 2013.

The finals day consisted of 22 school teams from across New South Wales who contested three divisions in the round-robin style tournament, with State Finals held to decide who would be crowned the State's best.

Congratulations to Valentine Public School (Years 5/6 Mixed), St Pius X High School (Years 7/8 Girls) and All Saints College – St Joseph's

"A record 764 teams participated, surpassing last year's record of 548 teams, an impressive 38 percent growth."

Campus Lochinvar (Years 7/8 Boys) for being crowned 2015 Champions of their respective divisions.

While there could only be three winners at the end of the day, Netball NSW General Manager – Sport Development Nikki Horton paid homage to everyone who was involved in the 2015 Schools Cup competition.

"Whether they were playing, coaching, umpiring, scoring or supporting, I want to thank everyone who was involved in some capacity during the 2015 Schools Cup competition. With their support, it's been a record year for the event, and it's wonderful to see the Schools Cup event grow each and every year," Horton claimed.

"I believe Schools Cup's popularity is due in part by the atmosphere and good sportsmanship to which the competition is played – we've seen visitors from all over the State today, and all of them have played in really good spirit. It's really terrific to see.

"Thank you again to all our teachers and students for signing up and getting involved in 2015, and we look forward to seeing you again for hopefully another bigger and better Netball NSW Schools Cup competition next year," Horton concluded.

Schools Cup is an initiative of Netball NSW that provides primary and secondary students from public, independent and Catholic School systems in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 with the opportunity to enjoy netball in a fun and safe environment.

More than 7,600 students have participated in this year's competition, contesting in one of 30 round robin carnivals (called Local Days) held throughout the State. The winners of each Local Day then advanced to a Regional Final, with each Regional Champion advancing to the State Final to have a shot at being crowned State Champion.

2015 Schools Cup – Grand Final Results

Years 5/6 Mixed

Valentine Public School 16 defeated St Patrick's Parish School, Albury 13

Years 7/8 Girls

St Pius X High School, Adamstown 28 defeated Pymble Ladies College 22

Years 7/8 Boys

All Saints College – St Joseph's Campus, Lochinvar 16 defeated Great Lakes College Tuncurry Campus 11

2015 Schools Cup State Final – Finalists Positions

Years 5/6 Mixed

1. Valentine Public School
2. St Patrick's Parish School, Albury
3. St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Camden
4. Broulee Public School
5. St Peter's Primary School, Port Macquarie
6. St Carthage's Primary School, Lismore
7. St Raphael's Catholic School, Cowra
8. Carinya Christian School, Calala

Years 7/8 Girls

1. St Pius X High School, Adamstown
2. Pymble Ladies College
3. Calrossy Anglican School, Tamworth
4. Trinity Catholic College, Lismore
5. The Riverina Anglican College, Wagga Wagga
6. Corpus Christi Catholic High School, Oak Flats
7. Taree High School
8. Blayney High School

Years 7/8 Boys

1. All Saints College – St Joseph's Campus, Lochinvar
2. Great Lakes College, Tuncurry Campus
3. Richmond High School
4. Denison College Kelso High School
5. Inverell High School
6. Marian Catholic College Griffith

Marie Little OAM Shield



Head Coach Jenny O'Keeffe rallying the troops at the 2015 Marie Little Shield

The Netball NSW Marie Little OAM Shield Team put out a perfect performance to be crowned undefeated Champions of the 2015 Marie Little OAM Shield at Adelaide's Netball SA Stadium.

The Marie Little OAM Shield provides an opportunity for netballers with an intellectual disability to compete at a national tournament and it's the third year the event has been contested between NSW, South Australia and Victoria.

NSW posted five consecutive wins to claim their maiden Marie Little OAM Shield title, surpassing their title of Runners-Up in 2014.

"Netball NSW won the tournament for the first time in 2015 and we will be defending our title in Sydney in 2016."

Head Coach Jenny O'Keeffe was understandably excited with the result saying it was fitting for all the hard work and dedication the players had put into their preparations.

"The team played beautifully – they really put out everything we'd work at during training, and the results speak for themselves," O'Keeffe claimed. "This year we didn't participate in any kind of Netball Carnival or Gala Day, so it was a little unknown how we would perform during match play. But the girls really went beyond expectation and I'm thrilled that we can enjoy the spoils after going one better than last year.

"The girls built bit-by-bit in every game which was just terrific. They were obviously very excited to go through undefeated, and I couldn't be prouder of them."

O'Keeffe also praised those involved with the organisation of the Marie Little OAM Shield, and said she's continued to be impressed by the standard of play each year.

"The Marie Little OAM Shield is a wonderful tournament and is so well -organised by Netball Australia and the hosting State. Obviously this is my third year involved in the competition and it's great to see the skill level increasing each year from all the athletes," O'Keeffe commented.

Congratulations once again to our Netball NSW Marie Little OAM Shield Champions, and to all those involved in the 2015 tournament.

Results

Preliminary Rounds

Sat 18 July	NSW 20 def SA 5
Sun 19 July	NSW 19 def VIC 5
	SA 12 def VIC 4
	NSW 11 def SA 5
	NSW 16 def VIC 8
	SA 11 def VIC 2
	NSW 16 def SA 9

Grand Final

2015 Netball NSW Marie Little OAM Shield Team

Dallas Austin – Blacktown City Netball Association
Karina Baines – Netball NSW
Rebel Ervasti – Blue Mountains Netball Association
Sarah-Jayne Forrest – Kiama Netball Association
Melissa Gallagher – Blue Mountains Netball Association
Kristin Mercer – Netball NSW
Bernadette Mills – Orange Netball Association
Eliza Mills – Orange Netball Association
Anthea Wells – Sutherland Shire Netball Association
Uriah Weston – Blue Mountains Netball Association
Head Coach: Jenny O'Keeffe
Assistant Coach: Therri Ellison
Manager: Ellen Monaghan



The 2015 NSW Marie Little Shield OAM Team



Coaches, Umpires & Bench Officials



Umpire panel at the NWC2015 Breakfast Workshop

Coaches, Umpires and Bench Officials earning National accreditations and High Performance appointments surpassed expectations in 2015 with record numbers across all areas, programs and workshops.

NSW High Performance coaches Lenore Blades and Maria Lynch were appointed as 2015 National Underage Selectors for the Australian 17/U and 19/U squads, respectively.

NSW Umpires Michelle Phippard, Sharon Kelly and Rachel Ayre (who now resides in the ACT but is NSW developed) were appointed as Umpires for the 2015 Netball World Cup (NWC2015), and Maureen Boyle was appointed as Umpire Manager. Sam Dawes and Ruth Havrlant were appointed as Official Timers and Ruth Havrlant officiated on the Bronze Medal match.

Tara Warner, Emma Burgess, Hayley Burgess, Kylie Mulcare, Emma Davey, Stewart Ting, Bronwen Adams, Liana Sedgers, Rusi Bainivalu, Alex Hernando and Rebecca McKinnon umpired at the 2015 Netball World Cup pre-tournament training games.

Five of the seven umpires offered contracts for the 2015 ANZ Championship season were from NSW – Sharon Kelly, Michelle Phippard, Helen George, Rachael Ayre and Clare McCabe.

NSW umpires Jordan Kiss, Natalie Marks, Catherine Dell, Renee Marshall, Lisa Anderson, Tamara Verus and Jess Roach umpired at the 2015 NSW CCC trials. Tara Warner, Maureen Stephenson and Bronwen Adam were appointed National Umpire Coaches at the 2015 Australian Schoolgirls Championships, along with nationally appointed umpires Sarah Hay, Liana Sedgers, Tamara Welsford, Tayla Favell, Renee Marshall, Michael Rudd, Ty Simpson, Thomas Turner and Emma Corfield.

Workshops and training

Community coach and umpire on-court workshops, programs and mentoring continued to be delivered across all metropolitan and regional areas.

Six Dare to Develop a Diamond workshops were held in 2015: two in metropolitan Sydney and four in Regional Associations.

Thirty-seven coach and umpire workshops, including two at Metropolitan and thirty-five at Regional Associations were held, with over 700 coaches and umpires attending.

The State League Regional Mentoring Program was held in eight regions, with coaches and umpires receiving individual coaching and mentoring.

Coaching and umpiring mentoring programs continued to be implemented in 2015 with Umpire C and Rookies Camp, 17/U selection phases one and two, and Regional Academy programs held at the NIB Games and Academy Games.

Fifty-six coaches attended the Insiders Series, which consisted of three themed workshops. The Teacher Ambassador workshop was facilitated by Di Brown; and two NSWIS squad training coached by guests Yvonne Willering and Australian Diamonds Coach Lisa Alexander.

NWC2015

The NWC2015 Coaches Breakfast Workshop was a huge success with 122 coaches attending the launch of the Netball Australia Coaching Blueprint Resource. The Blueprint provides a long term strategy for coach education and development in the sport and the NWC2015 Coaches Conference allowed participants to explore the rationale and focus on player-centred coaching, and understand how the Coaching Blueprint directly impacts them. A number of Australia's elite coaches gave their stories and insights as they relate to communicating with players, developing and executing trademark behaviours, coaching style, games based approaches to coaching, goal setting, self-belief, empowering players, developing a positive environment and much more. Presenters included Lisa Alexander, Rob Wright, Jill Macintosh, Julie Fitzgerald and Stacey Rosman.

The NWC2015 Umpires Breakfast Workshop was presented by WNC2015-contracted umpires, including Maureen Boyle, Sharon Kelly, Kristie Simpson (nee Broad), Marie Lou van der Merwe and Joel Young-Strong. Seventy-four umpires attended to learn about the international umpiring landscape and explore umpiring with the world's best umpires from the NWC2015 pool. The umpires shared their pathways and experiences, and reflected on their respective country's approach to umpire development.

The NWC2015 Coaches High Performance On-court Workshop was presented by the International Netball Federation (INF) Coach Advisory Panel and included the following presenters and topics:

- Jill Macintosh and Dr Anita Nevin – "Where have all the WAs gone?"
- Maureen Hall and Sue Hawkins – "Training and shooting under pressure"
- Julie Hoornweg and Liz Broomhead – "Delivering player-centred sessions"
- Yvonne Willering and Julia Lawrence – "Making activities relevant to an on-court session".

The two-day event was a great success with 169 coaches attending to observe expert specialist coaches and the Netball NSW 2015 State 17/U and 19/U athletes in action.

To ensure equal access to higher accreditation and further knowledge in a flexible environment with real-time access to resources, in 2015 Netball NSW, in conjunction with Netball Australia and the Australian Sports Commission, continued to enhance the on-line e-learning portal for coaches, players, members, umpires and bench officials.





High Performance Overview



NSW 21/U Team in action against the ACT at the National Netball Championships on the Sunshine Coast

The Netball NSW 2014-2017 High Performance Plan entered into its second year in 2015. This plan focuses on developing high performance pathways and supporting elite athletes within a number of different competitions.

Netball NSW continued to develop the State Team Program with the 17/U Development Squad entering its second year. In addition, over 200 athletes attended selection for the 17/U, 19/U and 21/U programs.

The 17/U and 19/U State Teams participated in the National Championships which were held at Netball Central in April 2015. The 17/U and 19/U Teams both enjoyed excellent results, finishing Runners-Up and champions respectively. The 21/U Team participated in the Championship held in Brisbane, in March and finished in 4th place.

In 2015, the NSW Waratahs was the only NSW team entered into the Australian Netball League and they narrowly missed out on the Finals Series, finishing in 5th place.

The NSW Swifts had an excellent year under the guidance of Head Coach Rob Wright and assisted by coaches Anita Keelan and Megan Anderson. For the first time since the inaugural ANZ Championship in 2008, the NSW Swifts progressed to the Grand Final. The NSW Swifts dominated the match and presented an impressive display of physical strength and tactical brilliance. However, sadly the Queensland Firebirds took the lead in the dying seconds, and the match.

NSW Swifts players continued to excel with four previous athletes plus a further three current NSW Swifts selected for the Australian Diamonds team for the Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015. NSW juniors Erin Bell, Kimberlee Green, Paige Hadley and Kimberley Ravaillion, join 2015 NSW Swifts' Julie Corletto, Sharni Layton and Caitlin Thwaites in the 12-player team.

The outstanding performance of NSW Swifts players were recognised at the conclusion of the ANZ Championship season with Sharni Layton named the 2015 ANZ Championship Most Valuable Player. Sharni Layton, Susan Pettitt, Julie Corletto and Kimberlee Green were also named in the 2016 Foxtel All-Stars Team.

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 2015. These include NSWIS, Regional Academy Of Sport CEOs, Program Managers, Coaches, State Team personnel including coaches, managers, physiotherapists and selectors.

As we enter into 2016, the High Performance department is gearing up for a huge year of netball. In addition to the introduction of the new Premier League there is the challenge of the revised timing and format of the 2016 ANL competition in alignment with the ANZ Championship.

2015 Netball World Cup Team

Four former New South Wales' athletes plus a further three current NSW Swifts were selected for the Australian Diamonds team for the Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015.

NSW juniors' Erin Bell, Kimberlee Green, Paige Hadley and Kimberley Ravaillion, joined 2015 NSW Swifts' Julie Corletto, Sharni Layton and Caitlin Thwaites in the 12-player team.

2015 Constellation Cup

Five NSW athletes were named in the Australian Diamonds Squad to contest this year's Constellation Cup series. The Diamonds had an extended 15-player squad, including four debutants, for the four-Test series against the New Zealand Silver Ferns, which began on Tuesday, 20 October in Christchurch.

Ashleigh Brazill, Erin Bell, April Letton, Kimberley Ravaillion, Gabi Simpson and Paige Hadley were named in the squad, along with Hadley's NSW Swifts' teammates Sharni Layton and Caitlin Thwaites.

2015 Australian 21/U squad

Five NSW representatives were named in the Australian 21/U squad following the conclusion of the 2015 21/U National Netball Championships. Shooter Kristina Brice, midcourters Kaitlyn Bryce, Taylah Davies, Maddie Hay and defender Kristiana Manu'a were announced in the 22-athlete squad.

The 2015 21/U squad participated in a training camp in Sydney and played practice matches against the Australian Diamonds and New Zealand Silver Ferns ahead of the Netball World Cup 2015 SYDNEY in August.

Australian 19/U and 17/U Squads

NSW 19/U Captain Keira Austin, teammates Claire O'Brien and Amy Parmenter, and Tournament MVP Toni Anderson were selected into the 22-athlete Australian 19/U Squad in 2015.

NSW 17/U Captain Kristen Kessler and teammates Demi Evans, Tayla Fraser, Veronika Jukic, Lauren Moore, Teigan O'Shannassy and Laura Towell were selected as part of the 36-athlete Australian 17/U Squad.

The athletes, selected following the six-day National Championship tournament, attended national training camps at Netball Australia's Centre of Excellence with many getting their first taste of a national program.

The 19/U National Squad, coached by Tania Obst, Australian Diamonds Assistant Coach Michelle den Dekker and assisted by Targeted Coaches Briony Akle (NSW) and Kate Upton, travelled to New Zealand to compete in the Trans-Tasman tournament at Rotorua.



Regional Academies



Sydney Netball Academy together with NSW Swifts Susan Pettitt at Netball Central for a training session.

The Regional Academies of Sport (RAS) form an important step in the Netball NSW (NNSW) Athlete Pathway, focusing on athletic development, acquisition of elite skills and introducing the broader concepts of injury prevention, recovery, lifestyle management and education. In addition, the RAS program forms an important step in the Coach, Umpire and Manager Development Pathways.

The RAS netball program, which is delivered by 10 Academies across the State, as well as the Sydney Netball Academy (SNA) and the South East Region Netball Academy (SERNA), continues to be a priority for the Netball NSW High Performance program.

The RAS program is an elite, holistic program that focuses on the development of the individual athlete and their ability to contribute to a team environment. The aim is to deliver a best practice training program based on the Netball Australia "Develop A Diamond" Academy Curriculum and it is designed to maximise the potential for elite performance outcomes while providing a clear and well communicated development pathway for athletes.

South East Region Netball Academy (SERNA)

In 2014 Netball NSW announced the establishment of SERNA as part of the Regional Academies of Sport (RAS) Netball program. A new initiative, SERNA replaced a previous program in the region, and like the Sydney Netball Academy, is run by Netball NSW.

In 2015 the SERNA Academy program entered its second year with Adele-Marie Ceasar naming 16 athletes in the squad. From this squad a team was selected to represent SERNA at the ClubsNSW Academy Games in April on the Central Coast and the NIB Games in July held in the Hunter region.

2015 South East Region Netball Academy Squad

Zoe Lee-Archer (Queanbeyan Netball Association)
Molly Badewitz (Sapphire Coast Netball Association)
Caitlin Brady (Queanbeyan Netball Association)
Emily Brady (Queanbeyan Netball Association)
Mikaela Callender (Queanbeyan Netball Association)
Nicole Clough (Queanbeyan Netball Association)
Jacoba Clough (Queanbeyan Netball Association)
Natalie Cooper (Sapphire Coast Netball Association)
Lori Fowlie (Queanbeyan Netball Association)
Jasmine Fuller (Eurobodalla Netball Association)
Jessie Hart (Sapphire Coast Netball Association)
Ellen Hosking (Eurobodalla Netball Association)
Ainslie Mann (Sapphire Coast Netball Association)
Jaynaya Shepherd (Queanbeyan Netball Association)
Aisha Smith (Eurobodalla Netball Association)
Bronty Trease (Sapphire Coast Netball Association)

Sydney Netball Academy (SNA)

In October 2014 Netball NSW confirmed the 28 athletes selected for the 2015 Sydney Netball Academy Squad. In addition to these athletes, seven trialists were selected to participate in all squad training and training as Shadow Players, but they were not eligible to compete at either Academy Games or NIB Games.

The Sydney Netball Academy tasted success in 2015 and were crowned 2015 Champions of the Greater Netball Tournament (Division 1), with Lucinda Drinan awarded Most Valuable Player for Division 1.

2015 Sydney Netball Academy Squad

Lisa-Marie Aitao (Sutherland Shire Netball Association)
Elise Bond (Baulkham Hills Shire Netball Association)
Maddison Boyling (Sutherland Shire Netball Association)
Olivia Bysouth (Hills District Netball Association)
Ellie Campbell (Sutherland Shire Netball Association)
Angela Cloeraine (Hills District Netball Association)
Olivia Coleman (St George Netball Association)
Monique Devine (Randwick Netball Association)
Lucinda Drinan (Manly Warringah Netball Association)
Leilani Finau (Sutherland Shire Netball Association)
Kaitlyn Fisher (Sutherland Shire Netball Association)
Lili Gorman-Brown (Sutherland Shire Netball Association)
Lilli Harris (Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association)
Tahisha Hunt (Sutherland Shire Netball Association)
Chloe Katoa (Manly Warringah Netball Association)
Ricki McCray (Sutherland Shire Netball Association)
Olivia Mitchell (Sutherland Shire Netball Association)
Teigan O'Shannassy (Manly Warringah Netball Association)
Isabella Pickup (Randwick Netball Association)
Britney Pierce (Sutherland Shire Netball Association)
Riley Quinn (Eastwood Ryde Netball Association)
Tara Rigney (Northern Suburbs Netball Association)
Tahlee Smith (Eastwood Ryde Netball Association)
Tara Stortenbeker (Sutherland Shire Netball Association)
Latika Tombs (Manly Warringah Netball Association)
Kaitlin Walker (Sutherland Shire Netball Association)
Isabella Ward (Northern Suburbs Netball Association)
Kiah Yealland (City of Sydney Netball Association)

2015 Sydney Netball Academy Shadow Players

Bernadette Calavassy (Eastwood Ryde Netball Association)
Caitlin Campbell (Sutherland Shire Netball Association)
Emma Gianotti (Eastwood Ryde Netball Association)
Catherine Graham (Ku-ring-gai Netball Association)
Sophie Kevern (Eastwood Ryde Netball Association)
Alicia Tucker (Ku-ring-gai Netball Association)
Brigitte Vanderham (Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association)

State Teams

NSW 17/U State Team



[L-R] Moira Gaha (Head Coach); Lilli Gorman-Brown; Kristen Kessler; Laura Towell; Te-Arn Bradley; Lauren Moore; Ricki McCray; Teigan O'Shannassy; Veronika Jukic; Keira Jones; Tamara Black; Demi Evans; Taylor Fraser; Amber Cross (Assistant Coach)

In 2015 the NSW 17/U Team finished Runners-Up at the National Netball Championships in Sydney after losing the Grand Final to a determined Queensland outfit. NSW finished with six wins, two losses and one draw.

Moira Gaha returned for her second consecutive season as Head Coach and was joined by Assistant Coach Amber Cross as well as three athletes from the 2014 side – Australian 17/U representatives Kirra Jones, Kristen Kessler and Lauren Moore.

NSW 17/U Captain Kristen Kessler and teammates Demi Evans, Tayla Fraser, Veronika Jukic, Lauren Moore, Teigan O'Shannassy and Laura Towell were all selected as part of the 36-athlete Australian 17/U Squad.

17/U Team

Tamara Black (Manly Warringah Netball Assoc.)
Te-Arn Bradley (Sutherland Shire Netball Assoc.)
Demi Evans (Wyong Netball Assoc.)
Tayla Fraser (Baulkham Hills Netball Assoc.)
Lilli Gorman-Brown (Sutherland Shire Netball Assoc.)
Kirra Jones (CSNA/Sydney University)
Veronika Jukic (Eastwood Ryde Netball Assoc.)
Kristen Kessler (Wyong Netball Assoc.)
Ricki McCray (Sutherland Shire Netball Assoc.)
Lauren Moore (Wyong Netball Assoc.)
Teigan O'Shannassy (Manly Warringah Netball Assoc.)
Laura Towell (CSNA/Sydney University)

Results

NSW 31 def WA 23
NSW 27 def SA 22
NSW 31 def TAS 18
NSW 18 def by VIC 34
NSW 45 def NT 11
NSW 28 drew QLD 28
NSW 33 def ACT15
SF: NSW 26 def VIC 21
GF: NSW 24 def by QLD 27

NSW 17/U Development Squad

Netball NSW selected 15 players into the 2015 NSW 17/U Development Squad, which was overseen by Head Coach Leonie Stewart-Weeks.

Introduced in 2014, the 17/U Development Squad had an identical training schedule with their 17/U counterparts, including match play in the lead up to the week-long National Championship. This provided the Development squad with a high performance training environment to enhance athlete development within the 17/U age group.

NSW 17/U Development Squad

Angela Cloeraince (Hills District Netball Assoc.)
Sarah Corfield (Ku-ring-gai Netball Assoc.)
Bronte Doorn (Gosford Netball Assoc.)
Taylah Flood (Baulkham Hills Netball Assoc.)
Angelina Frketic (Liverpool City Netball Assoc.)
Leanne Greventiz (Wyong Netball Assoc.)
Maddison Mann (Liverpool City Netball Assoc.)
Abbey McFadden (CSNA/Sydney University)
Britney Pierce (Sutherland Shire Netball Assoc.)
Grace Pilon (Dubbo Netball Assoc.)
Paige Pirotta (St George Netball Assoc.)
Riley Quinn (Eastwood Ryde Netball Assoc.)
Charlotte Raleigh (Armidale Netball Assoc.)
Tara Rigney (Northern Suburbs Netball Assoc.)
Gabiella Taylor-Helme (Sutherland Shire Netball Assoc.)



State Teams

NSW 19/U State Team



[L-R] Deborah Kassing (Manager); Elyssa Pierce; Amy Parmenter; Toni Anderson; Emily Moore; Teegan Ryan; Cristy Linaker; Keira Austin; Cassandra Radford; Ashley Valeni; Olivia Lennon; Madeline Woods; Claire O'Brien; Briony Akle (Head Coach); Sonia Mkoloma (Assistant Coach)

The NSW 19/U team was crowned the 2015 National Netball Champions after defeating Victoria in the Grand Final, 43-39, in an extra-time thriller at Netball Central. Seventeen-year-old Eastwood Ryde representative Kiera Austin captained the NSW 19/U Team, assisted by her 2014 Australian 17/U teammate Amy Parmenter as Vice Captain.

The scores were tied after the final whistle of the regular 40-minute game and the teams headed for extra time with NSW finishing strong to claim the victory and the 2015 title. NSW defender Toni Anderson was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

In addition to the named 19/U Team, a further six athletes were selected as Shadow Players to train alongside the State Team throughout their Nationals campaign.

19/U Team

Toni Anderson (Sutherland Shire Netball Assoc.)
Keira Austin (Eastwood Ryde Netball Assoc.)
Olivia Lennon (Sutherland Shire Netball Assoc.)
Claire O'Brien (St George Netball Assoc.)
Cristy Linaker (Manly Warringah Netball Assoc.)
Emily Moore (Baulkham Hills Netball Assoc.)
Amy Parmenter (St George Netball Assoc.)
Elyssa Pierce (Sutherland Shire Netball Assoc.)
Cassandra Radford (Sutherland Shire Netball Assoc.)
Teegan Ryan (Baulkham Hills Netball Assoc.)
Ashley Valeni (Sutherland Shire Netball Assoc.)
Madeline Woods (Baulkham Hills Netball Assoc.)

Shadow Players

Natalie Eldridge (St George Netball Assoc.)
Prudence Ellis (St George Netball Assoc.)
Sarah Kitcher (Grafton Netball Assoc.)
Braeden Quince (Sutherland Shire Netball Assoc.)
Lauren Yager (Sutherland Shire Netball Assoc.)
Zoe Yanz (CSNA/Sydney University)

Results

NSW 27 def by 35 VIC
NSW 39 def 22 ACT
NSW 34 drew 34 WA
NSW 30 def 21 TAS
NSW 32 def 20 SA
NSW 40 def 17 NT
NSW 36 def 27 QLD
SF: NSW 39 def 26 SA
GF: NSW 43 def 39 VIC

NSW 21/U State Team



[L-R] Lenore Blades (Assistant Coach); Maddie Hay; Georgia M. Marshall; Brooke Lawrence; Stephanie MacGougan; Billie Gurr; Georgia Marshall; Kristina Brice; Claudia Russell; Kara Styles; Celeste Carnegie; Lauren Stephenson; Kaitlyn Bryce; Megan Simpson (Head Coach)

The NSW 21/U Team finished the 2015 National Netball Championships in fourth place after being defeated by Queensland, 50-40, in the Play-Off Final on the Sunshine Coast.

They narrowly missed out on a place in the Grand Final, losing to Victoria by seven goals after the game was forced into extra time.

While the NSW 21/U team had a strong opening to their 2015 campaign, they were faced with stiff competition and came away with four wins and four losses.

21/U Team

Kaitlyn Bryce (St George Netball Assoc.)
Maddie Hay (Sutherland Shire Netball Assoc.)
Kristina Brice (City of Sydney Netball Assoc.)
Celeste Carnegie (CSNA/Sydney University)
Billie Gurr (Manly Warringah Netball Assoc.)
Brooke Lawrence (City of Sydney Netball Assoc.)
Stephanie MacGougan (Baulkham Hills Netball Assoc.)
Georgia Marshall (Manly Warringah Netball Assoc.)
Georgia M. Marshall (Baulkham Hills Netball Assoc.)
Claudia Russell (City of Sydney Netball Assoc.)
Lauren Stephenson (Eastwood Ryde Netball Assoc.)
Kara Styles (St George Netball Assoc.)

Results

NSW 63 def 31 TAS
NSW 54 def 39 VIC
NSW 52 def 45 ACT
NSW 64 def 45 QLD
NSW 56 def by 57 WA
NSW 40 def by 67 SA
NSW 64 def 29 NT
SF: NSW 60 def by 67 VIC
Playoff for 3 & 4: NSW 40 def by 50 QLD



Netball NSW Waratahs



Moira Gaha (Assistant Coach); Briony Akle (Assistant Coach); Anita Keelan (Head Coach); Kaitlyn Bryce; Maddie Hay; Stephanie Wood; Amy Sommerville; Kara Styles; Kiera Austin; Kristina Brice; Lauren Moore; Nicole Styles; Kimberly Borger; Nikki Deegenaaers; Taylah Davies; Jade Rickard Bell; Maureen Stephenson (Manager); Bjorn Maddern (Performance Analyst); Cameron Elliot (Physiotherapist)

The Netball NSW Waratahs finished 5th in the 2015 Australian Netball League, narrowly missing out on the Finals Series by goal percentage after finishing the season with three wins and four losses.

Netball NSW hosted just one ANL home fixture in the 2015 season, taking on the Canberra Darters. The Netball NSW Waratahs were triumphant in their only home fixture on Saturday 11 July at Netball Central. They overcame the tenacious Canberra outfit, 60-48.

Although bolstered by NSW Swifts players, the Waratahs were dealt a number of injury blows, including the early withdrawals of their initial Leadership duo – Emily Keenan and Jessica Calderara – before the season started. They were replaced with Ashley Valeni and Claire O'Brien.

Waratahs Team

Kiera Austin (Eastwood Ryde Netball Assoc.)
Kimberly Borger (St George Netball Assoc.)
Kristina Brice (CSNA/Sydney University)
Kaitlyn Bryce (St George Netball Assoc.)
Jessica Calderara (Eastwood Ryde Netball Assoc.)
Taylah Davies (NSW Swifts/Sutherland Shire Netball Assoc.)
Nikki Deegenaaers (CSNA/Sydney University)
Maddie Hay (Sutherland Shire Netball Assoc.)
Emily Keenan (Eastwood Ryde Netball Assoc.)
Lauren Moore (Central Coast Netball Assoc.)
Amy Sommerville (Eastwood Ryde Netball Assoc.)
Kara Styles (St George Netball Assoc.)
Nicole Styles (St George Netball Assoc./Team Northumbria)
Stephanie Wood (NSW Swifts|CSNA/Sydney University)

Results

NSW Waratahs 51 def by 52 Vic Fury
NSW Waratahs 66 def 47 Tassie Spirit
NSW Waratahs 40 def by 52 Southern Force
NSW Waratahs 44 def by 54 Queensland Fusion
NSW Waratahs 50 def by 60 Western Sting
NSW Waratahs 65 def 33 Territory Storm
NSW Waratahs 60 def 48 Canberra Darters



NSW Waratah GS Amy Sommerville contests the ball against the Canberra Darters



NSW Waratahs GD, Lauren Moore passing to WA Taylah Davies





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The 2015 NSW Swifts: [L-R] Caitlin Thwaites, Sharni Layton, Susan Pettitt, Abbey McCulloch, Jade Clarke, Taylah Davies, Paige Hadley, Kimberlee Green, Stephanie Wood, Julie Corletto, Micaela Wilson, Erin Hoare

The 2015 ANZ Championship season was one that won't be easily forgotten. The NSW Swifts finished 2015 Runners-Up after agonisingly falling one goal short, 56-57 to the Queensland Firebirds in the ANZ Championship Grand Final.

Despite the end result, it was an amazing year for the NSW Swifts, who exceeded all expectations after a hard run into the Finals Series. The massive task to reach the Grand Final included a Friday game in Hamilton New Zealand versus WBOP Magic followed 48 hours later by a Sunday game in Brisbane against the Firebirds.

It was the Swift's first appearance in the title decider since their successful 2008 campaign, which saw the Swifts' crowned ANZ Championship Premiers. The 2015 Grand Final saw a valiant effort from the Swifts, with the odds stacked against them from the beginning, but the team put on a terrific display, leading for the majority of the match, only to fall short in the dying seconds.

The outstanding performances of the athletes topped off a great year, with five members of the 2015 NSW Swifts named in the Australian Diamonds team for the Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015. Captain and midcourter Kimberlee Green, goal shooter Caitlin Thwaites along with defenders Julie Corletto and Sharni Layton and midcourter Paige Hadley were all chosen to represent Australia. In addition, Sharni Layton was named the 2015 ANZ Championship Finals Most Valuable Player. She was also named as a member of the FOXTEL Allstars 2015 line up alongside teammates Julie Corletto, Kimberlee Green and Susan Pettitt.

NSW Swifts' shooter Caitlin Thwaites capped off an outstanding season when she was crowned the NSW Swifts' 2015 QBE Most Valued Player at the Club's annual Gala Dinner held on Thursday evening at Doltone House in Pyrmont, Sydney.

During the 2015 ANZ Championship Thwaites shot a career-best 506 goals at 88% accuracy, played a leading role in the Swifts' shooting circle which finished with a combined 966 goals – the most goals scored by one team in a single ANZ Championship season, and received five game MVP nods (Rounds 1, 4, 8, 9 and 11).

2015 NSW Swifts

Kimberlee Green (Captain), Sharni Layton (co-Vice Captain), Abbey McCulloch (co-Vice Captain), Jade Clarke, Julie Corletto, Taylah Davies, Paige Hadley, Erin Hoare, Susan Pettitt, Caitlin Thwaites, Micaela Wilson, Stephanie Wood

Coaching and Support Staff

Head Coach – Rob Wright
 Assistant Coach – Megan Anderson
 NSWIS Head Coach/NSW Swifts Assistant Coach – Anita Keelan
 Apprentice Coach – Amber Cross
 Team Manager – Toni Kidwell
 Physiotherapists – Paula Peralta, Daniel Vukovic
 Strength & Conditioning Coach – Jason Howell
 Performance Analyst – Bjorn Maddern
 Doctor – Dr Grace Bryant OAM
 Sport Psychologist – Sam Rand
 Dietician – Karen Haddad

Results

Round	Opponent	Results Swifts Score/ Opponent Score	Win-Loss-Draw
1	Southern Steel	68-62	1-0
2	WBOP Magic	48-43	2-0
3	QLD Firebirds	47-47	2-1-0
4	West Coast Fever	59-59	2-2-0
5	QLD Firebirds	51-47	2-2-1
7	Adelaide Thunderbirds	49-56	2-2-2
8	Northern Mystics	66-50	3-2-2
9	Central Pulse	47-47	3-3-2
10	Melbourne Vixens	67-43	4-3-2
11	Adelaide Thunderbirds	65-54	5-3-2
12	Mainland Tactix	68-49	6-3-2
13	Melbourne Vixens	52-48	7-3-2
14	West Coast Fever	63-56	8-3-2
Elim Final	West Coast Fever	60-53	9-3-2
Conf. Final	QLD Firebirds	44-55	9-3-3
Semi Final	WBOP Magic	60-52	10-3-3
Grand Final	QLD Firebirds	56-57	10-3-4



Australian Diamonds



Netball World Cup 2015 Winners - Australia © Keith McInnes

NSW players dominate in NWC2015

Netball fans in Sydney experienced the thrill of watching the Australian Diamonds claimed their 11th world title after defeating New Zealand 58-55 in an edge-of-the-seat final of the Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015.

In front of a new world record crowd of 16,849 at Allphones Arena, the Diamonds made it a hat-trick of world titles, successfully defending their wins from both the 2007 and 2011 World Cups.

NSW past and present was well represented in the green and gold with Erin Bell, Kimberlee Green, Paige Hadley and Kimberley Ravaillion, Julie Corletto, Sharni Layton and Caitlin Thwaites all part of the 12-player team.

Following the historic win, NSW Swifts champion midcourter Kimberlee Green announced her retirement from international netball effective immediately.

Green, 29, hangs up the famous Green and Gold dress having played 74 Tests for Australia since making her international debut in 2008.

NSW Swift and Australian Diamonds' star defender Julie Corletto also announced her retirement from elite netball following the conclusion of the Netball World Cup 2015.

A nail-biting final

The game was Australia's highest regulation score in a Netball World Cup match against New Zealand, eclipsing the 53 scored in the triumphant 1991 Final.

Australian captain Laura Geitz said she was proud of her team for bouncing back from their loss earlier in the tournament to the Silver Ferns. "To finish like that in front of our home crowd, to have family here and to play with that particular group of girls, to play with Julie Corletto, it's wonderful to step into the defensive circle with such a wonderful athlete," Geitz said.

"World Cup netball, that's what it comes down to; hard work and just grinding away. Our attackers were just sensational and capitalised on every tip and touch that we got and the first quarter set us up nicely."

Coach Lisa Alexander started with the same line-up from Saturday's semi-final against Jamaica with Corletto the only change to the team that faced the Silver Ferns earlier in the tournament.

The Australian Diamonds' 21-Test winning streak came to an end in the earlier pool game against New Zealand after losing 52-47 to New

Zealand. The five-goal defeat was Australia's first loss since being beaten by New Zealand at Invercargill in September 2013.

It was also Australia's first loss in a Netball World Cup since the 2003 final, also against New Zealand.

Unlike their earlier encounter, the Diamonds were the dominant team early as they jumped to a six-goal lead.

The Silver Ferns made one late rally but the clock beat them and the Diamonds enhanced their ranking as the world's undisputed number one netball nation.

Results

Pool	Australia 73	v	32 Trinidad and Tobago
Pool	Barbados 16	v	83 Australia
Pool	Australia 47	v	52 New Zealand
Qualification	Australia 51	v	41 England
Qualification	Australia 66	v	31 South Africa
Qualification	Australia 89	v	24 Wales
Semi Final	Australia 67	v	56 Jamaica
Final	New Zealand 55	v	58 Australia

Diamond's Constellation Cup Squad

NSW Swifts' Paige Hadley, Sharni Layton and Caitlin Thwaites pulled on the green and gold dress again after the trio were selected as part of the Australian Diamonds squad to contest the 2015 Constellation Cup series. The Diamonds named an extended 15-player squad, including four debutants, for October's four-Test series against the New Zealand Silver Ferns, which began on Tuesday, 20 October 2015 in Christchurch.

Alongside the three Swifts, former NSW representatives Ashleigh Brazill, Erin Bell, April Letton, Kimberley Ravaillion and Gabi Simpson were also selected into the wider squad, with a 12-strong team selected by Head Coach Lisa Alexander prior to each Test.

"It is wonderful our three NSW Swifts will continue their Australian careers following a triumphant Netball World Cup performance in our hometown earlier this season, and I'd like to congratulate Paige, Sharni and Caitlin on their Diamonds selection," Netball NSW Chief Executive Officer Carolyn Campbell declared.

"In addition to our Swifts, it's also pleasing to see another five athletes who began their representative careers with Netball NSW selected



Australian Diamond Paige Hadley and Silver Fern Katrina Grant contest the ball at the Constellation Cup.

into the extended Australian squad. It's a wonderful achievement and representative of the hard work it has taken to reach this level.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to wish Lisa Alexander and the Australian Diamonds all the best in the upcoming Constellation Cup series against our old foes, the Silver Ferns. We will be watching and cheering loudly," Campbell concluded.

Following the retirements of 2015 NSW Swift Julie Corletto and former Swifts' Premiership player Rebecca Bulley, and the international retirement of Diamonds' Vice Captain Kimberlee Green, Alexander named the uncapped Gretel Tippett (Firebirds), Ashleigh Brazill (Fever), Gabi Simpson (Firebirds) and Joanna Weston (Vixens).

Along with the quartet, defenders Clare McMeniman and Letton earn recalls to the Diamonds, joining world champions Laura Geitz (captain), Caitlin Bassett, Erin Bell, Paige Hadley, Renae Ingles (nee Hallinan), Sharni Layton, Natalie Medhurst, Kimberley Ravallion and Caitlin Thwaites.

"We're thrilled that all nine Netball World Cup players made themselves available for Constellation Cup selection," Diamonds coach Lisa Alexander said.

"The Constellation Cup not only gives us the chance to write the next chapter in our storied rivalry with the Silver Ferns but the opportunity to reward those previously on the cusp of selection and working hard in our squad."

The Constellation Cup series was the first time that the Diamonds have taken the court since defeating the Silver Ferns by three goals to win a third consecutive Netball World Cup title at Allphones Arena in August.

The Australian Diamonds retained the Constellation Cup for the third consecutive season despite a comprehensive New Zealand Silver Ferns Game 4 win in front of a huge crowd at Perth Arena.

The Silver Ferns claimed victory off the back of an impressive second half performance, which saw them outscore the Diamonds 32 goals to 21; however it wasn't enough to prise the Trans-Tasman trophy for the Aussies who retain the Cup based on goal aggregate.

Results

Game 1	Australian Diamonds 50	v	44 NZ Silver Ferns
Game 2	Australian Diamonds 58	v	48 NZ Silver Ferns
Game 3	Australian Diamonds 47	v	50 NZ Silver Ferns
Game 4	Australian Diamonds 32	v	21 NZ Silver Ferns

A career concluded on the highest note

The stellar career of Australia's most decorated umpire Sharon Kelly came to a close when she announced her retirement at the conclusion of the Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015.

Sharon Kelly officiated in more than 100 Test matches, including five Commonwealth Games (1998–2014) and four Netball World Cups (2003–2015). She also umpired more than 100 ANZ Championship matches and every Grand Final since the competition began in 2008. Prior to that, she umpired in the former national league for eight seasons, also officiating at every Grand Final.

On recognising Sharon contribution to the sport, Netball NSW President Wendy Archer AM said that "Sharon Kelly optimises what being an umpire is all about, and she will be sorely missed. Everyone at Netball NSW congratulates Sharon on her fabulous career and wish her all the best for her future endeavours."

Sharon was named Australia's Umpire of the Year on 13 occasions, including every year between 2005 and 2014 (10 years). In 2014 she was recognised for her extraordinary achievements and sporting performances with the 'Spirit of Netball' Award.

"I've met some wonderful people throughout the umpiring, coaching and playing ranks around the world, who have had quite an influence on my life," Sharon said on reflection of her umpiring career.

"That's all part of being involved in sport (the people), and the shaping of the person that you are."





Competition and Events Overview



The World's Largest Netball Clinic outside Allphones Arena, Sydney Olympic Park

World's Largest Netball Clinic

On Monday 10 August, 555 young netballers gathered outside Allphones Arena to create a new world record for the biggest netball clinic.

Students from primary schools in both NSW and the ACT participated in netball drills and activities under the watchful eyes of former Australian Diamonds Bianca Chatfield, Catherine Cox, Liz Ellis, Sharelle McMahon and Natalie Bode (nee von Bertouch).

Beginning the day with a warm-up, the enthusiastic students sung along to music, enjoyed the ANZ NetSetGo drills, gained tips from Australian netball legends with everyone lapping up the opportunity to be a part of the world record.

2015 State Dinner

The 2015 State Dinner was held at the Sydney Boulevard Hotel on Saturday 11 November 2015. The night was a celebration of an amazing and historic year for Netball NSW. The night celebrated our achievements, such as an unprecedented number of players participating in more competitions than any previous year. The NSW Swifts also broke previous records, starting with capped Memberships at 2,700 (an increase of 23% on 2015) selling out within seven hours and another record crowd (10,370) at the Allphones Arena Blockbuster game against the Adelaide Thunderbirds for the third consecutive year.



The scene is set for a wonderful night at the Netball NSW State Dinner

NSW Swifts Family Fun Day and Season Launch

The NSW Swifts Family Fun Day and Season Launch was another fantastic event on the Swifts' calendar in 2015. We enjoyed an excellent turnout to welcome the 2015 NSW Swifts players and kick off the season. The event featured the popular styling station and face painting and we also welcomed back the Taronga Zoomobile, thanks to our Principle Partner QBE.

New in 2015 was a jumping castle, five Disney Princesses and a disco fire truck. Attendees had the opportunity to win prizes and merchandise and participants were invited to attend in "behind the scene" tours.

The event concluded with members making dress presentations to the players before the NSW Swifts took to the court in a pre-season friendly match against the Melbourne Vixens.



Sharni Layton signs autographs for fans at the NSW Family Fun Day and Season Launch



State Championships



State Championship action between Gloucester and Hastings Valley Netball Associations

The 47th NNSW State Championship took place over three days at the Illawarra District Netball Association with just over 1,200 matches played and more than 40,000 goals scored.

Gosford Netball Association claimed the Pat Weston OAM Country Championship trophy as the highest ranked regional team in the Open Championship division.

Open Championship

Winner: Manly Warringah Netball Association
Runners-Up: Randwick Netball Association

Open Division Two

Winner: Westlakes Netball Association
Runners-Up: Hastings Valley Netball Association

21/U Championship

Winner: Charlestown Netball Association
Runners-Up: Newcastle Netball Association

17/U Championship

Winner: Ku-ring-gai Netball Association
Runners-Up: Liverpool City Netball Association

17/U Division Two

Winner: Wagga Wagga Netball Association
Runners-Up: Lakeside Netball Association

17/U Division Three

Winner: Coffs Harbour Netball Association
Runners-Up: Maitland Netball Association

Over 35 Championships

Winner: Manly Warringah Netball Association
Runners-Up: Baulkham Hills Netball Association

Over 40 Championships

Winner: Manly Warringah Netball Association
Runners-Up: Penrith Netball Association

Over 45 Championships

Winner: Hills District Netball Association
Runners-Up: Wyong District Netball Association

Parade of District Winner – Hastings Valley Netball Association

Participating Teams

Armidale	1	Nambucca	2
Ballina	1	Nelson Bay	2
Bankstown	3	Newcastle	3
Barellan	1	Northern Suburbs	2
Bathurst	2	Orange	2
Baulkham Hills	3	Parkes	1
Blacktown	1	Parramatta Auburn	2
Blayney	1	Penrith	5
Blue Mountains	2	Port Stephens	1
Brunswick Byron	1	Queanbeyan	2
Camden	2	Randwick	1
Campbelltown	1	Sapphire Coast	2
Casino	1	Scone	1
Charlestown	3	Shoalhaven	1
CSNA	1	Singleton	1
Coffs Harbour	1	Southern Highlands	1
Cowra	1	St George	1
Dubbo	2	Sutherland	1
Eastwood Ryde	1	Tamworth	1
Eurobodalla	2	Taree	2
Forbes	1	Ulladulla	1
Glen Innes	2	Wagga	1
Gloucester	1	Westlakes	2
Gosford	6	West Wyalong	1
Goulburn	2	Wollondilly	2
Grafton	1	Woolgoolga	1
Great Lakes	3	Woy Woy	2
Griffith	1	Wyong	5
Gunnedah	2	Young	2
Hastings Valley	4		
Hills District	3		
Illawarra	4		
Inner West	2		
Ku-Ring-Gai	2		
Kurri Kurri	2		
Lakeside	1		
Lake Cargelligo	1		
Leeton	1		
Lismore	2		
Liverpool	1		
Macleay	3		
Maitland	2		
Manly Warringah	4		
Mount Druitt	1		
Mudgee	1		
Muswellbrook	1		



State Age Championships



Championship Division hosts, Baulkham Hills Shire Netball Associations Teams.

The 2015 NNSW State Age Championships was held on 27–29 June 2015. More than 3,500 athletes, 294 teams and 83 Associations from across NSW contested this year's tournament, which was co-hosted at four venues: Baulkham Hills Shire (Championship Division), Eastwood Ryde (Division 2), Penrith (Division 3) and Hawkesbury City Netball Associations (Division 4).

Talented and dedicated players competed in four age groups – 15/U, 14/U, 13/U and 12/U, showcasing the brightest and best young netballers NSW has to offer.

Winners

15/U Championship
14/U Championship
13/U Championship
12/U Championship

15/U Division 2
14/U Division 2
13/U Division 2
12/U Division 2

15/U Division 3
14/U Division 3
13/U Division 3
12/U Division 3

15/U Division 4
14/U Division 4
13/U Division 4
12/U Division 4

Manly Warringah Netball Association
Sutherland Shire Netball Association
Baulkham Hills Shire Netball Association
Wyong District Netball Association

Orange Netball Association
Lakeside Netball Association
Wagga Wagga Netball Association
Charlestown Netball Association

Coffs Harbour Netball Association
Great Lakes Netball Association
Muswellbrook Netball Association
Mount Druitt District Netball Association

Grafton Netball Association
Taree & District Netball Association
Brunswick-Byron Netball Association
Cowra Netball Association

Parade of District Winners

Championship
Division Two
Division Three
Division Four

Lismore & District Netball Association
Ballina Netball Association
Muswellbrook Netball Association
Taree & District Netball Association

Participating Teams

Armidale	3	Manly Warringah	4
Ballina	3	Mount Druitt	4
Bankstown	4	Mudgee	3
Barellan	4	Muswellbrook	4
Bathurst	4	Nambucca Valley	4
Baulkham Hills	4	Narrabri	4
Blacktown City	4	Nelson Bay	3
Blayney	4	Newcastle	4
Blue Mountains	4	Northern Suburbs	4
Brunswick Byron	2	Orange	4
Camden	4	Parramatta	4
Campbelltown	4	Parkes and District	3
Casino	4	Penrith	4
Charlestown	4	Port Stephens	4
City of Sydney	3	Queanbeyan	4
Coffs Harbour	4	Randwick	4
Condoblin	1	Sapphire Coast	3
Coonabarabran	1	Scone	4
Cowra	4	Shoalhaven	4
Dubbo	4	Singleton	4
Eastwood Ryde	4	Southern Highlands	3
Eurobodalla	4	South Canberra INV	2
Fairfield City	1	St George	4
Forbes	4	Sutherland	4
Glen Innes	2	Tamworth	4
Gosford City	4	Taree	4
Goulburn	2	Temora	2
Grafton	4	Tumut	4
Great Lakes	4	Ulladulla	3
Griffith	4	Wagga	4
Gunnedah	4	Westlakes	4
Hastings Valley	4	Wollondilly	4
Hawkesbury	4	Woolgoolga	2
Hills District	4	Woy Woy	3
Illawarra	4	Wyong	4
Inner West	4	Yass	1
Inverell	2	Young	4
Kiama	2		
Ku-Ring-Gai	4		
Lakeside	4		
Leeton	4		
Lismore	4		
Liverpool	4		
Lower Clarence	4		
Macleay	4		
Maitland	4		



Images from the 2015 State Age Championships held at Baulkham Hills Shire, Eastwood Ryde, Penrith and Hawkesbury City Netball Associations



DOOLEYS State League



2015 DOOLEYS State League Waratah Cup Winners - City of Sydney/Sydney University

NSW Netball's premier netball competition, DOOLEYS State League, made its debut at Netball Central in 2015.

With the new state-of-the-art surroundings, the competition stepped up another notch in 2015, with the Finals Series providing high energy, entertaining netball for players, coaches, umpires, officials and spectators to enjoy.

The Waratah Cup Champion was decided earlier than the other divisions, as is tradition, with City of Sydney/Sydney University claiming their maiden Division 1 title on Wednesday 24 June, while Divisions 2–8 contested in a jam-packed week of Grand Finals from Monday, 20 July, 2015.

Waratah Cup

City of Sydney (CSNA)/Sydney University claimed the double after defeating Eastwood Ryde (ERNA) 53-40 in the title-decider, as well as claiming the Minor Premiership by one point at the conclusion of the regular season.

CSNA Head Coach Jenny O'Keeffe was full of praise from her charges, describing the match as the ultimate Finals spectacle.

"It was an amazing contest out there on court; worthy of a Grand Final! Eastwood really took it to us and we had some very, very nervous moments during the 60 minutes but really proud of our girls' composure," O'Keeffe stated.

"I'm so proud of how the team stepped up to the challenge, they stuck to their guns and kept on going with the game plan and absolutely pulled it through in the end – that last quarter was superb."

"It's very exciting for the Club [to win its first Waratah Cup competition], but hopefully it's not the last," O'Keeffe declared.

2015 President's Medal MVP: Nikki Deegenaaars (CSNA)

Division 2

Goal percentage was all that separated the two sides at the conclusion of the regular season, with Northern Suburbs turning around a thrilling one-goal deficit to Sutherland Shire in the Major Semi Final to claim the 2015 title.

The title-decider was played at a blistering pace, with the teams locked in a see-sawing battle for much of the contest before Northern Suburbs pulled away to post a 46-30 victory.

Division 3

Eastwood Ryde claimed the Division 3 title after overcoming a spirited Hills District outfit 62-42 in the Grand Final.

It was a thrilling contest, however Eastwood Ryde was able to capitalise on a strong start to force their opposition into chase mode from the opening quarter.

Division 4

Blue Mountains claimed back-to-back titles ('14/'15) after defeating Campbelltown, 48-28, in the Division 4 Grand Final.

After finishing the regular season two points clear to claim the Minor Premiership, Blue Mountains were able to put on a near flawless display to claim the title.

Division 5

Bankstown City delivered Eastwood Ryde its first loss of the season to be crowned the Division 5 Champions with a 37-33 Grand Final victory.

After playing out a thrilling 38-all draw in Round 7, the two teams put on a terrific contest for spectators with Bankstown City claiming the title.

Division 6

Newcastle finished the season undefeated to be crowned the Division 6 Champions after overcoming a spirited Kurri Kurri/Hunter Flyers, 57-37, in the title decider.

Division 7

Central Coast finished the season undefeated to be crowned Division 7 Champions after overcoming a tough Bankstown City, 37-34, in the Grand Final.

Division 8

After finishing the regular season in fourth place, Hills District stormed home in the Finals Series to claim the Division 8 title; defeating Hawkesbury City, 43-39.

DOOLEYS State League Final Standings

Waratah Cup

Winner: City of Sydney/Sydney Uni

Runners-Up: Eastwood Ryde

Table after Minor Rounds

1. CSNA/Sydney Uni
2. Eastwood Ryde
3. St George
4. Sutherland Shire
5. Baulkham Hills Shire
6. Manly Warringah
7. Liverpool City
8. Ku-ring-gai

Division Three

Winner: Eastwood Ryde

Runners-Up: Hills District

Table after Minor Rounds

1. Eastwood Ryde
2. St George
3. Sutherland Shire
4. Hills District
5. Baulkham Hills Shire
6. Penrith District
7. Ku-ring-gai
8. Blacktown City
9. Northern Suburbs
10. Parramatta Auburn

Division Five

Winner: Bankstown City

Runners-Up: Eastwood Ryde

Table after Minor Rounds

1. Eastwood Ryde
2. Bankstown City
3. CSNA/Sydney Uni
4. Baulkham Hills Shire
5. Penrith District
6. Sutherland Shire
7. Ku-ring-gai
8. Blacktown City
9. Illawarra District
10. Hills District

Division Seven

Winner: Central Coast (Undefeated)

Runners-Up: Bankstown City

Table after Minor Rounds

1. Central Coast
2. Inner Western Suburbs
3. Bankstown City
4. Baulkham Hills Shire
5. Blue Mountains
6. Penrith District
7. Illawarra District
8. Parramatta Auburn
9. Blacktown City
10. Randwick

Division Two

Winner: Northern Suburbs

Runners-Up: Sutherland Shire

Table after Minor Rounds

1. Sutherland Shire
2. Northern Suburbs
3. Eastwood Ryde
4. St George
5. CSNA/Sydney Uni
6. Penrith District
7. Central Coast
8. Bankstown City
9. Manly Warringah
10. Randwick

Division Four

Winner: Blue Mountains

Runners-Up: Campbelltown

Table after Minor Rounds

1. Blue Mountains
2. CSNA/Sydney Uni
3. Illawarra District
4. Campbelltown
5. Central Coast
6. Randwick
7. Northern Suburbs
8. Liverpool City
9. Camden & District
10. Manly Warringah

Division Six

Winner: Newcastle (Undefeated)

Runners-Up: Kurri Kurri (KKNA)

Hunter Flyers

Table after Minor Rounds

1. Newcastle
2. KKNA/Hunter Flyers
3. Campbelltown
4. Blacktown City
5. Hills District
6. Parramatta Auburn
7. St George
8. Northern Suburbs
9. Liverpool City
10. Camden & District

Division Eight

Winner: Hills District

Runners-Up: Hawkesbury City

Table after Minor Rounds

1. KKNA/Hunter Flyers
2. Hawkesbury City
3. Hills District
4. Central Coast
5. Ku-ring-gai
6. Inner Western Suburbs
7. Bankstown City
8. Liverpool City
9. Blue Mountains
10. Campbelltown

Nance Kenny OAM Medal State League Player of the Year

2015	Kaitlyn Bryce	St George District
2014	Kaitlyn Bryce	St George District
2013	Leah Shoard	Sutherland Shire
2012	Tiffany Lincoln	Hunter United
2011	Kimberly Borger	St George District
	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

Margaret Corbett OAM State League Coach of the Year

2015	Margaret Murrin	Blue Mountains
2014	Vicki Jansen	Sutherland Shire
2013	Janene Van Gogh	Manly Warringah
2012	Maria Lynch	Sutherland Shire
2011	Lyn Hahn	Camden
2010	Maree Phelps	Blue Mountains
	Kath Tetley	Baulkham Hills
2009	Jenny O'Keefe	Manly Warringah
2008	Jan Grant	Blue Mountains
2007	Anita Keelan	Eastwood Ryde
2006	Moria Gaha	St George District



Nance Kenny OAM Medal Winner Kaitlyn Bryce with Dave Kenny



Margaret Corbett OAM State League Coach of the Year Margaret Murrin with Margaret Corbett OAM (right)



Court Craft Night Interdistrict



2015 Court Craft Night Interdistrict Division 1 Winners - St George District

The 2015 netball season officially came to a close with the 2015 Court Craft Night Interdistrict wrapping up on Thursday, 10 December at Netball Central.

"It's been a wonderfully exciting 2015 season, and one which will go down in history as we introduced the NSW netball community to its new home, Netball Central," General Manager – Commercial & Communications Tristan Prosser-Shaw claimed.

"This multi-million dollar, state-of-the-art netball facility has played host to a range of competitions – from Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015, ANZ Championship Pre-Season tournament to the 17/U and 19/U National Netball Championships, DOOLEYS State League; the Netball NSW Schools Cup; and everything in between.

"The level of competition has increased again in 2015 with a record number of participants in a range of events, which shows that our sport's popularity continues to grow year-on-year. At Netball NSW we are confident this will continue in 2016 as we constantly look at ways to improve our competition structure to produce world-class athletes, coaches, umpires and officials.

"The Court Craft Night Interdistrict competition is a wonderful fit to close the chapter of our inaugural year, particularly when you take into account our long-standing partnership with Court Craft who have been part of the Netball NSW Family for over twenty years.

"Two-thousand and sixteen is already shaping up to be another exciting chapter in NSW netball's rich history, and I look forward to see the action get started in the New Year," Prosser-Shaw concluded.

2015 Court Craft Night Interdistrict – Results

	WINNER	RUNNERS-UP
Division 1	St George District	Sutherland Shire
Division 2	Ku-ring-gai	Penrith District
Division 3	Bankstown City	Sutherland Shire
Division 4	Eastwood Ryde	Penrith District
Division 5	Bankstown City	Inner Western Suburbs
Division 6	Hawkesbury City	Illawarra District
Division 7	Inner Western Suburbs	St George District
Division 8	Camden & District	St George District
Division 9	Baulkham Hills Shire	Hills District
Division 10	Parramatta Auburn	Illawarra District



2015 Court Craft Night Interdistrict - Final Rounds

Netball NSW Masters



The popularity of the NSW Masters continues to grow each year.

The 2015 Netball NSW Masters, proudly supported by Study Group, through the Australian Institute of Applied Science (AIAS) was held at Charlestown Netball Association on 17–18 October 2015.

The event marked the sixth edition of the Netball NSW Masters, with 42 teams contesting a round-robin style competition across three age groups – Over 35, Over 40 and Over 45.

Study Group (through AIAS) supported the Best and Fairest Awards for the fourth year running and awards were given to both team and individuals.

The event included off the court festivities such as at the social event held at Wests City, where over 250 players and friends danced late into the night.

Netball NSW would like to extend our sincere thanks to Charlestown Netball Association for hosting the event and their support over the weekend.

Award Recipients

AIAS Best and Fairest Individuals

Over 35s Competitive: Margo Woodhead (Chokers)
Over 35s Social: Debbie King (Hastings 35's)
Over 40s Competitive: Denise Matwijow (Zaaps)
Over 40s Social: Sharon Turnbull (Saunders Motor Group)
Over 45s Competitive: Derani Strauchan (Over the Hills)

AIAS Best and Fairest Teams

Over 35s Competitive: Chokers
Over 35s Social: Medowie Mocktails
Over 40s Competitive: Screaming Divas
Over 40s Social: Saunders Motor Group
Over 45s Competitive: Bankstown City Ladies

Division Winners

Over 35s Competitive

Gold: Illawarra 35s (on a count-back)
Silver: Scone RSL (on a count-back)
Bronze: Valley Vipers (on a count-back)

Over 35s Social

Gold: Hills Bells
Silver: Oakhill
Bronze: Magic Mixture

Over 40s Competitive

Gold: Junction Hotel in Motion
Silver: St George
Bronze: Zaaps

Over 40s Social

Gold: Hills Angels
Silver: Hastings 40s
Bronze: Vintage Oz (on a count-back)

Over 45s Competitive

Gold: Over the Hills
Silver: Bankstown City Ladies
Bronze: Gosford Gerties





2015 Award Winners

Netball NSW Award Winners

Hall of Fame Inductees

Alison Broadbent
Selina Gilsenan
Moirra McGuinness MBE*
Evie Carpenter*

Netball NSW Hall of Fame – Legend Status

Anne Sargeant OAM

Anne Clark Service Awards

Margaret Thoms – Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association
Laurel Cunico – Baulkham Hills Shire Netball Association
Linda Free – St George District Netball Association
Beverley Thorpe – Shoalhaven Netball Association
Margaret Spackman – Forbes Netball Association

Nance Kenny OAM Medal – DOOLEYS State League Player of the Year

Kaitlyn Bryce – St George District Netball Association

Marilyn Melhuish OAM NSW Swifts Player of the Year (pictured left)

Susan Pettitt

Marj Groves AM Scholarship

Kiera Austin – Eastwood Ryde Netball Association

Judy Dunbar Media Awards

Best Photo – Greg Porteous, Newscorp
Best Feature – Adam Hawse, Network 10
Overall Coverage – Sunday Telegraph Sports Department, News Corp Australia
Community Media Excellence – Central Western Daily

Lynn Quinn OAM Bench Officials Award

Lynette Bonnett, Hills District Netball Association

Neita Matthews OAM Umpires Encouragement Award

Rowena Gibson – Hills District Netball Association

Margaret Corbett OAM DOOLEYS State League Coach of the Year

Margaret Murrin – Blue Mountains Netball Association

NSW Swifts Awards

QBE NSW Swifts Most Valuable Player of the Year

Caitlin Thwaites

NSW Swifts Members' Player of the Year

Sharni Layton

NSW Swifts Players' Player of the Year

Sharni Layton

NSW Swifts Coaches' Award

Susan Pettitt

NSW Swifts' Club Person of the Year

Toni Kidwell (High Performance Coordinator and NSW Swifts Manager)

Netball Australia Awards

Service Award

Pam Smith

Australian Netball Hall of Fame Inductee

Marcia Ella-Duncan OAM

Australian ANZ Championship Umpire of the Year

Sharon Kelly

Australian ANZ Championship Player of the Year

Sharni Layton

NSW Federation - Sports Awards

Official of the Year

Sharon Kelly (Joint Winner)

Administrator of the Year

Nikki Horton (Joint Winner)

NSW Hall of Champions

NSW Hall of Champions - Netball

Selina Hornibrook (nee Gilsenan)

Australian Sporting Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame - Legend

Anne Sargeant OAM

* Deceased



Hall of Fame Inductees



Alison Broadbent talks with Steve Robilliard on stage at the Netball NSW State Dinner.

Four esteemed members of the netball community were inducted into the Netball NSW Hall of Fame on Saturday evening, 14 November, at the 2015 NNSW State Dinner held in the Grand Ballroom at The Sydney Boulevard Hotel.

Former New South Wales representatives Alison Broadbent, Selina Gilsenan and Evie Carpenter, along with long-time administrator Moira McGuinness MBE became the 31st, 32nd, 33rd and 34th members of the NSW netball community to be entered into prestigious company following their great individual service to the sport.

Along with the new inductees, Australian netball great Anne Sargeant OAM became the first member of the Hall of Fame to be elevated to Legend status following the introduction of the award in 2015.

Sargeant's latest elevation to Legend is the third of its kind, following the former goal shooter's promotion in both the NSW Hall of Legends (2014) and Sport Australia Hall of Fame – Legend in October.

Netball NSW President Wendy Archer AM paid tribute to all five Hall of Fame members, saying their individual efforts have gone a long way to growing our humble sport.

"Netball has always had a strong, healthy following in NSW and these women have all assisted in its continued growth and maturity as a sport," Archer stated.

"These women have had outstanding careers, whether it be on the court or behind the scenes, and have all contributed long-lasting impressions on the game. As we continue our historical new chapter in NSW netball's history, we pause to acknowledge these fantastic role models who embody everything which is great about our sport.

"It's also a wonderful honour to elevate Anne Sargeant OAM as the first recipient of Netball NSW Legend status. Anne has devoted her career to growing netball, whether it is through her clinics with grassroots, to her role as Australian Diamonds selector. She has been at the forefront of netball for many decades and tonight's celebration is our way of saying thank you.

"These women are richly deserving of this great honour, and it is my privilege to welcome them into the Netball NSW Hall of Fame," Archer concluded.

Alison Broadbent (nee Williams)



A fierce defender, Alison Broadbent built a strong career as a cornerstone of the Waratah defence.

Earning her first State selection with the NSW 17/U Team in 1991, Alison went on to represent NSW in the 19/U, 21/U and Open National Netball Championships over a 10 year period; finishing her career with three Championship titles in 1992, 1993 and 1999.

During this time Alison also made her elite netball debut with the Ku-ring-gai/Sydney Cenovis team in the MOBIL League, in which she contested from 1994-1996, before becoming a foundation member of the Sydney Swifts in 1997 with the introduction of the Commonwealth Bank Trophy.

Alison made 152 appearances for the Swifts during a 10 year period and finished her career with three Commonwealth Bank Trophy Championship titles in 2001, 2004, and as an integral member of the historic 2006 Sydney Swifts team which finished the season undefeated and were awarded the 2006 Australian Team of the Year.

Alison's career also included stints in the Green & Gold, having made 35 appearances for the Australian Netball Team from 2001 to 2006. This includes winning a 2002 Commonwealth Games Gold Medal in Manchester, 2006 Commonwealth Games Silver Medal in Melbourne, and Silver at the 2003 Netball World Cup in Jamaica.

Evie Carpenter*



The State's second Captain, Evie Carpenter represented New South Wales over a ten-year period from 1924 to 1936, and was voted as Australia's best defensive combination alongside Edna Pritchard in 1929.

Evie first began her representative career in 1924 when she was selected in the NSW Team to travel to Brisbane for a School's Carnival while still attending Leichhardt School. The following year Evie joined the

Ironhearts Basketball Club, in which she played for the Green & Gold of the Club over the next decade.

A talented sportswoman, Evie Captained NSW from 1932-1935, was Vice-Captain from 1929-1930 and 1936, and also a NSW Selector during this period (1933-1936). During this time Evie was also actively playing cricket, which she also represented her State in, and in 1931 took time away from netball to concentrate on her Athletics career as a respected long-distance runner.

In 1935 Evie also acted as NSW Delegate to the All Australia Netball Association alongside NSW legend Anne Clark BEM.

Throughout her netball career Evie consistently tasted success, with her Ironhearts Basketball Club team either crowned Champions or Runners-Up throughout her 10 year playing career.

Selina Hornibrook (nee Gilsenan)



One of netball's most determined defensive midcourters, Selina Hornibrook (nee Gilsenan) compiled an impressive record in her netball career, which included appearances with the Australian Diamonds, the Sydney Swifts and the NSW Swifts.

A long-time New South Wales representative, Selina started with the Sutherland Shire Netball Association at age 11, before being selected in her first NSW side in 1997 which finished third at the 19/U National Netball Championships. Selina went on to represent the Waratah on five more occasions in both the NSW 21/U and Opens sides, claiming two Championship titles and two Runners-Up in the process.

In 2000, Selina made her elite netball debut with the Sydney Swifts in the Commonwealth Bank Trophy; going on to make 121 appearances during a seven-year career. Selina was also an integral member of their Championship winning sides in 2001, 2004, their undefeated 2006 season, and final season in 2007 in which she was named the Grand Final MVP.

Selina made her international debut in 2005 and went on to represent Australia on 24 occasions, claiming a 2006 Commonwealth Games Silver Medal in Melbourne (alongside our previous inductee Alison Broadbent), and a Gold Medal at the 2007 Netball World Cup, in which was her final appearance in the green & gold.

In 2008 Selina joined the NSW Swifts as the Club's Foundation Vice-Captain following the introduction of the ANZ Championship. Selina made 15 appearances for the Club, who were crowned the inaugural ANZ Championship Premiers after defeating the Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic in front of 12,099 spectators in Sydney; her efforts seeing Selina finish her career with the 2008 Marilyn Melhuish NSW Swifts Player of the Year Award.

Moira McGuinness MBE*



Moira McGuinness' (nee McLean) passion for netball spanned 40 years and many roles; from Club and Association to National levels.

Moira's introduction to netball began in 1944 when she joined the local Women's Basketball competition at Moore Park with the "Gaslight Girlies", which were taken under the wing of NSW legend Anne Clark BEM.

Through the next five years Moira was a reserve player, umpire, Secretary and Chairman of the Scarborough Park Club, was the Moore Park delegate to the NSW Council, before taking up the position of Vice-President of the NSW Executive.

In 1963 Moira moved to St George Group, sparking a long-standing involvement with the Association. Moira was named the foundation President in 1968 when St George Group was voted to be included as a Netball Association, and in the same year took up the Secretary position on the NSW Executive – a position she held for a decade.

Later in life, Moira stated she had three ambitions whilst in the Secretary position – for all Associations and Districts to come under the NSW Women's Basketball Association umbrella; to change the organisation's name to the NSW Netball Association, and; to realise a 20-year dream of a NSW Netball headquarters. History shows Moira was successful in all three aspects, with the Anne Clark Centre opening for business in 1980.

From 1978 to her retirement in 1984, Moira was the Secretary/Treasurer of the All Australia Netball Association. During this time Moira was influential in the national body securing headquarter premises at Martin Place, the first paid Netball Association employee, and the introduction of the first Coaching Director.

Moira's list of accolades include a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, a Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Commemorative Medal, an All Australia Service Award, is both a Netball NSW and St George Life Member, and a recipient of the Anne Clark Service Award.

Hall of Fame – Legend Citation: Anne Sargeant OAM



One of Australia's greatest netball players, Anne Sargeant OAM represented Australia for eleven years from 1978-1988 and captained the Australian Team for six years from 1983-1989.

During her time with the Australian Netball team Anne played in three World Championships; Australia was equal first with Trinidad & Tobago in 1979 and achieved first place in 1983.

Anne retired in 1988 leaving behind a record which will almost certainly never be matched. This included the tour of Wales in 1985 when she captained an undefeated Australian side and posted a career personal best of three consecutive 100% shooting games.

Anne Sargeant was also a member of the NSW State Team from 1978-1988 and captain of the team from 1982 until 1988, in these last eight years leading her team to an impressive four Australian titles.

Anne's outstanding contribution and achievement in netball was further recognised with the award of an Order of Australia in 1988 and in 2003 the award of 'Sydney's greatest Netball player ever'.

Following her retirement from national and international playing Anne has continued to contribute to netball, firstly through coaching both at grassroots and National levels, and subsequently a netball commentator during the Commonwealth Bank Trophy, ANZ Championship and at international test matches.

After being inducted into the Australian Sporting Hall of Fame (1987) and NSW Hall of Champions (1988), Anne has since become the first netball player to be elevated to Legend status in both sporting Hall of Fames in recent times.

* Deceased



Hall of Fame



Anne Clark BEM*
(2004)



Amy Dobbie*
(2004)



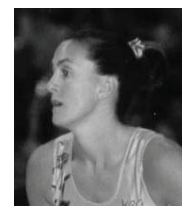
Sue Kenny OAM
(2004)



Anne Sargeant OAM
(2004)



Keeley Devery OAM
(2005)



Carissa Tombs OAM
(2005)



Margaret Corbett OAM
(2006)



Terese Kennedy
(2006)



Maureen Boyle OAM
(2007)



Nicole Cusack
(2007)



Nola Green*
(2008)



Carole Sykes*
(2008)



Margaret Morris*
(2009)



Lois Green
(2009)



Dorothy McHugh
(2010)



Catriona Wagg
(2010)



Marie Dunn OAM*
(2011)



Marjorie Groves AM*
(2011)



Nance Kenny OAM*
(2011)



Neita Matthews OAM
(2011)



Edna Ross*
(2012)



Karan Smith
(2012)



Lisa Beehag
(2011)



Sharon Finnan OAM
(2011)



Elizabeth Ellis AM
(2013)



Barbara Long OAM
(2013)



Edna Pritchard*
(2014)



Helen Mann*
(2014)



Marilyn Melhuish OAM
(2014)



Vicki Kerr
(2014)



Alison Broadbent
(2015)



Evie Carpenter*
(2015)



Selina Gilsenan
(2015)



Moira McGuinness MBE*
(2015)

Netball NSW Life Members

1950	Mary Matheson*	1974	May Hackett MBE*
1952	Edna Ross*	1975	Moria McGuinness MBE*
1964	Margaret Morris*	1978	Pat Weston OAM*
1966	Nance Kenny OAM*	1980	Neita Matthews OAM
1967	Marie Dundon*	1981	Marj Groves AM*
1968	Anne Clark BEM*	1982	Barbara Long OAM
1970	Amy Dobbie*		Margaret Corbett OAM
1970	Dorothy McHugh OAM	1985	Audrey Davis OAM*
1972	Eileen Percy*	1989	Marie Dunn OAM*

2000	Lynn Quinn OAM
2001	Anne Doring OAM
2004	Marilyn Melhuish OAM
2007	Kath Fullagar OAM
2008	Maureen Boyle OAM
2010	Anne Sargeant OAM
2012	Yvonne Richardson

Current Patron

Neita Matthews OAM

Former Patrons

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

* Deceased

Anne Clark BEM Service Awards

1976	Margaret Corbett OAM Jean Gee* Moirá McGuinness MBE*	Sutherland Shire Manly Warringah Sutherland Shire	2002	Pam Guyer June Jarman Yvonne Keegan	Macleay Westlakes Orange
1977	Irene Pychtin Val Curran* Marj Groves* Pam Hall Gai O'Sullivan Joy White (Lister) Edna Jenkin*	Eastwood-Ryde Illawarra & District Sutherland Shire Manly Warringah Eastwood-Ryde Manly Warringah Illawarra & District	2002	Lesley Quinn* Gwen Winsor Carmel Higgins Vera Wiltshire Valda Hampson Estelle Lawler Margaret Burke	Northern Suburbs Manly Warringah Blue Mountains Manly Warringah Woy Woy Liverpool City Sutherland Shire
1978	Barbara Long OAM Neita Matthews OAM Betty Moore Jean Peare OAM* Mavis Shipway* Gladys Waugh*	Liverpool City Eastwood-Ryde Bankstown City Hawkesbury City Sutherland Shire St George	2003	Robyn Bates Laurie Bissaker Roslyn De Luca Colleen Kime Diane Pascoe Helen Andrews Len Burgess Betty Greenaway Rena Spears	Eastwood-Ryde Inner Western Suburbs Manly Warringah Blue Mountains Charlestown St George Hills District Fairfield City Queanbeyan
1979	Evelyn Bywater Agnes Ellis* Molly Smith*	Western Suburbs Sutherland Shire Lakeside	2004	Patricia Yeomans Helen Cane Lynne Middleton Helene Herbert Lesley Morgan*	Parramatta-Auburn Baulkham Hills Orange St George Sutherland Shire
1980	Val Oliver* Kath Whiteley	Illawarra & District Liverpool City	2005	Kay Hodge Cathy Aird Val Bruncker Beverley Dew OAM Kay Smith Rhonda Swindale	Ulladulla Baulkham Hills Kiama Manly Warringah Lower Clarence Ulladulla
1981	Clare Lear*	Illawarra & District	2006	Lesley Milner Beverleen Woodward Margaret Cliff Berwyn Collings Aileen Shutt	Hills District Queanbeyan Manly Warringah Ku-ring-gai Newcastle
1982	Pat Craig Margaret Elder Evelyn Langbein Beatrice Bessell Myra Bradley Maureen Greentree Robyn Kenny Beryl Mooney*	Gosford Baulkham Hills Manly Warringah Hawkesbury City Illawarra & District Sutherland Shire Forbes Tamworth	2007	Cheryl Cairns Cheryl Hamilton Norma Lowe Sandra Marks Myra Zacher Joy Grogan Noni Greentree Robyn Butler Kevin Smith June & Norm* Rogers	Ulladulla Blacktown City Coffs Harbour Westlakes Manly Warringah Ulladulla Newcastle Illawarra & District
1983	Adele Saunders OAM Dot Lockwood June Roby Joan Buttriss* Marie Dunn OAM* Betty McGirr Gai Urquhart	Newcastle Tamworth Westlakes Penrith District Parramatta-Auburn Illawarra Newcastle	2008	Margaret Nolan Ellen Monaghan June Backshall Shirley O'Brien Kate Thornborough Anne Tait Lorraine Everitt Toni Field Pamela Burt Robyn Aitkin Ernita McGrath Vivienne Bertenshaw Helen Dean Marie Caddies Sue Denman	Ulladulla Blacktown City Coffs Harbour Westlakes Manly Warringah Ulladulla Newcastle Illawarra & District Westlakes Newcastle Ballina Ballina Coffs Harbour Inner Western Suburbs Baulkham Hills Northern Suburbs Westlakes Sutherland Shire Dubbo Hawkesbury City Manly Warringah Charlestown Port Stephens Westlakes Armidale Penrith District Eastwood Ryde Baulkham Hills Inner Western Suburbs Charlestown Woy Woy Peninsula Baulkham Hills Shire St George District Shoalhaven Forbes
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1987	Clare Loughland Frances Smith Jill Beckhaus Myrtle Williams* Anne Marie Osborne Ivy Haughey* Margaret McGrath* Sue Mitchell	Manly Warringah Tamworth Penrith District Sutherland Shire Lithgow St George Lakeside Shoalhaven Liverpool City Westlakes Illawarra & District Maitland Charlestown Grafton Bankstown City	2011		
1988	Maureen Long Madeleine Allen Joy Charles Noeline Boyce Irene Murray	Liverpool City Westlakes Illawarra & District Maitland Charlestown Grafton Bankstown City	2012		
1989	Eulalie Hayes Kath Fullagar OAM	Penrith District Northern Suburbs Sutherland Shire Eastwood-Ryde Lakeside Ku-ring-gai Campbelltown Manly Warringah Maitland Gosford Bankstown City Blue Mountains Manly Warringah	2013		
1990	Margaret Smith Joan Burge* Pat Bishop Joan Marscham* Shirley Fitzgerald* Brenda Williams Shirley Connolly Maureen Boyle OAM Barbara Bird Joan Brook Christine Byng* Maureen Goetze Coralie Newman	Penrith District Northern Suburbs Sutherland Shire Eastwood-Ryde Lakeside Ku-ring-gai Campbelltown Manly Warringah Maitland Gosford Bankstown City Blue Mountains Manly Warringah	2014		
1991			2015		

* Deceased

Hornibrook joins NSW greats



Selina Hornibrook with Netball NSW President Wendy Archer AM at the 2015 Netball NSW State Dinner

Selina Hornibrook (nee Gilsenan) is recognised as one of Australia's best defensive midcourters in her playing days; her combination with Alison Broadbent and Liz Ellis AM for both NSW and Australia was revered – and feared – by many netball opponents.

Seven years since Hornibrook hung up the netball shoes, the community is once again recognising her netball achievements with two prestigious Hall of Fame inductions in 2015; the Netball NSW Hall of Fame and NSW Hall of Champions.

Established in 1979 to pay tribute to great athletes from NSW, the Hall of Champions is a sporting hall of fame and museum which has many of Australia's greatest names on its honour roll – names such as Dawn Fraser, Don Bradman, Dally Messenger and Evonne Goolagong-Cawley; sportsmen and women who have been elevated to the realm of national heroes.

As the birthplace of modern Australia, New South Wales has provided the nation with many 'firsts', and laid the foundations for our great sporting traditions. From the first honouree – 1876 sculler Edward Trickett, to pioneering figures such as Fanny Durack, Australia's first female Olympic swimming gold medalist – new inductees are added every year.

Hornibrook became the 10th netballer to be inducted in the NSW Hall of Champions, joining legends such as Anne Sargeant OAM, Carissa Tombs OAM, and her teammates Broadbent and Ellis. Her picture hangs proudly in Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre's Wall of Fame, amongst photographs of over 346 athletes covering 51 different sports – all depicting the memorable moments and moving performances which have inspired us and filled us with wonder.

"It's an amazing honour and quite surreal actually," Hornibrook told Netball NSW following her induction.

"When I got the letter advising me of my induction, initially I just put it on the fridge thinking it can't be real.

"Netball is something I did because I wanted to play a team sport ... I enjoyed it, I loved the girls that I played with, and over the time – year after

year – I seemed to make it into different teams and before I knew it I was playing for the Swifts, and then the Australian Diamonds."

Hornibrook was joined by William Keith Barnes AM (Rugby League), Fiona Crawford (Softball), Stephen Wooldridge OAM (Cycling), and Annie La Fleur (Basketball) as this year's honoured inductees, as well as the elevation of cricket legend Arthur Morris MBE to the Hall of Legends.

NSW Minister for Sport, the Honourable Stuart Ayres MP was present during the ceremony, saying the induction into the Hall of Champions is a prestigious honour.

"This recognition highlights the contribution an athlete had made to their chosen sport and the dedication they have shown in rising to the pinnacle of their sporting profession," Mr Ayres said.

"Each of this year's inductees has set a benchmark for success within their chosen sport, and today's ceremony is welcome recognition of the hard work and sacrifices they have made to achieve their dreams."

NSW Hall of Champions – Netball Honour Roll

Alison Broadbent
Nicole Cusack
Keeley Devery OAM
Liz Ellis AM
Selina Hornibrook
Therese Kennedy
Sue Kenny OAM
Anne Sargeant OAM*
Carissa Tombs OAM
Catriona Wagg OAM

**Anne Sargeant is the only netballer to be elevated into the prestigious NSW Hall of Legends.*

Sargeant honoured as first legend



Anne Sargeant OAM with Netball NSW President Wendy Archer AM at the 2015 Netball NSW State Dinner

Anne Sargeant OAM has dedicated much of her life to netball. First as a player and then as a coach, she has also had stints as a commentator at domestic and international level, and her vast experience and knowledge lends itself to her role of Australian Diamonds selector.

While long revered for her incredible career in which she collected a string of Champions titles, gold medals, fans and accolades, the last 12 months have really put into perspective what a pioneer Sargeant is in New South Wales and Australian netball history.

Having been inducted into the NSW Hall of Champions and Australian Sporting Hall of Fame at the height of her playing career in the late 1980s, Sargeant was elevated into Legend status in both prestigious Hall of Fames in November 2014 (NSW Hall of Legends) and September 2015 (Australian Sporting Hall of Fame). This induction now places Sargeant alongside fellow sporting legends such as Sir Donald Bradman, Reg Gasnier and Evonne Goolagong-Cawley.

In 2015 the former goal shooter also had the honour of becoming Netball NSW's inaugural Hall of Fame Legend after her elevated status was announced at the Netball NSW State Dinner in November.

Welcomed on stage by a standing ovation from those present, Sargeant was typically gracious in accepting the award on behalf of everyone that had an impact on her career; her teammates, her coaches, her friends and her family, particularly Sargeant's parents, husband Warwick and daughter Kendall.

During her on-stage interview with Master of Ceremonies (and former commentary co-host) Steve Robilliard at the announcement of her new Netball NSW Legend status, Sargeant said; "To be honest I'll tell you clearly how I feel; obviously honoured and flattered, and if it means somewhere along the line I've contributed something I'd be thrilled."

"I'm a lucky person... I've had a family who loved and supported me unconditionally... that's been continued by a long-suffering husband and a gorgeous daughter, and a tribe of friends who are here [and] who are like sisters to me.

"That environment really makes you remember that awards like this, they're not [just] about you," Sargeant claimed.

One of Australia's greatest netball players ever, Anne Sargeant OAM represented Australia from 1978-1988, Captaining the side for her last six years (1983-1989).

Prior to retiring in 1989 Sargeant played in three Netball World Cups, in which she claimed two Gold Medals in 1979 and 1983, participated in an undefeated Tour of Wales in 1985 where she also posted a career personal best of three consecutive 100% shooting games.

Sargeant was also an integral member of the NSW Opens Team from 1978-1988 and Captain of the team from 1982 until 1988, in these last eight years leading her team to an impressive four National titles.

Sargeant's outstanding contribution and achievement in netball was further recognised with the Order of Australia Award in 1988 and in 2003 was named 'Sydney's greatest Netball player ever'.

Following her retirement Sargeant has continued to contribute to netball, firstly through coaching both at grassroots and National levels, and subsequently as a netball commenter during the Commonwealth Bank Trophy, ANZ Championship and international test arena.



Marcia Ella-Duncan OAM inducted into Netball Australia Hall of Fame



Marcia Ella-Duncan OAM at the Netball Australia Awards evening.

Australia's first Aboriginal netball representative and Netball NSW Alumni Marcia Ella-Duncan OAM was inducted into the Australian Netball Hall of Fame at the 2015 Australian Netball Awards on Saturday 7 November.

A pioneer in Australian sport, Ella-Duncan represented New South Wales in both the Opens (1984-1987) and 21/U (1981-1983) State Teams, claiming four Championship titles during that period. Ella-Duncan went on to play 18 Tests for Australia after making her international debut against New Zealand in Christchurch in May 1986. Her career included winning a silver medal at the 1987 Netball World Cup in Glasgow, Scotland.

Ella-Duncan was also the first Aboriginal athlete to receive a scholarship to the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

The talented midcourter said the Hall of Fame accolade is the highlight of her career.

"It is both flattering and an incredible honor," Ella-Duncan said. "To be recognised among the most incredible people in the netball community is a wonderful honor and I feel very humbled to be included in that elite group."

"I enjoyed a wonderful career. It wasn't a long career at international level and I've been recognised for a lot of things for my contribution to netball but this does stand out for me personally as a remarkable achievement."

Born and raised in Sydney, Ella-Duncan – a descendant of the Yuin nation on the NSW far south coast – began her netball career as a nine-year-old at the La Perouse Netball Club, playing in a team of girls five years older than her.

The former midcourter has received numerous awards over her career, on and off the court, including an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for services to netball in 1988.

"The sport has given me an opportunity to break the mould and defy my destiny," Ella-Duncan said.

"I have travelled the world, made lifelong friends, developed skills and qualities that have helped me at home, at work and in the broader community."

"Netball is my lifelong sport and I am eternally grateful for what it has given me."

Ella-Duncan continues to combine her loves of sport and championing issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

She is the coaching co-ordinator for the Randwick Netball Association (RNA) in Sydney, coaches the RNA's State League team and founded the Pearlers Netball Club, which provides an inclusive, diverse and supportive netball environment for all its members.

She is also a member of Netball Australia's Working Group who have developed a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).







Official Attendance
10,370
ANZ CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES ALL
SEASON ATTENDANCE RECORD

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Commercial and Communications Overview

What a fantastic year 2015 turned out to be. From our first full year at our new home at Netball Central to more record-breaking attendances and memberships, Netball NSW and the NSW Swifts continue to go from strength to strength.

Highlights

- A record-breaking crowd of 10,370 attended the NSW Swifts v Thunderbirds game at Allphones Arena
- We reached a sell-out 2,700 Swifts memberships for season 2016 – a 23% increase on 2015
- The free to air TV audience of Swifts games increased 31%
- There was a 404% increase of press photo exposures
- The net value of the NSW Swift brand increased 316%
- 51% increase in commercial revenue

Commercial Activities

We have continued to create and build sustainable relationships with our sponsors and supporters. There was a 95% retention rate of Netball NSW and NSW Swifts partners and we saw a 51% increase in commercial revenue in 2015. Our ongoing commercial focus is to ensure that the relationship between Netball NSW and each of our partners is mutually beneficial and results in ongoing positive outcomes. Throughout 2015, our corporate relationship allowed us to reinvest in netball across the state and continue to grow the sport at all levels.

Five new partners signed with Netball NSW during 2015 – 2DayFM (Official Radio Partner), First National Real Estate (Schools Cup Partner), Elastoplast, Coca Cola Amatil and DFO Homebush. We are also pleased to confirm that the Sydney Boulevard Hotel, the Kids Cancer Project (Official Charity Partner), Gilbert, Courtcraft, Finish With The Right Stuff, Boscobear and Telstra renewed as partners at the conclusion of the 2015 season.

Our charitable activities throughout the year, in conjunction with our wonderful Netball Associations who took part in Crazy Sock and Hair Day amongst other activities, raised approximately \$50,000 for the Kids Cancer Project.

Our partners are highly valued members of the Netball NSW and NSW Swifts family and we would like to extend our thanks for a wonderful 2015 and appreciate the superb support they provide.

Memberships and Ticketing

The NSW Swifts enjoyed the ongoing support of our members and fans and this was reflected in a rise in ticket sales, with a total of 29,947 people watching the home games in 2015. We also broke another ANZ Championship attendance record in 2015 with 10,370 fans attending the NSW Swifts v Thunderbirds game at Allphones Arena. This beat last year's record of 10,118. The passion and dedication of our fans continues to amaze us.

Memberships for 2016 went on sale in August 2015, and saw a 91% retention rate of existing members. The remaining memberships (including a 23% increase on 2015, capped 2700 members) sold out in seven hours of going on general sale.

Social and Digital Media

Throughout 2015, Netball NSW continued to roll out our successful digital strategy to grow and enhance our reach to players and fans. This high frequency, below the line communication campaign was implemented across the organisation to support the goals of:

- Increasing crowd attendances at NSW Swifts home games in 2015
- Increasing awareness of Association-related information on the Netball NSW website
- Increasing awareness of a range of Sports Development competitions and programs
- Promotion of Netball NSW Events held at Netball Central
- Fulfilment of commercial partnerships through media exposure, generation of publications and marketing collateral, player appearances, digital and social media activity plus photography services.

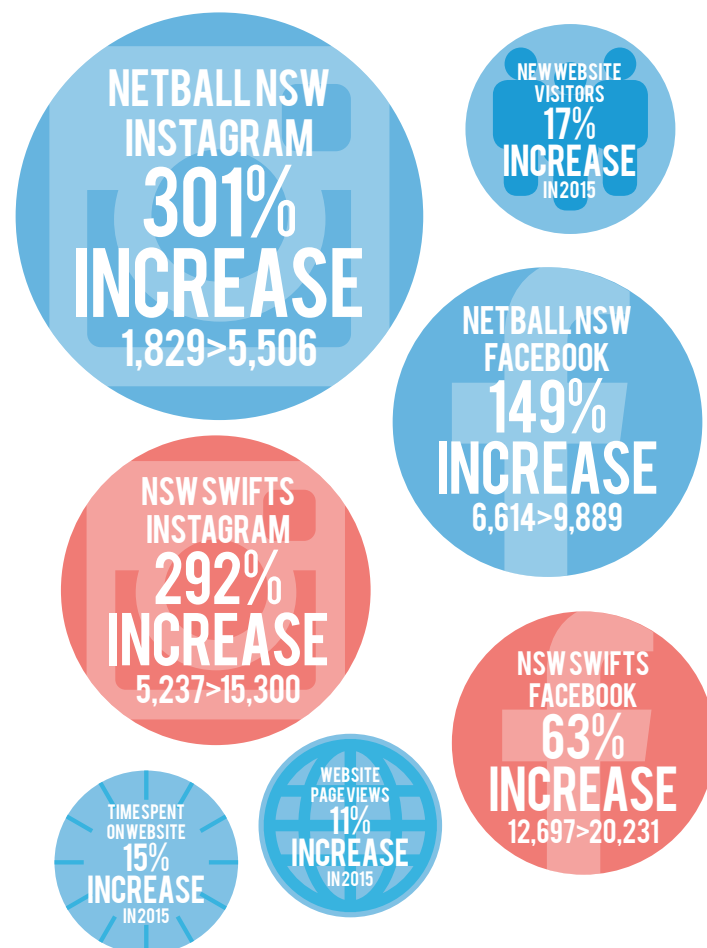
This strategy included the development and launch of new websites for the NSW Swifts and Netball Central.

The new Swifts website was designed to better reflect our vibrant brand, while the new Netball Central website offers a one stop shop for all information and enquiries relating to the new facility.

Website traffic continues to be strong and, as an organisation, Netball NSW has spent much of 2015 concentrating on the ways fans and members access news and information, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and e-newsletters. As we further consolidate our social media strategy in 2016 we will start to see a more even distribution in our statistics across our entire portfolio.

In addition to the new and revamped websites, we have also renewed the look and feel of NSWSwiftsTV and NetballNSWTV, as well as Netball NSW and NSW Swifts electronic data management systems. The new look aligns closely with the vision for our brand and the accessibility for viewers.

Social Media Highlights



Branding

Throughout 2015, we consolidated the Netball NSW rebrand that was implemented in 2014 and continued to run this throughout the organisation and all related programs.

Specifically, we focused on driving the brand of the NSW Swifts in 2015 through a variety of mediums, with the purpose of increasing awareness, highlighting our players as role models and increasing the exposure of netball within NSW. The net value of the NSW Swifts brand rose 316% by the conclusion of 2015.





2015 Netball NSW Premier League announcement in June 2015

Media Coverage

Netball NSW and NSW Swifts media coverage saw significant increase in 2015. Free to air audience of NSW Swifts games rose 33%, making the NSW Swifts the most-watched ANZ Championship team.

The media's interest and coverage of the NSW Swifts continued to grow, with a 404% increase in total press photo exposures. We had significant gains in mainstream sports media with Sharni Layton appearing as a guest on the Wide World of Sports, and the Big Sports Breakfast interviewing a NSW Swift every fortnight. Fox Sports News also had a NSW Swift player or coach appear live in their studio every fortnight. We also enjoyed coverage on 2GB and the Macquarie Radio Network (news bulletins).

In print media, the Daily Telegraph approached the NSW Swifts about being involved in their award winning "Fair Go For the West" 2015 campaign. Paige Hadley was part of this high profile initiative. The Daily Telegraph and the Sydney Morning Herald ran a minimum of two NSW Swifts stories a week (in season), not including a match report.

Netball NSW continued to generate news content and gained coverage for grassroots programs, competitions and events and athlete achievements. The ongoing coverage continued to promote netball as the number one sport for girls and women. This included growing local media support and increased coverage in local papers and radio stations.

New Competitions Preparation

Premier League

Netball NSW announced the commencement of the Netball NSW Premier League (NNSWPL) in June 2015.

The NNSWPL, which will commence in 2016, is a new competition to attract the best current and emerging talent within NSW. It will offer a local, elite platform for players, coaches, officials and administrators, and provide bridging opportunities to the Australian Netball League (ANL) and subsequent ANZ Championship.

Netball NSW completed significant work in preparation for the 2016 launch, with eight licensees offered an entry to the competition:

- UTS St George
- Sutherland Stingrays
- Panthers (including Penrith, Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury)
- Manly Warringah Sapphires
- ERNA Hawks
- GWS Fury (Blacktown)
- North Shore United (including Ku-ring-gai and Northern Suburbs)
- Central Coast (including Gosford, Wyong District and Woy Woy Peninsula)

The platform will allow growth of many areas of the sport both on and off the field of play, creating an exciting, developmental stage for players, administrators, umpires coaches and bench officials.

DOOLEYS Metro League

DOOLEYS State League underwent a full review in 2015 and, as a result, will be known as DOOLEYS Metro League in 2016.

Sixty teams will participate in Metro League in 2016. These will be divided into six divisions of 10 teams. The weekly competition will be held across three nights, with teams contesting 18 rounds plus finals.

The Status Point System used in the DOOLEYS State League has been abolished. In 2016 the teams will compete under a Promotion/Regulation System – the two teams who finish top the ladder will be promoted to the division above in 2017, while the bottom two will be dropped to the lower division.

State Championship Masters

The State Championship Masters will also see a change in 2016 as a result of a 2015 review. Traditionally held over the June long weekend annually as part of the State Championships in 2016, the State Championships Masters Divisions have been moved to a stand-alone weekend for the first time.

The 2016 State Championships Masters will be held on the weekend of 21 and 22 May 2016 at Netball Central with 24 teams competing in two age divisions – Over 35 Years and Over 40 Years.

State Cup

Throughout 2015, we prepared for the inaugural Netball NSW State Cup to be held on 24–25 September 2016 at Netball Central. The State Cup will see 24 teams competing against each in the Opens age group. The top 17 Metro League teams and the seven Regional League winners will qualify for the competition. Twenty-four teams will compete in two pools before being split into three divisions to play for the Championship Cup, Plate and Bowl.

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Directors' report

For the year ended 31 December 2015

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 2015 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
J Drakos	Keats Street Services Keats Street Property & Events	Director	Elected 25 March 2012
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
C Feldmanis	Delta Electricity Perpetual Equity Investment Company Ltd Uniting Financial Services Limited Feldmanis & Associates Pty Ltd Bell Asset Management Ltd Crown Holiday Parks Trust	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 Resigned 4 May 2015
C Murphy	Proqual Property Services P/L Proqual Super Fund Proqual Unit Trust	Director	Director since 07 March 2009
L Sullivan	Nil	Director	Appointed since 5 May 2015
R Watson	Nil	Director	Director since 29 March 2003

Directors' report (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2015

2. Directors' meetings

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

Director	BOARD MEETINGS	
	Number of Meetings Attended	Number of Meetings Held *
W Archer AM	9	9
C Campbell	8	9
J Drakos (previously Bothwell)	9	9
C Feldmanis	9	9
J Hahn	7	9
R Havrlant	9	9
C McCormack	2	2
C Murphy	7	9
L Sullivan	7	7
R Watson	8	9

* 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;
- ☐ Financial Forecasts and Budgets approved by the Directors; and
- ☐ Court usage levels at Netball Central for netball competitions, training and development programs and also non-netball activity

5. Operating and financial review

The profit from operating activities before depreciation and amortisation expenses and financing income amounted to \$268,690 (2014: \$32,422,954). The loss from ordinary activities after tax for the year amounted to \$1,416,217 (2014: \$32,392,887 profit). Revenue from affiliation and capitation fees (including NetSetGo registration income) amounted to \$5,881,406 compared with \$5,819,941 for the prior year (previously stated as \$5,039,559 which was after the Netball Australia Annual Contribution had been deducted).

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 2015

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

The Company executed its ninety-nine year lease for Netball Central with the Sydney Olympic Park Authority during the year.

The Company also finalised all matters in relation to its contract with Probuild Constructions (Aust) Pty Ltd in relation to the construction of Netball Central.

A twenty-five year Asset Management Plan (Plan) for Netball Central was compiled during the year and the Plan was lodged and accepted by the Sydney Olympic Park Authority. The Plan details a twenty-five year life cycle cost plan for the facility and includes an indicative capital investment and maintenance schedule. As required by the Plan the Company has established a Sinking Fund bank account on behalf of the Sydney Olympic Park Authority and per the schedule in the Plan will be required to make annual contributions to the Sinking Fund which can only be used for major repairs and asset replacement expenditure. The Company anticipates making its first contribution to the Sinking Fund during the 2016 year.

In January 2015, the Company finalised a Deed of Surrender with the Auburn City Council for its lease of the Anne Clark Centre at Lidcombe.

Directors' report (continued)

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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

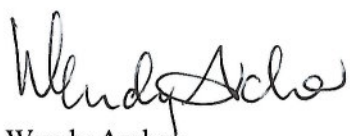
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13. Lead auditor's independence declaration

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 2015.

This report is made with a resolution of the directors:

Dated at Sydney this 16th day of February 2016.



Wendy Archer
President



Christine Feldmanis
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 2015 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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Partner

Sydney

16th day of February 2016

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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 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Revenue from Netball Central Project		420,043	32,512,867
Revenue from rendering of services	6	9,801,640	8,957,643
Revenue from sale of goods		11,355	14,009
Total revenue		10,233,038	41,484,519
Cost of goods sold		(4,500)	(2,801)
Employee expenses	5	(3,918,893)	(3,639,595)
Administration expenses		(652,826)	(494,048)
Netball Australia - Annual Contribution, NetSetGO Kits and MyNetball expenses		(1,093,022)	(1,247,509)
Insurance expense		(586,193)	(552,277)
Netball Central operating expenses (Anne Clark Centre)		(390,126)	(197,529)
Coaching, umpiring and sports development expenses		(285,827)	(320,476)
Competition and events (Non-Swifts) expenses		(578,148)	(667,364)
Sports Development Grant Expenses		(31,790)	(47,908)
High Performance - ANL, State Teams and Academy expenses		(329,640)	(324,148)
High Performance - NSW Swifts Expenses		(660,854)	(580,443)
NSW Swifts membership, ticketing & events expenses		(449,975)	(338,156)
Sponsorship, marketing and media expenses		(280,798)	(308,489)
Netball Central development expenses		(681,728)	(340,822)
Loss on disposal of Property, plant & equipment		(20,028)	-
Earnings from operating activities before financing income and depreciation and amortisation		268,690	32,422,954
Depreciation & amortisation		(1,754,532)	(161,353)
Results from operating activities		(1,485,842)	32,261,601
Financing income		69,625	131,286
Net Finance income	8	69,625	131,286
Net (loss) / profit for the period		(1,416,217)	32,392,887
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period		(1,416,217)	32,392,887

The statement of profit or loss and other 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 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Retained earnings opening balance 1 January	35,744,591	3,351,704
(Loss) / profit for the period	(1,416,217)	32,392,887
Total comprehensive income for the period	(1,416,217)	32,392,887
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity	-	-
Retained earnings closing balance 31 December	34,328,374	35,744,591

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 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	1,781,865	3,395,019
Trade and other receivables	10	520,867	141,804
Inventories		16,919	7,192
Other	11	279,330	80,912
Total current assets		<u>2,599,103</u>	<u>3,624,927</u>
Property, plant and equipment	12	<u>34,684,955</u>	<u>33,770,634</u>
Total non-current assets		<u>34,684,955</u>	<u>33,770,634</u>
Total assets		<u>37,284,058</u>	<u>37,395,561</u>
Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	13	1,758,879	702,131
Loans and borrowings		69,036	-
Provisions	14	682,292	672,209
Employee benefits	15	159,303	196,285
Total current liabilities		<u>2,669,510</u>	<u>1,570,625</u>
Loans and borrowings		223,840	-
Employee benefits	15	62,334	80,345
Total non-current liabilities		<u>286,174</u>	<u>80,345</u>
Total liabilities		<u>2,955,684</u>	<u>1,650,970</u>
Net assets		<u>34,328,374</u>	<u>35,744,591</u>
Members' funds			
Retained profits		<u>34,328,374</u>	<u>35,744,591</u>
Total members' funds		<u>34,328,374</u>	<u>35,744,591</u>

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 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash receipts from customers, members and sponsors		10,388,416	8,839,435
Cash paid to suppliers and employees		(10,386,137)	(8,546,895)
Net cash from/ (used) operating activities		<u>2,279</u>	<u>292,540</u>
 Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		69,625	131,286
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		59,358	-
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(1,744,416)	(948,858)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(1,615,433)</u>	<u>(817,572)</u>
 Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(1,613,154)	(525,032)
 Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		<u>3,395,019</u>	<u>3,920,051</u>
 Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	9	<u>1,781,865</u>	<u>3,395,019</u>

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 16 February 2016.

(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

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.



The New South Wales Netball Association Limited

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

3. Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements. Certain comparative amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.

(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.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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:

	2015	2014
Buildings	25 years	25 years
Cafe Fit-out	5 years	N/A
Furniture and fittings	5-11 years	5-11 years
Equipment	3-11years	3-11years
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.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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.

The New South Wales Netball Association Limited

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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.

(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.

(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.

The New South Wales Netball Association Limited

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(k) Goods and services tax (continued)

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.

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

	2015 \$	2014 \$
5. Employee expenses		
Wages and salaries	3,273,945	3,051,930
Superannuation contributions	314,382	304,805
(Decrease)/Increase in provision	(54,993)	(8,782)
Payroll tax	203,537	164,548
Fringe benefits tax	177,022	117,549
Directors' fees	5,000	9,545
	3,918,983	3,639,595
6. Revenue from rendering of services		
Affiliation, capitation and NetSetGo fees	5,881,406	5,819,941
Sports Development Grants income	231,579	233,133
Sponsorship income	997,177	718,784
Netball Central income (Anne Clark Centre)	698,857	177,100
Umpiring, coaching and sports development income	398,414	359,725
Competitions and events income (Non-Swifts)	627,890	719,242
High Performance - ANL, State Teams and Academies income	57,521	58,404
Trans Tasman Trophy grant and royalties	367,850	368,749
NSW Swifts membership, ticketing and events income	523,165	430,773
Other income	17,781	71,792
	9,801,640	8,957,643
7. Auditor's remuneration		
Audit services		
<i>KPMG</i>		
Audit and review of financial reports	25,534	24,000
	25,534	24,000
Other services		
<i>KPMG</i>		
Other assurance services	8,830	2,498
	8,830	2,498
8. Net financing income		
Interest income	77,109	131,286
Financial income	77,109	131,286
Financial expenses	(7,484)	-
Net financing income	69,625	131,286

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

9. Cash and cash equivalents

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Cash at bank and on hand	170,689	193,883
Deposits at call	1,611,176	3,201,136
	<u>1,781,865</u>	<u>3,395,019</u>

10. Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables	520,867	141,804
	<u>520,867</u>	<u>141,804</u>

11. Other assets

Prepayments	209,330	80,912
BBX Trade Dollars	31,958	-
Contra Asset	38,163	-
	<u>279,451</u>	<u>80,912</u>

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

12. Property, Plant and Equipment

Cost	Buildings	Café Fit-Out	Furniture and fittings	Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Intangible Asset	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 Jan 2015	33,544,068	-	30,456	438,997	165,611	26,100	34,205,232
Transfer	(438,508)	-	171,261	267,247	-	-	-
Additions	2,300,778	153,994	25,857	110,647	136,937	-	2,728,213
Disposals	-	-	(12,780)	(78,366)	(96,088)	-	(187,234)
Write-Offs	-	-	(14,549)	(77,453)	-	-	(92,002)
Balance at 31 Dec 2015	35,406,338	153,994	200,245	661,072	206,460	26,100	36,654,209

Depreciation and impairment losses

Balance at 1 Jan 2015	51,465	-	24,182	245,393	113,559	-	434,599
Transfer	(17,493)	-	6,850	10,643	-	-	-
Depreciation for the year	1,534,030	13,038	22,150	122,428	54,274	8,613	1,754,533
Disposals	-	-	(12,780)	(78,366)	(77,601)	-	(168,747)
Write-Offs	-	-	(11,162)	(39,969)	-	-	(51,131)
Impairment Reversal on Asset							
Balance at 31 Dec 2015	1,568,002	13,038	29,240	260,129	90,232	8,613	1,969,254

Carrying amounts

At 1 January 2015	33,492,604	-	6,273	193,604	52,052	26,100	33,770,634
At 31 December 2015	33,838,336	140,956	171,005	400,943	116,228	17,487	34,684,955



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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

	2015 \$	2014 \$
13. Trade and other payables		
Trade payables	176,921	183,720
Other payables and accrued expenses	909,642	72,144
Income Received in Advance	672,316	446,267
	<u>1,758,879</u>	<u>702,131</u>

14. Provisions

Netball Australia Annual Contribution Fee liability	682,292	672,209
	<u>682,292</u>	<u>672,209</u>

The Netball Australia annual contribution fee liability is based on an agreed fixed component of \$672,209 with annual increases of CPI or 5% whichever is lower. This current arrangement for the annual contribution fee is in place for the years 2015 to 2017 and will be reviewed prior to the end of the 2017 calendar year. The annual contribution covers NSW members in the senior, junior, non-player and player with a disability (PWD) membership categories. 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	113,099	196,285
Liability for long service leave	46,204	-
	<u>159,303</u>	<u>196,285</u>
Non-current		
Liability for long service leave	62,334	80,345
	<u>62,334</u>	<u>80,345</u>

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 Netball Central, Sydney Olympic Park, Australia.

17. Operating leases

Leases as lessee

Non-cancellable operating lease rentals are payable as follows:

Less than one year	44,459	75,629
Between one and five years	177,638	266,205
More than five years	2,510,613	2,586,242
	<u>2,732,710</u>	<u>2,928,076</u>

In January 2015, the Company finalised a Deed of Surrender with the Auburn City Council for its lease of the Anne Clark Centre at Lidcombe. The Company executed its ninety-nine year lease for Netball Central with the Sydney Olympic Park Authority during the year.

The New South Wales Netball Association Limited

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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 Resigned 4 May 2015

C Murphy

L Sullivan Appointed since 5 May 2015

R Watson

Executives

M Anderson GM Corporate Services

D Brown GM Sports Development (Interim role completed 9 March 2015)

R Drinkwater GM High Performance (Commenced 9 March 2015 Completed employment 30 July 2015)

A Longman GM High Performance (Commenced 24 August 2015)

N Horton GM Sports Development (Recommended role 9 March 2015) and GM High Performance (Interim role completed 9 March 2015)

T Prosser-Shaw GM Commercial and Communications

M. Simpson GM Strategy and Governance

R Wright NSW Swifts Head Coach

Key management personnel compensation

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

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	913,681	990,094

The New South Wales Netball Association Limited

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

	2015 \$	2014 \$
18. Related parties (continued)		
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	(8,000)	(7,500)
Goods purchased from Cartridge World NSW & Parramatta, a director-related entity of C Campbell	22,019	19,588

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.

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

19. 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.

20. 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 2015 there were 114,872 members (2014: 113,030 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 2015 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:



Wendy Archer
President



Christine Feldmanis
Director

Dated at Sydney this 16th day of February 2016

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

Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of New South Wales Netball Association Limited (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2015, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, notes 1 to 20 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.



Independent auditor's report to the members of New South Wales Netball Association Limited (continued)

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 New South Wales Netball Association Limited 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 2015 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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Cameron Roan
Partner

Sydney

16 February 2016

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