

NETBALL WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY
CENTRE Breakout

PURPOSE OF THE FORUM

- Information sharing
- Finding solutions
- Sharing ideas
- Connecting community with High performance
- Networking
- Learning
- Same as all above
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What we liked about the information we received this morning?

- Clear lines/vision from the top
- Open connection between the zone and centres
- Great to see fee structure and comparisons
- Good transparency
- Information coming through is good to align centres with NNZ and Zone
- Helpful to see the Budget structure
- Good to see where fee differences and what the centres are getting back for those so can feed this back to their members
- For new ones a good reminder on the support of the Zone that is available
- Reassurance on the links with NNZ to Zone to Centre on player, coach, umpire development
- Info about NNZ programmes and how they link to the Zone
- Info about fees
- Good to see all that has been achieved this year

Messages to Zone/NNZ

- Be good to see **magic players in the community**, allowing community to buy into the culture, possibly increasing ticket sales for games but also role-modelling for our players. Further to this - A preformatted player appearance request form could be available on the website along with player availability times.
- **Higher level coaches available to the coaching community** too. More practical coaching opportunities (informals) to build coaches confidence to then attend the NNZ modules
- **Support of centres** to be timely, flexible AND realistic for centre capabilities, one size doesn't fit all *Umpire Assessments. Happy with the support they are being offered from Zone Staff
- **NNZ to see the big picture**, to continue consultation
- **Communication with the Zone**, lots of the same emails coming from all directions. Can subject matter include "Priority and/or who email relates to ie: umpire, coach". Centres reminded about names of key people being supplied to the Zone. Requested that this information then to be shared out to the centres. Felt they didn't get enough about the Zone Tournament would have liked more updates on results or reminder on events coming up.
Sometimes getting same email from several staff. Suggestion that if Centres appointed Coach and Umpire Coordinators this info could go directly to them.

Happy with the nominated contacts getting the information.

Website – more up to date with umpire and relevant information

- **Calendar setting** a deadline of 1st December at a centre meeting would be helpful, the AGM is also a good time but too late for us in the Zone due to it being in March. Those there believe there is not issue in getting it done the year before. Have a preferred option A and second option B for tournament dates. A wider advertisement of what centres are hosting development wise for coaches and umpires, as may work for some to attend elsewhere. Agreed that all Centres could get dates to Ruth by 15 December 2014.
- **Year 6 reps** school competition v yr. 6 rep teams, some adamant it works for them due to the rural nature of their schools and not being able to make up a year 6 team. If it works why change it and asks netball NNZ “what’s wrong with it” Mixed response to this one, similar answer to above some schools too small to put a year 6 team in but like the idea of have more participation opportunities.
- **KiwiSport** alignment with RSO and the local sport so providers are promoting the same fundamental skills or aware of the changes within netball
- **Junior Netball** Resources were great, a lot of nervousness about yr 3 – 4, just got their head around yr. 1 – 2, more selection of games for sessions, a lot of discussion around star helper training and the time it takes to get helpers trained but they are so transient. Gisborne highlighted their situation nicely to support Junior Netball. Lots of positives about Junior Netball excited about the roll out but still unsure on the volunteer availability to deliver
- **Zone Events** there is so much on at the end of the season so made for a difficult time to get SS teams there. U15s really enjoyed it. Hamilton Opens involved in Super 14 so didn’t want another tournament. Conflict of dates was confusing for people and annoying for centres who had calendar conflicts. There is a place for it but timing paramount, maybe a one day tournament rather than 3 weekends in a row and not in conflict with centre tournaments. Didn’t really understand the concept behind these wanting more information. Felt that Hamilton City over road with the Super 12 league. Look at the pricing of Zone entry fee for tournament. Some felt they weren’t getting value for money, make it more affordable to help encourage more teams to enter. Some Centres had their own interschool prep league (discussed that this didn’t really match UNISS as 1 off games) so was a bit of overload. Too close to UNISS. Maybe 2 weeks rather than 3.

Positives/Worked well

- Tokoroa - No rain outs this year
- Taupo - Umpire lines painted on by council and new umpires wearing bright pink vests which seems to have reduced the side-line abuse they have had in previous years
- HCNC – compulsory coach development at start of season in lieu of 2 game weeks
- Gisborne – got more umpires trained with flexibility of zone staff sharing the travelling load, have loved the zone support
- Te Awamutu – thanked the zone and namely Ruth for the support of their newly formed cluster for U17s. It was successful and they are excited about the progression for their players for future years. Gave them feedback that I had heard great things from parents of players involved about the great job they had done.
- Taumarānui - 2 new courts, went from 30 injuries at the end of last season to just 3 this season, very happy with the new tops, and the fact that the council paid for them.

- Thames Valley - Emerging talent day 2nd time running and had 87 players attend from all 8 centres. Thank you to the Zone for arranging for Sam Sinclair to attend the day and for the use of the Monzie outfit. They were a great hit. Also first year of entering a Lion Foundation team, very excited about the talent they have and the success of their Pre-Season Tournament attended by 6 teams, great day and look forward to hosting another one next season.
- Te Aroha – Junior Netball programme a great success 55 players participated in the 10 weeks.
- Te Puke – They have a new committee of 5, so junior netball will continue for years to come. They are building from the begging again with new faces trying to get their head around it all. First time they had put a Rep team together this season for a number of years, great opportunity for their players to experience netball against different players.
- Otorohanga – Umpires level has been maintained by the support of some key members. Also Junior Netball great success for them this season.
- Opotiki – Junior Netball a great success for them this season and developing their coach education opportunities, working hard to increase this for next season. Celebration and Farewell of their Patron Molly, grateful for all her help and advice over the years, also the development of their young rep teams.
- Mercury Bay – To become an affiliated centre! Excited to have the support and guidance of the Zone and NNZ. Joining their Senior and junior competitions back together, having the ability to offer both for not only the secondary school students but for the wider community of women on a social level. Junior netball a great success for them also.
- Hamilton City – competition re structure – spreading competition across several days of the week, some initial resistance but has been very successful. More access to warm up areas, eases congestion, less hazards. Allowances for team travel times.
- Rotorua – delivered a very successful Holiday programme (year 3-8) invited to run the programme at Taumaranui – very successful 105 registrations. Also ever growing Kuranai Tournament.
- Whakatane – collective direction, unity of committee and members – everyone on the same page has made programmes easy to run and successful.
- Harbourside – identified the need to increase volunteer base, energy put in to Umpire Group to develop and support umpires through the process. This accommodated the growth of teams and ensures capability.