

# 2015 Netball NSW Council Minutes



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## NEW SOUTH WALES NETBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

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Held on Saturday 14 November 2015  
at Netball Central, Sydney Olympic Park

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**Present:**

**Directors:** W. Archer AM, C. Murphy, J. Hahn, R. Havrlant, R. Watson, C. Feldmanis, L. Sullivan,  
C. Campbell (CEO)

**Delegates:**

K. McMahon (Armidale)	J. Gates (Armidale)
V. Riseham (Bankstown)	W. Chesterton (Bankstown)
M. O'Callaghan (Baulkham Hills)	L. Cunico (Baulkham Hills)
S. Marks (Blacktown)	K. Booth (Blacktown)
J. Walker (Blue Mountains)	J. O'Donnell (Blue Mountains)
M. Burke (Brunswick Byron)	S. Connolly (Campbelltown)
A. Stewart (Campbelltown)	D. Pascoe (Charlestown)
G. Geyer (Charlestown)	S. Simpson (City of Sydney)
S. Dawes (City of Sydney)	S. Rumbel (Dungog)
J. Watt (Eastwood Ryde)	D. Bills (Eastwood Ryde)
C. Baiton (Fairfield)	J. Occhiuto (Fairfield)
S. Gribble (Gosford)	J. Myers (Gosford)
J. Webster (Grafton)	J. Small (Gunnedah)
T. Sutcliffe (Gunnedah)	K. Austin (Hastings Valley)
T. Chalk (Hawkesbury)	V. Bertenshaw (Hawkesbury)
L. Burgess OAM (Hills)	J. Thompson (Hills)
K. Halcrow (Inner West)	L. Blackmore (Inner West)
T. Beedles (Kiama)	A. Margalit (Ku-Ring-Gai)
N. Hermann (Ku-Ring-Gai)	G. Mayers (Lakeside)
B. Dew (Lismore)	E. Lawler (Liverpool)
K. Whiteley (Liverpool)	K. Lambley (Macleay)
S. Way (Macleay)	N. Stobbs (Maitland)
B. Bird (Maitland)	H. Dean (Manly Warringah)
M. Hauser (Manly Warringah)	C. Young (Mt Druitt)
L. Wilcox (Nelson Bay)	G. Urquhart (Nelson Bay)
A. Saunders OAM (Newcastle)	F. Monaghan (Newcastle)
J. Gage (Northern Suburbs)	M. Paterson (Northern Suburbs)
P. Wilson (Orange)	S. Wilson (Orange)
L. Welfare (Parramatta Auburn)	K. Higgins (Parramatta Auburn)
J. Gillett OAM (Penrith)	J. Ebelt (Penrith)
J. Cassar (Port Stephens)	M. Kelly (Randwick)
F. Reynolds (Randwick)	K. Rembisz (Shoalhaven)
W. Klein (Shoalhaven)	M. Caddies (Singleton)
L. Mina (St George)	H. Andrews (St George)
M. Bettini (Sutherland)	J. McLachlan (Sutherland)
D. Lockwood (Tamworth)	K. Sweeney (Tamworth)
I. Smith (Taree)	J. Kennewell (Taree)

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M. Allen (Westlakes)  
M. McRae (Woy Woy)  
F. Passmore (Wyong)

M. Chilvers (Westlakes)  
M. Thoms (Woy Woy)

Life Members: L. Quinn OAM  
A. Doring OAM

M. Corbett OAM  
N. Matthews OAM

Observers: J. Kavanagh  
M. Neale  
A. Hobbs  
C. Davis

J. Sozou  
M. Latham  
J. Jamieson

Returning Officer: M. Anderson

President declared the meeting open at 10.10am and did acknowledgment of Country.

## (a) Apologies

**MOVED:** Blue Mountains **Seconded:** Blacktown that apologies for the Extra Ordinary meeting of Council held earlier today also be accepted for Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

## Announcements W. Archer AM (President)

- Our condolences have been extended to:
  - The families of Gladys Waugh OAM, Nance Kenny OAM and Carole Sykes – women who in their own right left an indelible mark on our sport.
  - The Dunbar family on the loss of their Dad, Ross, who was the husband of Judy Dunbar. The Dunbar family have been very strong supporters of netball for a long period of time and have always attended the State Dinner to present the Judy Dunbar Media Awards.
- Wish to acknowledge quite a number of members who have achieved great heights since we last met - our congratulations have been extended to the following people:
  - Megan Anderson on gaining her “Elite” coaching accreditation.
  - “Advanced” coaching accreditation has been achieved by Nerida Stewart, Heather Smith, Rachelle Watson and Virginia Welsh.
  - Sarah Hay on gaining her National A umpiring badge.
  - Monique Smith on gaining her National A umpiring badge.
  - Liana Sedgers on gaining her National A umpiring badge.
  - Helen Dolbel and Emma Davey on re-endorsement of National A umpiring badges.
  - The following umpires were involved in umpiring at the pre-World Netball Cup training camps – Bronwen Adams, Rusi Bainivalu, Emma Burgess, Hayley Burgess, Emma Davey, Alex Hernando, Rebecca McKinnon, Kylie Mulcare, Liana Sedgers, Stewart Ting, Tara Warner.
  - The following umpires were appointed to the 2015 Australian Schoolgirls Championships as Coaches – Bronwen Adams, Maureen Stephenson, Tara Warner; and as umpires – Emma Corfield, Tayla Favell, Sarah Hay, Renee Marshall, Michael Rudd, Liana Sedgers, Ty Simpson, Thomas Turner, Tamara Welsford.
  - Bench Official appointments
    - to the ANZ Championship – Sam Dawes, Ruth Havrlant, Yvonne Richardson, Lynn Quinn OAM,

Trish Mann

- to the ANL – Lyn Bonnett, Trish Mann, Judy Burns, Louise Newton, Sam Dawes, Ruth Havrlant and Yvonne Richardson as Mentors, shadow bench officials who were mentored by Lynn Quinn OAM and Helen Andrews were Dianne Ward, Karen Wilson, Jayne Occhiuto, Margot Paterson, Brian Cooper

- to the Under Age National Championships were Helen Andrews, Lyn Bonnett, Judy Burns, Brian Cooper, Kim Corderoy, Bev Dew, Robin Glennan, Ruth Havrlant, Jayne Occhiuto, Margot Paterson, Karen Pepper, Yvonne Richardson, Maria Rigor, Dianne Ward, Karen Wilson.

- o National Bench accreditation was achieved by Margot Paterson and Brian Cooper.
  - o Ruth Havrlant was appointed to the Bronze Medal game of Netball World Cup as a bench official.
  - o Australian Selectors – Anne Sargeant OAM Australian Diamonds, Lenore Blades Australian 17 and Under Squad, Maria Lynch Australian Under 19 Squad.
  - o Umpires appointed to Under Age Nationals – Sarah Hay, Haydn Mackay, Rebecca McKinnon, Tamara Welsford.
  - o ANL appointed umpires – Bronwen Adams, Hayley Burgess, Emma Davey, Michelle Phippard, Tara Warner
  - o Five of the seven ANZ Championship umpires from NSW – Rachel Ayre, Helen George, Sharon Kelly, Clare McCabe, Michelle Phippard with Sharon officiating for 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive ANZ Championship grand final.
  - o We had a number of NSW and Swifts athletes spread across all of the National Teams and Squads:
    - Diamonds – Erin Bell, Ashleigh Brazill, Kimberlee Green, April Letton, Kim Ravallion, Gabi Simpson, Paige Hadley, Susan Pettitt, Julie Corletto, Sharni Layton, Caitlin Thwaites. Kimberlee Green and Julie Corletto, as well as former NSW Swift Rebecca Bulley, announcing their retirements from international netball.
- Kimberlee completed her international career as Australian Vice Captain with 74 test caps, 2 World Cup Gold Medals (2011 and 2015) and a Commonwealth Gold Medal (2014) and a Silver Medal (2010).
- o We had two retirements from the Umpires Operating Panel earlier this year and I would like to acknowledge and thank Alan Melville and Rachel Hughes for the work they have done in this area.
  - o Kristiana Manu'a was elevated to the Diamonds 2015-16 Squad.
  - o Ashleigh Brazill, April Letton, Kristiana Manu'a, Abbey McCulloch, Gabi Simpson and Stephanie Wood were included in the Future Diamonds Focus Camp with Megan Anderson and Mo'onia Gerrard attending as specialist coaches in shooting and defence respectively.
  - o Toni Anderson, Kaitlyn Bryce, Taylah Davies, Maddy Turner are part of the Centre of Excellence Residential programs at the AIS.
  - o Australian 19 and Under – Toni Anderson, Kiera Austin, Claire O'Brien, Amy Parmenter.
  - o Australian 17 and Under – Demi Evans, Tayla Fraser, Veronika Jukic, Kristen Kessler, Lauren Moore, Teigan O'Shannassy, Laura Towell.
  - o Our NSW Swifts completed their ANZ season Runners Up by a nail-biter.
  - o Waratahs finished 5<sup>th</sup> on a goal percentage.
  - o 21s finish 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - o 19s finished as National Champions defeating Victoria in extra time.
  - o 17s finished Runners Up.
  - o Our wonderful Marie Little OAM Shield Team finished Champions – undefeated in 5 matches.

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- Note the retirement of Sharon Kelly who retired from all forms of umpiring after the Bronze Medal game – an outstanding career. Sharon marked for 100<sup>th</sup> test this past season, has umpired at 5 Commonwealth Games and 4 Netball World Cups, officiated at more than 100 ANZ Championships games including every grand final since the competition began and has been named Netball Australia's Umpire of the Year on 14 occasions.
- Marcia Ella-Duncan inducted into Netball Australia Hall of Fame, first indigenous athlete to play netball for Australia and first indigenous athlete inducted into the Hall of fame. Still heavily involved in the game.
- Elevation of Anne Sargeant OAM to Legends status at Netball Australia Hall of fame.
- Sharni Layton was named ANZ Championship Player of the Year.

## (b) Confirmation of Minutes of last Extra Ordinary meeting held on Saturday 21 March 2015.

**MOVED:** Eastwood/Ryde **Seconded:** Manly that the minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting held on Saturday 21 March 2015 be adopted with the addition of Campbelltown Netball Association being listed as an apology. **CARRIED**

## (c) Business Arising from the Minutes of last Extra Ordinary meeting held on Saturday 21 March 2015

- Page 10: statement by CEO regarding Netball Central:  
You may recall the statement issued at the Council Meeting in March 2015 regarding the claims and variations that had been lodged by Probuild relating to Netball Central. We are pleased to advise that these matters have now been resolved. The project is being finalised in line with the contract.
- W. Archer AM opened the floor for discussion about State League, Metro League and original motion 1 of Extra Ordinary meeting
- Newcastle: Suggest that title of Metro League not be used, as it indicates only metropolitan teams involved, suggest Central League.
- Manly: Shouldn't we complete minutes then bring up discussion around SL/ML? Complete minutes, and this discussion becomes a general business item.
  - W. Archer AM: In business arising so that the discussion will not be hampered by time constraints.
- Northern Suburbs: agree it should be business arising. Thought it was left that Board were to review.
  - Wendy Archer AM: Broadly talking about all of our competitions, State League, Regional State League, Metro League, I took it to mean that you wanted discussion on all the competitions.
- Sutherland: Deal with the issue at point of notice of motion. We are talking about State League and Metro League, deal with it after the notice of motion of Regional State League.

In response to discussion by Manly, Northern Suburbs and Sutherland, W. Archer AM asked the meeting whether this matter should be dealt with here or at point of notice of motion. On show of hands the discussion was deferred to time of notice of motion so that items are not dealt with piecemeal.

- Manly: remaining within State League discussion, Manly has concern about cost of State Cup, \$70/player. Don't understand why we are holding two events of same division.

## (d) Confirmation of the minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 21 March 2015

**MOVED:** Manly **Seconded:** Eastwood Ryde that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 21 March 2015 be accepted with the addition of Campbelltown Netball Association being listed as an apology

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and correction of title to Council Meeting (not Extra Ordinary meeting)

**CARRIED**

**(e) Business arising from the minutes of Council meeting held on Saturday 12 March 2015**

Nil

**(f) Correspondence**

Correspondence for the preceding period, both hardcopy and email, was tabled and available for the meeting.

**(g) Business arising from Correspondence**

Nil

**(h) Applications for Membership**

Nil

**(i) Notices of Motion**

Changes to Grading Policy and Procedures & Rules for State League (Regions 1 – 8), State Championships, State Age Championships, Night Interdistrict and Association Carnivals.

- 1. MOVED:** Tamworth **Seconded:** Blacktown that all reference to State League (Regions 1 – 8) be removed from the Grading Policy and Procedures & Rules for State League (Regions 1 – 8), State Championships, State Age Championships, Night Interdistrict and Association Carnivals.

**Discussion:**

- Whilst speaking against the motion, some Associations wished to adopt (for State League) the grading rules for Metro League.
- Integration of proposed competition structure to allow players to progress fairly, and allow players to move from tiers of competitions ensuring they are getting match play.
- State Cup unable to access all courts within Olympic Park precinct which prevents acceptance of all teams that wish to play in State Cup.
- Board need to cater for Associations but also the need to develop netball further, i.e. introduction of Netball Australia's Fast 5 competitions and integration of mens/mixed competitions within NNSW.
- Discussion on dilution of Associations' input into competitions structure/grading/rules and whether Board is seeking sufficient feedback from Associations.
- Metro Cup name implies only metropolitan teams – alternative name of Association Cup was suggested.
- Disjointed competition pathways being a factor in poor performance of emerging elite 17, 19, 21
  - R. Watson (Director): The Board sought best future structure of all competitions to ensure competitions could live together, retaining their importance. Board vision is that as well as Premier League, we have Metro League and Regional League. Regional League does not operate on 14 or 18 week cycle, each region has its own rules/format which suits it best. Metro League name was introduced as it differentiates from Regional League. Never proposed that any Association would be prevented from entering competition. All Associations have equal ability to enter competition and have teams appropriately graded.
  - W. Archer AM: Concept of State Cup was formed with much discussion, because of reduction in quality and number of teams in State Championships. Council asked Board to come up with

proposal for conduct of State Cup (at Netball Central and other courts in Olympic Park precinct) which provided equity for all, particularly including Regional Associations. NNSW unable to gain access to other courts within Olympic Park therefore left with six courts at Netball Central. This proposes a way to start the State Cup, but could not accept all teams who want to enter, due to court availability limitations. It is suggested to run both competitions then review at end of 2016 whether or not concept should continue.

Board is mindful of what we provide to Associations but also the need to develop netball further, particularly at Netball Central, i.e. the introduction of Netball Australia's Fast 5 competitions and integration of mens/mixed competitions within NNSW.

So discussion seems to be only the name of Metro League/State League, it does not diminish in any way what we are proposing for our athletes: playing at a level appropriate for their skills.

Commend future changes to Council, don't believe name Metro League is any less prestigious than State League, still provides pathway for athletes.

- L. Quinn OAM (Life Member): Spoke against removing State League (and its name), potential of lowering standard of Metro League and problems with players dropping down from ANL, Swifts, Premier League.
  - W. Archer AM: Premier League will be the peak domestic competition in this state. Despite broad discussions, until it actually runs you are never entirely sure how things will work. Obvious that some Associations who have teams sitting higher up may wish to drop players back into State League 2 or 3 as they didn't have a team in State League 1. Flexibility is required as it is a new system. If a player in Metro League is injured shouldn't she be allowed to drop back? Where does she go? Philosophy has always been that we want those athletes playing - nurturing players, injured or not, to realise their potential. Don't want players sitting on a bench all year. Not convinced that ANZ players would drop back, unless they were injured and needed reintroduction. This rule has been in place for some time. There is proviso that Premier League athletes cannot play in Metro League final series.
- Parramatta: The introduction of Premier League changes the standing of State League: should be Premier League, Metro League and Regional League.
- Blue Mountains: Metro League name is Sydney-centric. Suggested it be named Association League.
- Randwick: Players from Premier League coming back in (rule last year) allowed to play in Division 4 State League (if that is Association's highest grade).
- Sutherland: Board wants to remove State League, irrespective of the name, and is trying to dilute Associations' input into competitions. Council voted overwhelmingly that Associations wanted to hold the vote for grading/rules etc for competitions within NNSW. Have taken Premier League out of here (we have no say in fees etc), now it is proposed to take out State League and remove Council's input. If Council votes for Metro League can Associations still have input into rules and grading?
  - W. Archer AM: am hearing that we are consulting with you, allowing you to put your point of view forward not just in this forum, but in all Forums, also seek feedback electronically, but am hearing that Council does not trust Board to seek the feedback. Board believes that its consultation process has been pretty good in last few years, involving all stakeholders; if we have that wrong you need to tell us.
- Sutherland: Agreed about consultation at Presidents Forum, but it was not stated at Presidents' Forum that Associations would have no say in Metro League rules.
  - W. Archer: My understanding is that feedback was sought after Associations received proposed rules and that feedback was considered.



- CEO: Board concerned about poor performance of emerging elite 17, 19, 21 and found that disjointed competition pathways were a factor in that. As competition has become more cutthroat, we were cautious of our contracted players playing very little Netball. Now there will be an integrated program for ANZ Championships (rules received by NNSW yesterday). Look how to improve our domestic competition, exciting time as Premier League takes to court. Doesn't mean that we don't review. We do not want to be in situations where players are not on court for 6 months and are also hamstrung by not being allowed to drop back. We need to integrate top to bottom so these competitions work so that players can be progressed between competitions fairly. Not a State League anymore, because SL 1 and 2 is now 3 and 4. Moving to whole new competition structure. Need to integrate competitions, don't want to prevent players who are in PL and cannot drop back etc. every Association will have different circumstances. Need to facilitate a way to allow players to move between competitions. Rules will be reviewed and it will be a consultative process.
- W. Archer AM: This is a whole of state organisation trying to make competition structures work for you, the Board has listened. The only way to do achieve best competition structures is to have a go at it. Have we got it right? Probably not, but we should have a go and get on with it. We will have 115,000 registered members in the next couple of weeks. We need every part of this organisation to work, and are committed to every single level of competition.  
Assures Council that Board does not make decisions/recommendations without robust discussions. I can tell you that discussion is extremely robust at times, nothing left to chance, respect each other enough to put issues on table, you, the membership, charge Board with responsibility in running this organisation so that our sport is growing, moving forward and keeping abreast of current trends in sport. If we don't we will have even more pressure from Australian Institute of Sport and Netball Australia, State Government is also looking at us very closely.
- Tamworth: Discussion seems to be going in circles. Have taken Metro League and Regional League rules out of grading policy. Council votes for Board, Board employs staff who obviously evaluate feedback. Let us run the proposed competitions and evaluate them.

**Moved:** Tamworth **Seconded:** Blacktown that Motion 1 of Notices of Motion of Council meeting be put.  
**CARRIED**

Motion 1

**CARRIED (F:45 A:43)**

2. **MOVED:** Tamworth **Seconded:** Port Stephens that all reference to 'District' be removed from the Grading Policy and Procedures & Rules for State League (Regions 1 – 8), State Championships, State Age Championships, Night Interdistrict and Association Carnivals.

**CARRIED (F:78 A:2)**

3. **MOVED:** Northern Suburbs **Seconded:** Blue Mountains that Rule 1.1 of the General Procedures be amended as follows:

- 1.1- Except for Rule 1.2 only affiliated Associations are eligible to enter competitions or events conducted by Netball NSW.

**CARRIED (F:89 A:0)**

4. **MOVED:** Taree **Seconded:** Kiama that Rule 3.5 of the playing rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

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3.5 Each team will be allowed a maximum of 2 forfeits throughout the competition without penalty. On the ~~third-3<sup>rd</sup>~~ occasion the forfeiting team will be fined \$100.00. Each subsequent forfeit the fine will increase by \$100.00. A team that withdraws from the competition after the commencement will be classed as forfeiting each match after this date.

## Discussion:

- Tamworth: Sought confirmation that if team withdraws from competition after forfeiting, are they charged \$100/week escalating etc?
  - W. Archer: Yes
- Newcastle: Suggested correction to grammar change: A team “who” withdraws, should be A team “that” withdraws (correction incorporated into Motion)

**CARRIED (F:77 A:4)**

5. **MOVED:** N. Matthews OAM (Life Member) **Seconded:** Macleay that Rule 18 of the playing rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be removed as follows:

~~18. — The umpire’s whistle will start and finish games on the indication from the central timing device.~~

## Discussion:

- Manly: Suggest that Motions 5 and 7 be considered together. Why are we changing from current rules? This is downtime for our officials, harder for Associations to comply.

**Moved:** Blacktown **Seconded:** St George to allow Nikki Horton (General Manager Sport Development NNSW) to address Council

**CARRIED**

- N. Horton: Providing pathway for Bench Officials to develop skills.
- W. Archer AM: For years our Bench Official participation lags, it is part of our responsibility to provide pathway for those Bench Officials.
- St George: whistles require Bench Officials
- Randwick: Clarified that game will still start/finish on umpires whistle but will be notified by indication of the bench (rather than central timer).
- Port Stephens: take it out, simply state that the umpire starts and finishes the game full stop.
  - R. Havrlant (Director): All concerns will be dealt with at the Conference, stream including umpires and technical officials. We want to educate bench office, junior officials, coaches and we need to streamline things.
- Ku-Ring-Gai: Will there be a workshop just for NID?
  - R. Havrlant (Director ): Yes

**Moved:** Northern Suburbs **Seconded:** Kiama that Motion 5 be put.

**CARRIED**

Motion 5

**CARRIED (F:84 A:3)**

6. **MOVED:** Tamworth **Seconded:** Baulkham Hills that Rule 19 of the playing rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

~~19-3.18 Up to two (2) minutes injury time will be applied in accordance with INF rules. may be taken according to the rules, but no additional time shall be added to the match.~~

**CARRIED (F:87 A:2)**



7. **MOVED:** Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 20 of the playing rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3.19820- Bench Officials

- a) Each Team is to provide two approved Bench Officials who have completed the on line Bench Officials education course and the Netball NSW practical training workshop.
- b) Where an Association fails to provide the appropriate number of approved Bench Officials a fine of \$50.00 will be imposed.
- c) Netball NSW will remove any person who has not completed the on line Bench Officials education course and the Netball NSW practical training workshop from the bench and a fine of \$50.00 will be imposed on the offending Association.

~~Each team shall provide a scorer.~~

**Discussion:**

- Workshop and online training were discussed along with scheduling of workshops and potential to conduct workshop at Association.
- If necessary a separate workshop will be run for Night Interdistrict.
- NNSW will notify Associations when their members have participated in workshops.
- Blue Mountains: Is it necessary for bench officials to have done both online and NNSW workshop? In the past the NNSW workshop has been done at the beginning of the season, if they miss that they are denied until next year. How long does accreditation last? Do you have to be registered member of an Association?
  - R. Havrlant (Director): This year was first year that we didn't do workshops and feedback was that it was a catastrophe. Online workshop is a bit more complex. Workshop takes you through the equipment, 6 workshops set for March. If there is a need we will run a separate workshop for Night Inter District. Accreditations last for 6 years but must officiate a certain number of games per year to stay current. Yes, bench officials must be a member.
- Manly: that makes a huge difference compared with previous problems of scheduling of workshops. Could workshop be conducted at an Association, to allow for more participation?
- R. Havrlant (Director): Equipment is not easy to use, there are glitches. Refer requests for workshop to staff. Its all about pathways, to encourage bench officials to participate and have fun. Bench officials have the best seat in the house
- Northern Suburbs: Suggested to go back to doing workshop, and provide workshops through the year.
- Blue Mountains: How does an Association know if you have accredited officials? MyNetball does not seem to record completion of the online course and we don't know how quickly the workshop participation is noted.
- N. Horton (General Manager Sport Development): Administrators access of MyNetball can view scanned register of participation. NNSW will notify Associations when their members have participated in workshop.

**MOVED:** Northern Suburbs **Seconded:** Parramatta to put the motion 7

**CARRIED**

**CARRIED (F:78 A:4)**

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8. **MOVED:** Port Stephens **Seconded:** Armidale that Rule 21 of the playing rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3.201921. Equipment

- a) Scorebooks, supplementary score sheets, substitution forms and Team List pads, will be supplied by Netball NSW and will be available for each Match on the Score Bench.

**CARRIED (F:85 A:0)**

9. **MOVED:** Kiama **Seconded:** Liverpool that Rule 21 of the playing rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3.210 Score sheets shall be returned to cCentral cControl at the conclusion of each match.

**CARRIED (F:89 A:0)**

10. **MOVED:** Liverpool **Seconded:** Baulkham Hills that Rule 22 of the playing rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be removed as follows:

~~3.22122. Any team not participating in any match due to inclement weather may forfeit the match. Points shall be awarded for all other matches played on that night.~~

**CARRIED (F:85 A:0)**

11. **MOVED:** Blue Mountains **Seconded:** Grafton that Rule 23 of the playing rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3.23223. If in the opinion of Netball NSW ~~and the Umpires Operating Panel~~ matches are unable to be played due to inclement weather or the condition of courts, each team will be awarded one (1) point.

**CARRIED (F:88 A:0)**

12. **MOVED:** Grafton **Seconded:** Liverpool that Rule 24 of the playing rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3.24324. Points Table

Night Inter District Points Table						
Win	Loss	Draw	Forfeit	Bye		
Abandoned						
2	0	1	2	0		1*

\* If game abandoned prior to half time - 1 point each team

\* If game abandoned at ~~or after~~ after half time - result as per score sheet

**CARRIED (F:84 A:0)**

**MOVED:** Blacktown **Seconded:** Liverpool that Motions 13 to 27 (excluding motions 20 and 24) be moved as a block.

**CARRIED (F:87 A:0)**

Discussion:

Newcastle: Questioned many clauses as they say: after consultation with Netball NSW, who is NNSW.

WA: In this building it will be CEO, Competitions Manager, Centre Manager, no one particular person, it will always be an appropriate collective.

Blue Mountains: Clause 13 refers to females in white dress, what does a Trans gender person do.

W. Archer: Umpires shall be dressed in white

**13. MOVED:** Blacktown **Seconded:** Liverpool that Rule 31 of the playing rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3.31031. Umpires:

- (a) Each ~~District~~ Association is to provide a National badged umpire or other approved umpire for each team entered.
- (b) All umpires will be allocated to matches by Netball NSW.~~the Umpires Operating Panel~~.
- (i) Unbadged umpires may be tested for practical badges:
  - after consultation with Netball NSW~~the Umpires Operating Panel~~;
  - and
  - games comply with all requirements stated in the National Umpire Development Framework book.
- (c) If an umpire has not arrived 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the match, a replacement umpire may take the court.
- (d) Associations whose umpires fail to fulfil their allocation by a non-attendance will be fined \$500.00 for each duty not fulfilled except in extenuating circumstances.
- (e) Female umpires shall be dressed in white dress or skirt and top, male umpires shall be dressed in white shorts and shirt.
- (f) Any qualified umpire may apply to Netball NSW~~the Umpires Operating Panel~~ to be allocated to matches.

**14. MOVED:** Blacktown **Seconded:** Liverpool that Rule 8 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

- 4.8- Entries will be graded into divisions, being Championship Division, Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4 according to the number of entries received. There will be 20 teams in Championship Division (notwithstanding clause 9c). The remaining entries will be divided as far as is possible equally between Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4.

Where more than 80 entries are received in an age group, 22 teams ~~may~~**will** be graded into the Championship Division for that age group. In the first year of this increase in Championship Division, grading will be done with the two bottom teams being moved down to Division 2 and the 4 top teams moved up from Division 2 to Championship Division.

**15. MOVED:** Blacktown **Seconded:** Liverpool that Rule 9 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

c) Where nominations are received that recommends placement of less than 20 teams in Championship Division, Netball NSW reserves the right to grade no less than 18 teams in order to uphold the integrity and competitive nature of the 12 year age Division. The placement of teams will be based on the Association's final result in the 12 years age Division in the preceding State Age Championship.

**16. MOVED:** Blacktown **Seconded:** Liverpool that Rule 5.1 of the Playing Rules for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

## 5.1 State Age Championships (State Age)

~~a) a~~ Are held commencing on the first weekend of the second term school holidays.

~~b) A5.2~~ State Age Championships are conducted in the 15 years, 14 years, 13 years and 12 years age groups.

~~5.3c)~~ The age of the players shall be determined by their ages as at December 31 in the year of play.

~~5.4d)~~ A player can only participate in State Age where they meet the respective age requirement as above. Refer also to Grading Procedures for State Age Championships, Clause 4.3 Procedure 3.

~~5.5e)~~ All players in all age groups must play the equivalent of 30% of the total number of available games over State Age. For the purposes of calculation of the 30% rule, two half games equals one full game.

Each team will receive with their score sheets, a spreadsheet to be completed for each game over the three days of State Age. The sheet will show each ~~players~~player's name and the games they have played. The completed sheet must be handed in at the end of each day and on the third day with the final score sheet of the Championships prior to the presentation. The sheet must be signed by an Association Official, Coach or Manager prior to being submitted at the end of State Age.

The penalty for a breach of the 30% rule is disqualification from any placing and the Association responsible will be fined \$2,000.00. Where a team is disqualified the team will have a 'DQ' designation next to the team name on the competition ladder and will retain their competition points and corresponding ladder position for the purpose of grading in the following State Age Championship only.

When entries for State Age Championships are forwarded, a declaration of commitment of the 30% game rule for all players is to be signed by an Association Official. If the form is not received, teams will not be accepted into State Age.

**17. MOVED:** Blacktown **Seconded:** Liverpool that Rule 2 of the Playing Rules for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

~~5.72~~ Umpires

- a) One non-playing badged umpire for each team entered plus one additional non-playing badged umpire per Association, per day (~~ie.i.e.~~ an Association entering four (4) teams must supply a minimum of five (5) umpires per day)
- e) ~~Twenty one~~~~Fourteen~~ days (~~21~~~~14~~) days prior to the competition, umpires names and current qualification are to be confirmed by all Associations. Where umpire nominations are not confirmed by this date the Association will be fined \$500.00 and must nominate umpires as per Rule 2 (a) within 24 hours of notification of \$500.00 fine.

**18. MOVED:** Blacktown **Seconded:** Liverpool that Rule 5.3 (k) of the Playing Rules for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

~~5.3~~ ~~General~~

- ~~5.18k) Up to two (2) minutes~~ injury time may be taken according to official INF rules, but no additional time shall be added to the match.

**19. MOVED:** Blacktown **Seconded:** Liverpool that Rule 10 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be amended as follows:

- 6.10 For all age groups and where divisions apply grading will be undertaken having regard to the team's final placing from the previous year's State Championship results. An Association may submit a request to have their provisional grading varied from being based on the team's final placing from the previous year's State Championship result where it can show, on the balance of probabilities that the team under contest has less than 5 players from the previous year's competition. A Statutory Declaration setting out the grounds of the request is to be submitted at the time of submitting the team entry. A Association cannot appeal a provisional grading on the basis of having less than five (5) players returning from the previous year's competition if a Statutory Declaration and correct team information is not submitted at the time of submitting the team entry, nor can ~~an~~ Association appeal placement in a higher Division when that Association's team has been provisionally graded in a Division based on the placing achieved in the previous year's competition.

**20. MOVED:** Macleay **Seconded:** Liverpool that Rule 1 of the Playing Rules for State Championships be amended as follows:

~~7.11.~~ State Championships (State)

- ~~a.~~ a Are held over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

7.2 State Championships ab. — Are conducted in fivesix (65) sections:

- (i) Open – no minimum age qualification
- (ii) 21 and Under – for players who have not attained the age of twenty-two (22) years as at December 31 in the year of play.
- (iii) 17 and Under – for players who have not attained the age of eighteen (18) years as at December 31 in the year of play.
- (iv) Over 35 years – for players who have attained the age of thirty-five (35) years as at ~~Decemeber~~December 31 in the year of play.
- (v) Over 40 years – for players who have attained the age of forty (40) years as at December 31 in the year of play.
- ~~(vi) — Over 45 years — for players who have attained the age of forty-five (45) years as at December 31 in the year of play.~~

7.3 The Over 35 years and Over 40 years section (Masters Division) of State Championships, as defined in clause 7.2 (iv) and clause 7.2 (v), are to be conducted in accordance with these competition rules, and held on a separate weekend as determined by Netball NSW.

**Discussion:**

- Baulkham Hills and Manly: Noted their Associations preference for Masters to stay at State Championships.
- W. Archer AM: Decision was carried at March meeting, 38:20
- Port Stephens when would it be held?

**MOVED:** Tamworth **Seconded:** Northern Suburbs to allow Claire Hatherell (Competition Manager NNSW) to address Council **CARRIED**

- o Claire Hatherell (Competition Manager NNSW): Masters will be held May 21/22 in 2016.

Motion 20

**CARRIED: (F:41 A:27)**

**21. MOVED:** Blacktown **Seconded:** Liverpool that Rule 2 of the Playing Rules for State Championships be amended as follows:

7.52. — Umpires

- (a) At least one (1) non-playing preferably B badged umpire for each team entered, per day A minimum of One non-playing badged umpire for each team entered plus one additional non-playing badged umpire per Association, per day (ie.i.e. an Association entering four (4) teams must supply a minimum of five (5) umpires per day)
- (b) The Umpires Operating Panel has the discretion to vary the number of umpires required from each Association after the number of teams has been finalised. Preference will be given to National AA, A and B grade umpires. The minimum qualification to umpire at State Championships is a National 'C' badge. National B Badged Umpires and above are preferred.



e) ~~Twenty one~~~~Fourteen~~ days (~~21~~~~14~~) days prior to the competition, umpires names and current qualification are to be confirmed by all Associations. Where umpire nominations are not confirmed by this date the Association will be fined \$500.00 and must nominate umpires as per Rule 2 (a) within 24 hours of notification of \$500.00 fine.

**22. MOVED:** Blacktown **Seconded:** Liverpool that Rule 3 (k) of the Playing Rules for State Championships be amended as follows:

~~(k)7.16~~ ~~!Up to two (2) minutes~~ injury time may be taken according to official INF rules, but no additional time shall be added to the match.

**23. MOVED:** Blacktown **Seconded:** Liverpool that Rule 2 of the Guidelines for Conduct of Association Carnivals be amended as follows:

8.2 Entries should be made on a standard entry form as recommended by Netball NSW and submitted by aan Association official to reach the appropriate Association twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the carnival.

**24. MOVED:** Gunnedah **Seconded:** Grafton that Rule 3 of the Guidelines for Conduct of Association Carnivals be amended as follows:

8.3 Netball NSW advises the entry fee including GST is not to exceed ~~\$55.00~~~~33~~.

#### Discussion:

- Manly: Too large an increase - 66.7% in one go
  - W. Archer AM: Carnival entry is maximum/limit of \$55.
- St George: as St George doesn't have adequate courts, St George doesn't have carnivals any more, and it would cost \$5,000 to send our teams to other carnivals.
  - W. Archer AM: Understand that some Associations do not have Carnival hosting income, but have taken collective view of the feedback received. Would like to think that Associations running a carnival would seek to run at breakeven.
- Newcastle: Dangerous to give Associations fee options, should be standard fee of \$33. Against the motion.

Motion 24

**LOST (F:38; A:49)**

**25. MOVED:** Blacktown **Seconded:** Liverpool that Rule 9 (e) of the Guidelines for Conduct of Association Carnivals be amended as follows:

e) Interchange of players during the match is only permitted during a stoppage for injury or illness or at an interval. ~~!Up to two (2) minutes~~ injury time may be taken according to the official INF rules, but no additional time needs to be added to the match.

**26. MOVED:** Blacktown **Seconded:** Liverpool that Rule 11 of the Guidelines for Conduct of Association Carnivals be amended as follows:

8.11 Forfeits

- a) Associations entering teams that forfeit or withdraw after fixtures have been arranged, may be liable for a fine of up to \$50 per team, such fine shall be paid to the Association conducting the carnival within seven (7) days of receipt of the account, provided the account is forwarded to the offending association within twenty one (21) days of the date of the carnival. However, the host Association will be entitled to charge a \$100 fine on any team which does not appear on the day of the carnival. ~~such~~Such fine shall be paid to the Association conducting the carnival within seven (7) days of receipt of the account, provided the account is forwarded to the offending association within twenty one (21) days of the date of the carnival.

**27. MOVED:** Blacktown **Seconded:** Liverpool that all numbering within the Grading Policy and Procedures & Rules for State League (Regions 1 – 8), State Championships, State Age Championships, Night Interdistrict and Association Carnivals be amended as required.

Motions 13 to 27 (excluding motions 20 and 24)

**CARRIED (F:87 A:0)**

**Meeting suspended 12:22pm**

**Meeting reconvened 1.16pm**

**(j) Reports: Board of Directors**

W. Archer AM presented the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan

**MOVED:** Blue Mountains **Seconded:** Taree to adopt strategic plan 2016 – 2020.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Campbelltown **Seconded:** Lismore for the adoption of the Board of Directors Report

**CARRIED**

Discussion:

- Sutherland: Policy was updated that, when a policy is changed, a marked up copy is available so that Associations can see the changes being made, could that be implemented please.
  - W. Archer AM: Generally an email goes out indicating a change in a policy. For minor changes, memo simply lists the change; if changes are massive then a marked up copy will be sent.
- Randwick: Please confirm that State Cup is going to be held next year as well as Open Division in State Championships
  - Claire Hatherell (Competitions Manager): State Cup Frequently Asked Questions went up on website and was emailed out to Associations last week, State Championships will still run. State Cup will be another competition to be offered.
  - W. Archer m: Calendar of events will be sent out early next week including closing dates.
- Fairfield: looked at website for Carnivals 2016, last year we had printed list which was useful
  - CEO: will have summary list sent out on Monday

**Reports: Finance**

M. Anderson (General Manager – Corporate Services) reviewed the September accounts, as emailed out yesterday and distributed in hard copy today. With clearer conclusion of the Netball Central building project, 2016 budget will be presented to Board in December.

In response to question, M. Anderson noted the intention that Netball Central will break even and then become profitable.

- Sutherland: Are the Netball Central consulting and legal costs principally due to Probuild issue? How is shortfall in budget of competitions and events being managed?
  - CEO: Yes. It is due to matters dealing with Probuild. Budget/forecast made provision for any further legal costs but some wrap up work to be done, including independent consultants work around watertight roof and performance of the natural ventilation which has not performed to expectation. Almost 12 months since we moved in, contractual defects had to be worked through. Claims now settled and we need to work in line with the contract. A reforecast will be likely. Regarding competitions and events, it's fair to say NNSW doesn't operate bucket by bucket as a NFP, important to balance business decisions with membership expectations. Benefits of having grass roots through to elite teams such as Swifts and corporate partnerships is that there is a whole sport approach, whilst they may sponsor Swifts there is a flowthrough to the whole Association. Netball Central also provides different streams of revenues such as Schools Spectacular, badminton, graduations, other hirers will use venue and provide income. Competitions run as leanly as we can but costs do increase. Only a small number of venues can run State Age and State Championships, will they be cash positive? Maybe not. Hopefully the bucket gets bigger so we are not draining so much when we run competitions.

Blue Mountains: Proposed fees for 2016, why we have \$76.14, could we round to nearest \$?

M. Anderson: Tried to keep fee % increase consistent across all categories so that is why that number.

Penrith: What is Regional State League entry fee?

N. Bowles: No change.

North: What will Metro League fees be?

CEO: Anticipate same price as State League \$88 + GST

- Campbelltown: Asked if season passes available for Metro cup?
  - CEO: Information package going out next week, including details of season passes. Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA) will continue validation parking for next year. SOPA has supported NNSW with the validation system. NNSW is very pleased there has been no misuse of that service and thanks you and your teams and members for complying.

**MOVED: Maitland Seconded: Taree** for the adoption of the Finance Report.

**CARRIED**

## **Reports: CEO's Operational Report**

Discussion:

- Blue Mountains: How are the Governance Health checks on Associations progressing, are there any trends?
  - CEO: Six Associations were selected for Governance Health checks at Presidents Forum, those findings will be reported back to Board in December. Some have provided topics to be presented at 2016 Biennial Conference. A priority area and will be incorporated into Strategic Plan.

**MOVED: Anne Doring OAM (Life Member) Seconded: Randwick** for the adoption of the CEO's Report

**CARRIED**

## (k) Any Other Reports

### Appeals Tribunal Report

**MOVED:** Inner West **Seconded:** Kiama for the adoption of the Appeals Tribunal Report

**CARRIED**

## (l) General Business

- Newcastle: Is the tiled State Emblem in Anne Clark Centre to be relocated to Netball Central?  
Requested update on location of Anne Clark's ashes
  - W. Archer AM: Professional advice is that the mosaic would be destroyed by attempting to remove it from the wall at Anne Clark Centre. CEO has asked it be retained in the refurbished centre with appropriate plaque.  
With great respect, in regards to Anne's ashes, have sought advice from a number of people and cannot find consensus on a specific location. The general area which people talk about is under asphalt, we are not going to dig up asphalt. The VIP entrance to Netball Central is named the Anne Clark entrance.  
Our historical committee continues to do amazing work in sorting through records. We have plans to digitise historical records in entirety and display appropriately, maybe foyer of Netball Central.
- Campbelltown: Could State Age late registrations forms put up on website?
  - W. Archer AM: Yes
- Blue Mountains: Thanks to Ella Durheim at NNSW for assistance in NSG! Registration. Positive and prompt response to Associations by NNSW, lot of information coming through about changes. Sonia Gouveia and Karen Beal at NNSW have given me fantastic support in competitions organisation. Thank you.
- Manly: Concerned about cost of entry for State Cup \$70/player, large increase over Open Division in State Championships.
- W. Archer AM: Take on board comments, we have just heard how majority of our events don't make money. State and State Age don't make money but everything else must be moving towards breakeven.
- Sutherland: why don't NNSW use competitions module in MyNetball for State League?
- CEO: progressing this with Night Inter District this year and working towards other competitions.
- Sutherland: When will player's card proposed by NNSW be implemented?
- M. Anderson (General Manager - Corporate Services): still a proposal for a membership card, going to Board in December, costs included in indicative budget for next year but not yet confirmed. Part of proposal is a suite of benefits for players, similar to Netball Victoria.
- Eastwood/Ryde: At end of game during the week. Is it possible to go out exit doors instead of going up stairs and down ramp?
- Wendy Archer AM: No, strict legislation around egress area means that it is emergency use only.
- Singleton: Problem with accommodation for State Age because of university games, request starting time be moved to 9am instead of 8.30am
- W. Archer AM: Organisers of State Age will look at that.
- Manly: Will there be a day rate for Biennial conference for those who can only attend one day.
- CEO: Discuss this with Tristan Prosser-Shaw
- W. Archer AM: Draw attention to 2016 Biennial Conference in February well subscribed previously 400 people

# 2015 Netball NSW Council Meeting



President extended good wishes to all twilight competitions, noted that everyone was looking forward to State Dinner tonight as a wonderful acknowledgement of work in 2015.

Thanks to staff, big meeting day and event on same day is a big challenge, sincere thanks for putting it all together.

**President declared meeting closed at 2.35pm.**