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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What an amazing year of achievement 2016 was for so many of our members and, indeed, for Netball NSW as an organisation.

As you read through this Annual Report you will again see a very strong performance throughout athlete and team performance, bench, coaching and umpiring, as well as an outstanding financial result and continued strength in our administration and governance. The Board is extremely pleased and proud of the achievements across all facets of our organisation and game.

High Performance has again demonstrated the continued reach of NSW athletes into the National and trans-Tasman arenas, and onto the international stage. As a small snapshot of achievement: six players selected in the Australian Diamonds Squad; four players for the Australian Diamonds Quad Series Team; Susan Pettitt named as Captain of the Australian Fast 5 Flyers; our 21/U State Team are National Champions, as are our Marie Little OAM Shield Team; and we have multiple players in underage Australian squads. We provided umpires to the trans-Tasman Netball League and Australian Netball League pools, and gained national bench accreditations and High Performance Coaching awards along the way.

Many, many people have been very busy doing, mentoring, teaching and achieving at all levels. The introduction of the Samsung Premier League will surely add to the opportunities that are available to all members to assist in realising their potential.

2016 saw the end of the trans-Tasman Netball League and it would be remiss of me not to mention our mighty NSW Swifts, led by Captain Kimberlee Green, who played out an epic Grand Final against the Queensland Firebirds in double extra time. It was an amazing spectacle but what shone through for me was the respect and grace shown by our players in those minutes at the conclusion of the game. It reminded me of our values – We are Passionate, We are Team, Our Integrity Defines Us, We Will Excel, We are Connected. It is also reminded me 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.

A personal highlight at the Netball NSW State Dinner is acknowledgement of those very special individuals from our Associations through the Anne Clark Service Awards. In 2016 Stephanie Bortkevich (Newcastle), Ken Eberbach (Ku-ring-gai), June Haynes (Northern Suburbs), Ann O’Mara (Sutherland Shire) and Leslie Smith (Charlestown) all received this prestigious accolade.

Our Hall of Fame inductee, Marcia Ella-Duncan OAM, was received with great warmth and respect whilst the new category of Hall of Fame – Heritage was introduced to acknowledge historical icons. The Association’s first Minute Book and the 1969 Touring Team to the Pesta Sukan Tournament were acknowledged as being significant to the history of the sport in New South Wales.

Everything I have mentioned could not have happened without the continued strong support of our Associations and our members. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I sincerely thank you all.

A special note of acknowledgement to Maureen Stephenson OAM who received the Waratah Service Award for amazing service to NSW. And, on a personal note, I sincerely thank the membership for awarding me the most prestigious honour of Life Membership.

As we all look forward to 2017 and beyond, I am excited by what lies ahead for us – a new elite competition with two Netball NSW teams, an almost fully booked Genea Netball Centre, many more opportunities for members from the grassroots up, amazing volunteers who just keep giving and professional staff who keep resetting the benchmark of excellence. I look forward to being on the journey with you.

Wendy Archer AM
President
CEO’s Report

What a year 2016 turned out to be; it marked the end of an era and it contained all the groundwork for a new and exciting 2017.

The NSW Swifts nail-biting Grand Final loss against the Queensland Firebirds signalled the end of the Trans-Tasman Netball League competition. For nine years, our elite players went head to head week after week with the world’s best netballers from both sides of the Tasman. While it would have been great to finish the competition as we began it – as the Champions – there is no doubt that the Grand Final was some of the best netball ever played. Our players walked from the court proud of the phenomenal effort they put in. Cheering from the sidelines and at home, we were certainly proud of them.

It was an incredibly busy year for everyone at Netball NSW – while we all went about business as usual – promoting netball, running numerous elite competitions and growing our connection to the grassroots community, we also saw the opportunity Suncorp Super Netball presented to have another NSW team compete in the 2017 national competition.

It was a big ask of the staff at Netball NSW, but they stepped up admirably and following the announcement of the new team, GIANTS Netball, in May, we built a club in just six months. By the time we all went on our very well-deserved Christmas break, the GIANTS had a strong commercial structure, coaches, contracted players, branding and an implemented membership strategy. To achieve so much in such a short period of time, all while still doing their “day jobs”, merits a special mention for our amazing, dedicated staff at Netball NSW.

After three long years of preparation, the Samsung Premier League launched to great acclaim in 2016. The competition exceeded all expectations, not only showcasing some outstanding netball, but also drawing larger than expected crowds.

Genea Netball Centre (formally Netball Central) continued to grow in usage and popularity in 2016. The centre was not only the host of the Samsung Premier League, but 2016 saw a change in the way the centre operated. We branched out into areas other than netball – and the hiring of the centre exceeded all benchmarks for both internal and external hiring. This success was evident in the financial reporting for 2016.

Key to our success for the centre was securing Genea Fertility Group as a naming partner. Genea prides itself on its family-centred business model, and the company’s values aligned very well with Netball NSW’s dedication to family and community. It is an excellent partnership that will reflect positively on both organisations for years to come.

Carolyn Campbell
Chief Executive Officer, Netball NSW

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- NSW Swifts Assistant Coach (Part-time) Megan Anderson

High Performance Operations Manager
Gail Eckert (since Jan 2016)
- High Performance Coordinator Jenna Harrod (Feb 2016) (re-joined Sept 2016)

Athlete Development Coordinator
Susan Pettitt (Oct 2016)

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Nikki Horton

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With this in mind, and with Netball Australia announcing a new Australian-only competition – Suncorp Super Netball – from 2017, Netball NSW decided to launch a second elite team – GIANTS Netball.

The organisation felt it was its responsibility to grasp the opportunity on behalf of its 114,000 registered members, and is also vital towards our goal of delivering programs to secure high performing athletes, coaches and officials.

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The past 12 months have been central to this 2020 Vision, which is supported by our four strategic pillars: Community, Business, Pathways and Brand.

Grassroots netball remains the life blood of our sport and 2016 was a fantastic year to showcase its place in the Community with over 9,000 children taking part in the Netball NSW Schools Cup; more than 10,000 students participating in the first year of Sporting Schools, and; over 1,000 young netballers attending School Holiday Clinics hosted across the State.

In addition, our Pathways continue to prove strong with our annual State and State Age Championships showing sustained growth; so much so, that the competitions are beginning to logistically outgrow the traditional venues which have hosted them so well throughout the years.

This, however, gives our Business good leverage when it comes to securing vital funding available from both government and commercial sectors – as seen with our 2016 State and State Age Championships Naming Rights Partner, Samsung.

The DOOLEYS Metro League, Regional Leagues and Court Craft Night Interdistrict competitions continued to raise the profile of netball throughout 2016, while the introduction of the Samsung Premier League has delivered a new High Performance Pathway for players, coaches and officials alike to make the leap to the elite level.

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With more free-to-air media coverage and publicity than ever before, netball's Brand has never been stronger. Our job in 2017 is to maximise its potential for the benefit of all.
2016 Association Developments

Registered Members in 2016

- Non-players: 5,376
- NetSetGO: 29,593
- Junior players: 46,520
- Senior players: 33,225

All abilities players: 212

Registered Members in 2016: 114,088

Number of Affiliated Associations

- Regional: 88
- Metropolitan: 24

Registered Members

![Bar graph showing registered members from 2010 to 2016](#)

Schools Cup

913 teams participated in 2016, 20% increase on 2015

![Trophy with text: 7,600 Players 2015](#)

![Trophy with text: 9,000 Players 2016](#)

Coaching Accreditations

- Foundation
- Development
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- 2015 Elite
- 2016 High Performance

![Bar graph showing coaching accreditations from 2015 to 2016](#)

Umpiring Badges

- 2016 IUA: 1

71 Teams participated in the Koori Games

55,688 Participants in NetSetGo, Schools, Community Clinics or Events

354 Train Like a Swift Participants
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The Netball NSW Schools Ambassador Program, meanwhile, has been designed to ensure that netball has a continued presence at schools and becomes the sport of choice for students, in particular young girls.

The program aims to recognise and reward teachers who encourage the growth of netball within the school environment. It also hopes to create a positive and valuable relationship between Netball NSW and teachers in the NSW education system. In 2016, 423 teachers across Primary and Secondary schools signed up to be Ambassadors, helping keep netball well engaged with the next generation.

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One Netball Award Winners

Netball Australia received over 100 nominations for the 2016 Australia Post One Netball Awards, with 47 from NSW.

One Netball celebrates Clubs, Associations and individuals who are actively making a difference in the community. Netball NSW would like to acknowledge the 2016 NSW award winners – local inclusion champions who go above and beyond to create and support inclusive netball environments.

Mandy Townsend, Canowindra, NSW – Individual Award

For the creation of a netball program to provide opportunities for 40 young girls in a remote area of Central West NSW, generating community connections for participants and their families.

Karen Taylor, Merimbula, NSW – Individual Award

For the development of an inclusive All Abilities netball program for players with intellectual disabilities on NSW’s South Coast.

Arncliffe Scots Netball Club, Arncliffe, NSW – Club Award

For the development of a safe and inclusive environment for Muslim women and girls to participate in netball, resulting in increased participation and engagement from the community.

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Indigenous – Koori Netball Games and Nations of Origin

Netball NSW supported a number of Indigenous tournaments in 2016 including the Koori Games Netball Tournament and Nations of Origin Netball Tournament.

The Koori Games was coordinated and managed by the NSW Government’s Department of Sport and Recreation, hosted and delivered by Charlestown Netball Association and supported by Netball NSW.

On Friday and Saturday, 28–29 October, a record number of 71 teams participated across five divisions. There were a mix of winners across the divisions with Netball NSW providing a limited edition, Indigenous-themed ball featuring the artwork ‘Gather As One’ by renowned Aboriginal artist and netballer Sarrita King.

Nations of Origin, meanwhile, is a multifaceted sport, cultural, education and leadership program which culminates annually during NAIDOC week.

It is also the largest Aboriginal youth sporting event in NSW with more than 3,500 participants taking part since its inception. 2016 saw the inaugural Netball Competition delivered alongside Rugby League Sevens and Football Fives.

All competitions were conducted in conjunction with sporting bodies, ensuring athletes had development pathways in their chosen sport. Every Aboriginal player must identify with, and have connection to, the Nation for which they are competing. In the netball competition, 12 teams of 14/U girls registered and play took place on 12–13 July at Port Stephens Netball Association.

Muslim Women’s Association SAYIT Program & Disability Netball

The SAYIT initiative was a skills program delivered to 16 female participants 5-14 year olds at the Muslim Women’s Association in Bass Hill.

As part of the inclusion program the participants attended the NSW Swifts v QLD Firebirds trans-Tasman Netball League clash at Qudos Bank Arena on 29 May, while Netball NSW were invited to a Ramadan Iftar Dinner on 18 June when the program ended.

Other guests in attendance were One Netball Ambassador Bec Bulley, Bankstown Netball Association, parents and MWA CEO Maha Abdo. The participants were introduced to Bankstown Netball Association and Club contacts, with six of the group going on to take part in a Summer Skills Session run by the Association.

Surveys of the participants and parents revealed all were continuing to play netball.

Netball NSW was also very involved in disability inclusion in 2016, delivering a number of Disability Gala days and combining with other sports to deliver Multisport Disability days.

Netball NSW Schools Cup

Having started out in its inaugural year with 3,000 participants, four seasons on the 2016 Netball NSW Schools Cup welcomed over 9,000 children on to the netball court to take part in one of the most exciting sporting competitions the organisation has to offer.

The Schools Cup is an initiative by Netball NSW to provide the State’s primary and secondary school students with the opportunity to enjoy the game in a fun and safe environment. It is available to both male and female students from Public, Independent and Catholic systems in Years Five, Six, Seven and Eight.

In 2016 the Schools Cup started in March with Local Days in regional and metro areas with 913 teams from all over New South Wales competing.

In the Years 5/6 Mixed Division St Patricks Primary School Albury, appearing in their fourth consecutive finals, were crowned State Champions after a 13-12 win over Kellyville Public School in the Grand Final. The Hills Sports High School took out the Years 7/8 Girls State title after beating BWSC Umina 18-11 in their decider while, after a long trip to Sydney, Cape Byron Steiner School beat Narara Valley High School 18-13 to take the Boys Years 7/8 title up north.

NetSetGO

Netball NSW experienced another record breaking year for the NetSetGO program, the junior entry netball program for 5 to 10 year olds with a total of 55,688 participants in NetSetGo schools, community clinics or events in 2016.

The entry-level program is an important grassroots initiative that creates an early dedication and passion for our sport. We saw excellent gains in the number of participants in 2016, including:

- 29,593 participants registered for NetSetGO programs with Clubs and Associations
- 2,714 participants through the NetSetGO Indigenous Inclusion Program
- 1,813 participants through the NetSetGO Disability Inclusion Program
- 3,885 participants through the NetSetGO CaLD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) Inclusion Program

As the main program delivered within primary schools, NetSetGo also saw excellent participation numbers with:

- 3,045 participants through School Clinics (excludes Sporting Schools)
- 1,166 participants registered for School Holiday Programs
- 1,818 participants took part in NetSetGO Community Clinics
A centre of excellence for more than just netball

While the Genea Netball Centre saw a lot of netball in 2016, the Genea Netball Centre continued to be a valuable venue for a range of sporting events throughout the year.

Genea secured as naming rights partner

Netball NSW confirmed in October 2016 that Genea had joined the netball family, with the Australian fertility group confirmed as the naming partner of the organisation’s headquarters, Netball Central, now officially to be known as the Genea Netball Centre for the term of the partnership.

The two-year agreement includes official naming rights and other partnership benefits, which will see the Genea brand prominent inside and outside the Sydney Olympic Park-based building.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Genea to our netball family, and excited to team up with an Australian company who values the importance of family and the community as we do,” Netball NSW CEO Carolyn Campbell said.

“Genea are highly respected in their field; they bring a wealth of knowledge and experience that spans more than 30 years.

“At Netball NSW, we also pride ourselves for being an inclusive organisation and put great value in our community. We feel a great responsibility to our 114,000 registered members, and are excited about the potential this partnership will bring with Genea.”

As a keen follower of women’s sport, Genea is pleased to take the step to support such a successful and inclusive organisation.

“At Genea, a large part of our mission is empowering people to achieve their dream of a healthy family. We’re delighted to partner with Netball NSW to help women achieve their dreams in another area of their lives,” Genea General Manager Kathleen Waite said.

“Obviously, we’re also pleased to be associated with champions like Netball NSW who have proven time and again to be leaders in their field. We pride ourselves on being leaders in the field of fertility so this partnership is a perfect match.”

However great netball events weren't the only successes this year. Other great events held at the centre included:

- Australian All Star Cheerleading Federation (January)
- Boxing event (May)
- Australian College of Physical Education Graduation Ceremony (June)
- Wheelchair Rugby National Championships (July)
- Australian Dance Festival (September)
- Schools Spectacular Rehearsals (September to November)
- Table Tennis International Masters Series (October)
- Physical Culture Event (October)
- Sydney International Badminton Masters (November)

The revenue generated in 2016 exceed budgetary expectations. However, the growth has not been without its challenges, says Jessimer. “The challenges are how quickly it has grown and managing that, it has turned into a really busy multi-use venue across a range of sports and events, and we have met that challenge in 2016.”
Schools Cup

The Netball NSW Schools Cup once again proved popular amongst primary and secondary schools across New South Wales, with a record number of students participating this year – its fourth year after being introduced in 2013.

The Schools Cup initiative provides the State's primary and secondary school students with an opportunity to enjoy the game in a fun and safe environment. It is available to both female and male students from Public, Independent and Catholic systems in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8, and has grown an incredible 200% in participation rates in four years.

More than 9,000 students representing schools from all across the State participated in the 2016 competition, which concluded on Tuesday, 20 September at Netball NSW's centre of excellence, the Genea Netball Centre.

The 2016 Schools Cup got underway in March with all eight regions – Sydney Metropolitan, Hunter, West/Central West, Far North Coast, South Coast, Northern Inland, North Coast, and Riverina – holding Local Days in their area.

Students contested three age divisions – Years 5/6 Mixed, Years 7/8 Girls and Years 7/8 Boys. It is the latter that saw the most significant growth this season, with 840 young men participating in the 2016 competition.

A total 913 teams took part in 31 Local Days across NSW this year, which saw winners advance to their local Regional Final to determine who would represent their region at the State Final.

Those representatives were:

Year 5/6 Mixed
- Sydney Metro: Kellyville Public School
- Hunter: St Mary's Primary School – Toukley
- West/Central West: Cathedral Catholic Primary School – Bathurst
- Far North Coast: St Mary's Primary School – Casino
- South Coast: Callala Public School
- Northern Inland: Manilla Central School
- North Coast: Hastings Public School
- Riverina: St Patricks Primary School – Albury

Years 7/8 Girls
- Sydney Metro: The Hills Sports High School
- Hunter: Brisbane Water Secondary College – Umina Campus
- West/Central West: All Saints College – Bathurst
- Far North Coast: St John's College – Woodlawn
- South Coast: Shellharbour Anglican College
- Northern Inland: Tamworth High School
- North Coast: Mackillop College – Port Macquarie
- Riverina: Wade High School

Years 7/8 Boys
- Sydney Metro: De la Salle College – Revesby Heights
- Hunter: Narara Valley High School
- West/Central West: All Saints College – Bathurst
- Far North Coast: Cape Byron Steiner School
- South Coast: Shellharbour Anglican College
- Northern Inland: Manilla Central School
- North Coast: Taree High School
- Riverina: Murray High School

With school pride on the line, and the opportunity to call themselves State Champions, all 23 teams gathered in Sydney Olympic Park for a big day of competition. The matches were exciting, and fairly contested, with plenty of entertaining netball on display.

Appearing in their fourth consecutive Schools Cup State Final – a feat unmatched by any other participant – St Patricks Primary School – Albury finally had a breakthrough by claiming the Years 5/6 Mixed title after thrilling 13-12 win over Kellyville Public School in the Grand Final.

St Patricks – Albury has shown great passion and dedication for the School Cup competition, not only by contesting every year since its inception, but by also committing to the nine-hour round trip by bus from their home town. Incredible!

Joining St Patrick’s – Albury on the winners list was The Hills Sports High School who were crowned the Years 7/8 Girls State Champions following their seven goal win over BWSC Umina in the title decider.

Rounding out the trio of State Champions was Cape Byron Steiner School who defeated Narara Valley High School, 18-13, to take out the Years 7/8 Boys Champions title.

Netball NSW would like to thank Major Partners First National Real Estate for their support of the 2016 Schools Cup.
Marie Little OAM Shield

2016 was a successful year for Netball NSW with all our representative teams featuring in their respective Grand Finals, which included our Marie Little OAM Shield Team who claimed back-to-back titles in front of a hometown crowd at Genea Netball Centre in August.

It was a dominant campaign by the hosts, with NSW going through the two-day tournament undefeated to be crowned the 2016 Champions. The feat is even more impressive considering the side also went through the 2015 competition undefeated – NSW has not been defeated at the Marie Little OAM Shield since 2014.

This year also saw the competition grow to include representatives from Netball WA and Netball QLD compete for the first time alongside inaugural participants Netball VIC, Netball SA and Netball NSW.

After winning all eight of their regular round games, the NSW side put in a fine performance to beat our northern rivals, QLD, to advance to a Grand Final showdown with SA – to the delight of their hometown fans who had come out to Genea Netball Centre to cheer them on.

NSW showed their class again in the Grand Final, playing sharp, free-flowing netball to take an early five-goal lead into the half-time break. That form continued into the second half, despite strong fightback from their committed opposition, to run out 16-6 victors.

For Head Coach Jenny O’Keeffe – who has been at the helm of the side since they were first introduced in 2013 – the tournament was a success because of the hard work, dedication and passion showed by the athletes.

“’I’m really proud of the players for their performances this weekend, but also for the commitment they’ve shown throughout our campaign,’ O’Keeffe said.

“For many of us we’ve been together for a few years now, so we’ve grown and improved throughout our time together. But we also welcomed some new faces this year and the players have been really great at encouraging and welcoming them as well.

“I think it’s terrific that the Marie Little OAM Shield has also grown this year to include WA and QLD – netball is proving that it’s an inclusive sport no matter what your background or ability is, and I feel very privileged to be involved.

“We’re so proud to represent NSW – to wear the Waratah with pride and do our best each and every time we take the court. That’s all I can ask from the players, and they’re a delight to work with.”

The Marie Little OAM Shield provides an opportunity for netball players with an intellectual disability from across Australia to compete at a national tournament.

Netball NSW would like to thank the umpires, bench officials and Netball Australia’s National Inclusion and Diversity Partner, Australia Post, who played a significant role in making the 2016 Marie Little OAM Shield a success.
Volunteer Workforce

It was another fantastic year for NSW Coaches, Umpires and Bench Officials in 2016 with a number of high-profile appointments putting our home-grown talent front and centre on both national and international stages.

In the coaching stakes NSW Swifts Head Coach Rob Wright again led his side to the Trans-Tasman Netball League (TTNL) Grand Final for the second consecutive year, and while the result went against the team after a nail-biting, double extra-time thriller against the Queensland Firebirds, the game captured the imagination of the Australian sporting public and was a wonderful advertisement for netball.

Wright was assisted in his role by Anita Keelan and Megan Anderson, and was also named Head Coach of the 2016 TTNL All-Star Team.

On the international stage Anne Sargeant OAM was once again among the selectors for the Quad Series-winning Australian Diamonds, while Maria Lynch and Lenore Blades were named as selectors for the Australian 17/U and 19/U squads respectively. Meanwhile, eight NSW representatives were named Australian Underage Specialist coaches; Megan Anderson, Mo’onia Gerrard, Bec Bulley, Sonia Mkoloma, Briony Akle, Nerida Stewart and Susan Pettitt.

Umpires in NSW enjoyed a bumper year of success with six representing the State in the final edition of the TTNL. Michelle Phippard umpired in all 17 rounds of the 2016 tournament, including the Grand Final, and was named Umpire of the Year. Also representing NSW on the trans-Tasman stage was Helen George, Tara Warner, Clare McCabe, Bronwen Adams and Emma Davey (reserve).

At Australian Netball League level, Sharon Kelly was appointed Mentor Coach, while Adams, Davey, Warner and McCabe all officiated.

Representing NSW on the world stage in 2016 were some of our fantastic bench officials with Ruth Havrlant the Bench Manager for the Constellation Cup Test Match along with Helen Andrews, Yvonne Richardson and Lyn Bonnett. Havrlant was joined by Lyn Bonnett, Yvonne Richardson, Patricia Mann, Helen Andrews, Sam Dawes and Karen Wilson in officiating during the TTNL season. Havrlant was also named Bench Manager for the Grand Final in Brisbane.

Biennial Conference

Over 240 coaches, umpires, technical officials and administrators from across the NSW netball community converged on the Genea Netball Centre in February to further their knowledge, skills and understanding of netball at the 2016 Biennial Conference.

Australian Diamonds Head Coach Lisa Alexander was the keynote speaker for the event and she also delivered a two-hour High Performance coaching session alongside Rob Wright.

INF rule discussions with expert panellists, dietetics sessions, community engagement and inclusion programs discussions, MyNetball learning, social media sessions, ethics and values exploration were other elements of a fantastic weekend of learning.

Workshops and training

Sixteen Coach and Umpire NetEd workshops were conducted across the State in 2016, with over 500 Members attending the sessions.

The Insiders Series was very well received with 100 coaches and teacher ambassadors invited to hear from Swifts Assistant Coach Anita Keelan. Attendees also participated in the KNEE Program workshop which was facilitated by program creator Alanna Antcliffe and Australian Diamonds Team Doctor Sophie Armstrong.

On top of this the introduction of the Online Foundation Coach Accreditation course allowed grassroots members easy access to world-class coaching methods at a time that suits them. The results were fantastic with over 1000 people completing the course and attaining their Foundation Accreditation.

National Volunteer Week

Without our treasured volunteers, netball in NSW would not be able to flourish like it does. People who give up their spare time to volunteer at their local Clubs and Associations are the lifeblood of our game and we were delighted to host functions in their honour at the Genea Netball Centre from 9–12 May.

Flowers, chocolates, drinks and nibbles were supplied to the 400-plus volunteers from the fields of coaching, umpiring and bench officiating, who were able to attend.
2016 ANL Most Valuable Player
Vanessa Mullampy
High Performance

2016 was an exciting and successful year for Netball NSW. All five of our representative teams – the NSW Swifts, Netball NSW Waratahs, NSW 21/U, NSW 19/U and NSW 17/U – featured in their respective Grand Finals; an achievement unparalleled by any other Member Organisation this year.

Along with our NSW 21/U Team being crowned National Champions, Netball NSW also had two representatives named Most Valuable Player for their respective competitions – NSW Swift Maddy Turner was named 21/U National MVP for the second consecutive year (the first athlete since former NSW junior April Brandley claimed back-to-back MVP nods in 2010 and 2011), while Netball NSW Waratah Goal Attack Vanessa Mullampy earned herself MVP after a breakthrough Australian Netball League season.

This year’s successes haven’t come about by chance – it’s been a work in progress across many years, where Netball NSW has dedicated great resources into continuing to provide development opportunities for the athletes, coaches and officials in our High Performance Pathways. This dedication is now paying dividends and will continue to spur us on in our future ambitions.

Players
This year, a total of 23 NSW athletes were named in National teams, providing further proof that the NSW netball community is a great source for talented athletes.

Australian Diamonds

2016 Quad Series:
April Brandley, Kim Ravaillion, Gabi Simpson.

2016 Constellation Cup:
April Brandley, Paige Hadley, Kim Ravaillion, Gabi Simpson.

2016 Fast5 Netball World Series:
Erin Bell, Paige Hadley, Susan Pettitt,

2017 Quad Series:
April Brandley, Kristina Brice (Training Partner), Paige Hadley, Susan Pettitt, Kim Ravaillion, Gabi Simpson.

Australian World Youth Cup Squad
Toni Anderson
Kiera Austin
Rudi Ellis
Claire O’Brien

Australian 20/U squad
Toni Anderson
Kiera Austin
Rudi Ellis
Lauren Moore
Claire O’Brien

Australian 19/U Squad
Alison Miller
Amy Parmenter
Laura Towell

Australian 17/U Squad
Olivia Coleman
Lucinda Drinan
Maddy Eaton
Demi Evans
Taylor Fraser
Lili Gorman-Brown
Shelby Mallon
Teigan O’Shannassy

Coaches
In 2016 Netball NSW coaches Briony Akle and Moira Gaha were awarded their High Performance Coach Accreditation, the pinnacle of Australia’s coaching accreditation pathway.

Netball Australia accredited the two coaches after completion of assessment tasks for the intensive and rigorous course. Coaches who are awarded the High Performance Coach Accreditation have coached at State and/or National level as well as demonstrated competency in all the high performance coaching technical and tactical skills, which are vital to the continued success of athletes at national level.

In 2016, Akle held the position of NSWIS Head Coach as well as Head Coach of the Netball NSW Waratahs in the Australian Netball League, while Gaha led New South Wales’ 19/U State team to a Runners-up finish.
It was great year of High Performance excellence in 2016 with all NSW representative teams reaching the Grand Finals in their respective competitions: The 21/U team excelled winning the National Netball Championships gold medal with all other programs (NSW Swifts, Waratahs, 19/U and 17/U) coming away from their Grand Final with the silver medal.

There were outstanding performances all round, notably from the NSW Swifts who played a huge role in the most thrilling Trans-Tasman Netball League Grand Final in history. The historic match went into double extra time; however the NSW Swifts found themselves on the wrong side of the result against the Queensland Firebirds at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre on Sunday 31 July.

The netball fans recognised the talent and dedication of the players and coaching staff when they voted NSW Swifts players Kim Green (WA), Susan Pettitt (GA), Laura Langman (WD) and Sharni Layton (GK) in the All-Star starting seven, while head honcho Rob Wright was named coach of the 2016 side. The All-Star Team, in its sixth year, recognises the most outstanding players in their respective positions and a coach over the course of a season.

In recognition of their outstanding performances within the pathway programs, Championship MVPs were awarded to two NSW representatives Vanessa Mullumpy (ANL) and, for the second year in a row, Maddy Turner (21/U National Netball Championships).

Netball NSW, in partnership with the NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS), appointed Briony Akle as NSWIS Head Coach. Akle is responsible for delivering the high performance program for NSWIS scholarship athletes as well as supporting the development of identified coaches through ongoing mentoring.

In 2016 the NSWIS program, welcomed 16 athletes to scholarship who were nationally identified at the National Netball Championships. In addition to her NSWIS role, Akle was appointed Head Coach of the Netball NSW Waratahs in the revamped Australian Netball League (ANL) competition and gained her High Performance coaching accreditation.
Elation from the NSW 21/U Team after the final whistle of the 2016 National Netball Championships Grand Final
A record crowd of 13,314 fans attend the NSW Swifts Round 9 home game at Qudos Bank Arena in 2016.
The NSW Swifts 2016 season was one of celebrating incredible people, heroic moments, history-making feats and record-breaking achievements.

For their second consecutive season the Club sold-out 2016 RED ZONE Memberships – 2,739 fans signed up for 2016, we reached capacity for all five Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre (SOPSC) games and set the record for the largest crowd attendance in the history of the Trans-Tasman Netball League (TTNL) with 13,314 fans at Qudos Bank Arena in Round 9.

With the remarkable support of their Swifts Family behind them, the playing group produced some quality netball for fans to enjoy. New records were broken, with the Swifts posting their highest ever score (79 goals) as well as their largest winning margin (38 goals) in Round 6, when they hosted the Central Pulse at SOPSC.

Under the direction of Head Coach Rob Wright, the Swifts maintained an undefeated record at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre which contributed to their 10 wins, two losses and one unbelievably exciting draw to close out the regular season.

And while the Australian sporting community thought they’d seen one of the best title deciders in 2015, they could not be prepared for what the Swifts and QLD Firebirds had in store for the rematch.

Having spent three weeks’ on the road – while the Firebirds had not left their Brisbane base since Round 13 – the Swifts returned to the scene of 2015’s Grand Final heartbreak.

It was a game that lived up to the hype; 76-plus minutes of intense, pulsating and quality netball that had all of Australia talking. Unfortunately the Swifts were unable to reverse their fortunes, falling the wrong side of the 69-67 final score.

In what was the tightest Grand Final in history, which went into nail-biting Double Extra Time, it was a fitting end to the TTNL. The Swifts’ efforts won them many admirers, with Susan Pettitt (GA), Kimberlee Green (WA), Laura Langman (WD) and Sharni Layton (GK) being voted by the fans in the 2016 TTNL All-Stars Team – the most players from any one Club.

International accolades also followed; Hadley, Layton, Pettitt, Caitlin Thwaites and Stephanie Wood all selected in the Australian Diamonds squad – Wood making her Green & Gold debut during the 2016 Netball Quad Series against South Africa. Langman was also named Vice-Captain of the New Zealand Silver Ferns.

The future looks bright with Abbey McCulloch, Amy Sommerville and Maddy Turner all recognised in the Diamonds’ Emerging Talent Squad.

### 2016 NSW Swifts

Kimberlee Green (Captain), Laura Langman (Vice-Captain), Kaitlyn Bryce, Paige Hadley, Sharni Layton, Abbey McCulloch, Lauren Moore, Susan Pettitt, Amy Sommerville, Caitlin Thwaites, Maddy Turner, Stephanie Wood.

### Coaching & Support Staff

**Head Coach:** Rob Wright  
**Assistant Coaches:** Megan Anderson & Anita Keelan  
**Team Manager:** Gail Eckert  
**Physiotherapists:** Paula Peralta & Daniel Vukovic  
**Strength & Conditioning:** Jason Howell & Lukas Cannan  
**Performance Analyst:** Bjorn Maddern  
**Team Doctor:** Dr Grace Bryant OAM  
**Sport Psychologist:** Dr Michael Martin  
**Dietician:** Caitlin Reid

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Netball NSW Waratahs

The Netball NSW (NNSW) Waratahs produced some stunning netball this season on their way to finishing 2016 Runners-Up, with the Australian Netball League (ANL) season played in conjunction with the Trans-Tasman Netball League for the first time.

Along with playing an attractive brand of netball led by their leaders, Taylah Davies (Captain) and Maddie Hay (Vice-Captain), the NNSW Waratahs also took a big scalp during the regular season – delivering eventual Premiers VIC Fury their first loss in 35 games.

Finishing the regular season with six wins, three losses and a thrilling 51-all draw, NNSW Waratahs went into the Finals Series – hosted at Genea Netball Centre – with confidence. Meeting for the third consecutive game, NSW were able to overcome a spirited Southern Force outfit to win their place in the title decider.

Despite ending their record winning streak during the regular season, the NNSW Waratahs were unable to repeat against a strong and determined Fury outfit. While able to recover from a seven-goal deficit at half-time, NSW were unable to chase down old foes Victoria to finish Runners-Up.

A silver lining for NSW was the announcement that Goal Attack Vanessa Mullampy was named 2016 ANL Most Valuable Player after a breakout season.

**2016 Netball NSW Waratahs**

Taylah Davies (Captain) – Eastwood Ryde  
Maddie Hay (Vice-Captain) – Sutherland Shire  
Kiera Austin – Eastwood Ryde  
Jessica Calderara – Eastwood Ryde  
Sophie Halpin – Eastwood Ryde  
Georgia Marshall – Manly Warringah  
Alison Miller – Ku-ring-gai  
Vanessa Mullampy – Penrith District  
Claire O’Brien – St George District  
Teigan O’Shannassy – Manly Warringah  
Kara Styles – St George District  
Ashley Valeni – Sutherland Shire

**Coaching & Support Staff**

Head Coach: Briony Akle  
Assistant Coach: Sonia Mkoloma  
Team Manager: Mardi Aplin  
Physiotherapists: Yves Silveira & Gemma Vale  
Performance Analyst: Madalaine Owen

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It was a near-perfect National Netball Championships campaign for the NSW 21/U Team, who dropped just one game on their way to being crowned 2016 Premiers.

Led by Captain Kaitlyn Bryce and Vice-Captain Maddie Hay, NSW were dominant during the week-long campaign to finish equal first with Victoria at the end of the regular rounds; who would later turn out to be their Grand Final foe.

Heading into the Finals off the back of a Bye, NSW came out firing against QLD in the Semi Final. A flawless shooting performance from Goal Attack Kiera Austin – who finished with 28 goals from as many attempts – helped NSW to a 19-goal victory, booking themselves a place in the title decider.

With confidence high, NSW reversed a two-goal deficit at the first break to lead by a goal at half-time. Circle defenders and NSW Swifts’ teammates Lauren Moore (GK) and Maddy Turner (GD) did a stellar job to keep VIC’s prolific shooters from having much influence, while the Blues’ midcourt worked in tandem.

The result saw NSW reverse their one-goal loss to the VICs in Round 6 to post a 49-46 Championship-winning performance, with Turner named 21/U Tournament MVP for the second consecutive year; the first player since former NSW junior April Brandley (nee Letton) achieved the same feat in 2010-11.

2016 NSW 21/U Team
Kaitlyn Bryce (Captain) – St George District
Maddie Hay (Vice-Captain) – Sutherland Shire
Toni Anderson – Sutherland Shire
Kiera Austin – Eastwood Ryde
Natalie Eldridge – St George District
Georgia Marshall – Manly Warringah
Alison Miller – Ku-ring-gai
Lauren Moore – Wyong District
Claire O’Brien – St George District
Kara Styles – St George District
Maddy Turner – Ku-ring-gai
Madeline Woods – Baulkham Hills Shire

Coaching & Support Staff
Head Coach: Maria Lynch
Assistant Coach: Pate Cooper
Team Manager: Deborah Kassing
Physiotherapists: Lauren Gradwell & Ryan Fraser
Performance Analyst: Alexandria Diakos

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2016 Tournament MVP
Maddy Turner

Australian 20/U World Netball Youth Cup squad
Toni Anderson
Kiera Austin
Rudi Ellis (NSW 19/U Team)
Claire O’Brien

Australian 20/U squad
Toni Anderson
Kiera Austin
Rudi Ellis (NSW 19/U Team)
Lauren Moore
Claire O’Brien
The NSW 19/U Team finished Runners-Up at the 2016 National Netball Championships held in Perth, WA. They finished the tournament with six wins, two losses and a draw, with the Moira Gaha-led side featuring a mixture of experienced athletes alongside first time State representatives.

The age old rivalry between NSW and Victoria remains strong, with the Navy Blues proving to be a thorn in the NSW 19/U Team’s side during competition. After finishing the regular rounds in second place, NSW came out firing against South Australia in their Semi Final, hitting the lead early only to extend their advantage at every break to post a 15-goal victory and book their place in the title decider.

However there they met the undefeated Victorians, who had claimed their earlier Round 4 match-up by four goals. Early nerves saw NSW trailing by the same margin at half-time; but a stunning turnaround during the third quarter put the Blues into the lead as the match progressed to the final 10 minutes.

But their efforts could not be sustained with the Victorians recovering; a match proving to be a thrilling and fitting finale to 19/U Championships.

2016 NSW 19/U Team

Amy Parmenter (Captain) – St. George District
Kristen Kessler (co-Vice-Captain) – Wyong District
Laura Towell (co-Vice-Captain) – St George District
Rudi Ellis – Blacktown City
Rachel Herne – Lismore & District
Veronika Jukic – Eastwood Ryde
Abbey McFadden – Penrith
Emily Moore – Ku-ring-gai
Braeden Quince – Sutherland Shire
Cassandra Radford – Sutherland Shire
Olivia Rowntree – St George District
Ashley Valeni – Sutherland Shire

Coaching & Support Staff

Head Coach: Moira Gaha
Assistant Coach: Jaqua Heddle
Team Manager: Maureen Stephenson OAM
Physiotherapists: Jessica Harrison & Alice Brown
Performance Analyst: Mat Knight

Australian 19/U representatives

Alison Miller (NSW 21/U Team)
Amy Parmenter
Laura Towell

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Finishing the regular rounds with a respectable four wins and three losses, NSW turned their attentions to the Semi Finals, where they met old foes Victoria – as yet undefeated.

Trailing by five goals at half-time, NSW produced a stunning second half performance to surge back. It wasn’t until the final quarter that the Blues were able to take the lead, which they didn’t surrender to progress through to the 2016 Grand Final.

In the Grand Final they met South Australia, who were also undefeated – coincidentally sharing a draw with Victoria in Round 4 earlier in the competition. Both teams put out a thrilling performance; NSW clawing back from a three-goal deficit at half-time to even the scoreboard at 20 goals apiece ahead of the final quarter.

However South Australia was able to find more – the Blues unable to maintain their resurgence. At the final whistle, South Australia was 29-24 Champions, but NSW held their heads high.

The NSW 17/U Team returned from the 2016 National Netball Championships in Perth, WA as Runners-Up after a successful campaign. It was a terrific effort from the young Blues side.

2016 NSW 17/U Team

| Ebony Burnard – Eastwood Ryde |
| Olivia Coleman – St George District |
| Laura Davenport – Sutherland Shire |
| Lucinda Drinan – Manly Warringah |
| Madeline Eaton – St George District |
| Demi Evans – Wyong District |
| Tayla Fraser – Baulkham Hills Shire |
| Lili Gorman-Brown – Sutherland Shire – replacement player for Riley Quinn |
| Chelsea Loughry – Eastwood Ryde |
| Shelby Mallon – Sutherland Shire |
| Matilda McDonell – Manly Warringah |
| Teigan O’Shannassy – Manly Warringah |
| Riley Quinn – Eastwood Ryde – withdrew with injury prior to tournament |

2016 NSW 17/U Development squad

| Alexandra Bolton – Sutherland Shire |
| Angela Cloeraine – Manly Warringah |
| Madison Hilton – Gosford |
| Claire Hudson – Camden & District |
| Carly Leembruggen – Gosford |
| Ricki McCray – Sutherland Shire |
| Leigh Myers – Ku-ring-gai |
| Kayla Nakhoul – Manly Warringah |
| Eve Parker – Manly Warringah |
| Isabella Pickup – Randwick |
| Charlotte Raleigh – Armidale District |
| Tara Rigney – Northern Suburbs |
| Angela Williams – Newcastle |

Coaching & Support Staff

Head Coach: Jo Macdermid
Assistant Coach: Colleen Mitchell
Team Manager: Nikki Welsford
Physiotherapists: Pascal Wallace & Gabrielle Calavassy
Performance Analyst: Mat Knight

NSW 17/U Development Squad Coaching and Support Staff

Head Coach: Leonie Stewart-Weeks
Assistant Coach: Kirstie Fuller
Team Manager: Lisa McCrohon
Regional Academies

As such, Netball NSW has focussed on ways to combine learning opportunities to Academy coaching staff, regional umpires and bench officials to ensure individuals were continuing to upskill their knowledge and experience; in turn, creating a more professional environment for athletes to prosper.

Netball NSW used events such as the Greater Bank Netball Tournament to provide real-time mentoring to the 12 Academy coaches, umpires and manager involved. A total of 23 teams were involved in the tournament, with individuals receiving coaching from some of netball’s most experienced such as Marion van Munste and Kate Thornborough.

A Managers Workshop was also held at the event with a focus on the roles and responsibilities of a RAS Manager, including how to best enable them to give holistic support to their Academy coaches and athletes.

Netball NSW Volunteer Workforce Manager Di Brown (who retired in November, 2016) said that by hosting all 12 Academies in one place meant the organisation could optimise the occasion to provide more upskilling opportunities to all involved.

“Holding coaching, umpiring and managers’ courses in conjunction with the Greater Bank Netball Tournament allowed us a wonderful opportunity to take our expertise out to the regional volunteers and areas,” Brown said.

“Not only did this exposure allow them to continue on their own development pathways, but it also gave them valuable insight from some of the best in the business which will only help our game grow.

“We are very proud that we can offer a holistic learning opportunity to our Academy coaches, umpires, managers and athletes, and will continue to seek them out when and where we can. It’s important to us that we continue to offer ways in which individuals can upskill their experience and knowledge.”

Regional Academies of Sport

The Regional Academies of Sport (RAS) are an important step in the Netball NSW Athlete Pathway, focusing on athletic development, acquisition of elite skills and the broader concepts of injury prevention, recovery, lifestyle management and education.

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

It 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, which is designed to maximise the potential for elite performance outcomes while providing a clear, well-communicated development pathway for athletes.

Along with training and development, players selected into Academy netball squads are also involved in two round robin competitions to put their skills into practice; the ClubsNSW Academy Games – held in April – and the Greater Bank Netball Tournament (as part of the Australia Youth Games Invitational) held in July.

Regional Academies of Sport

Central Coast Academy of Sport
Far West Academy of Sport
Hunter Academy of Sport
Illawarra Academy of Sport
North Coast Academy of Sport
Northern Inland Academy of Sport
Southern Sports Academy
South East Region Netball academy
South West Sydney Academy of Sport
Sydney Netball Academy
Western Sydney Academy of Sport
Western Region Academy of Sport

RAS Program: More than the athletes

Netball NSW believes that while the RAS program forms an important part of a young athlete’s development pathway, it also recognises the opportunity it can provide to coaches, umpires and officials.

Sydney Netball Academy

In October 2015, 23 athletes were selected for the 2016 Sydney Netball Academy squad, with an additional 10 shadow players also named to participate in squad training sessions.

It was a successful season for SNA who were crowned Division 2 Champions at the Greater Bank Netball Tournament in Maitland.
Established in 2014, South East Region Netball Academy (SERNA) named 16 athletes to participate in the program’s third year under the guidance of Head Coach Adele Marie Cesar.

While SERNA returned from the Greater Bank Netball Tournament empty handed, it was a successful tournament for the Academy with athlete Jazmin Newman named the Most Valuable Player in Division 2.

2016 South East Region Netball Academy squad
Katalina Amosa – Sutherland Shire
Abbey Baker – St George District
Alexandra Bolton – Bankstown City
Elise Bond – Baulkham Hills Shire
Olivia Coleman – St George District
Georgia Cottle – Randwick
Georgia Dean – Ku-ring-gai
Jessica LaGaia – Inner Western Suburbs
Leigh Myers – Ku-ring-gai
Brooke Paterson – Randwick
Annabelle Perfrement – Sutherland Shire
Isabella Pickup – Randwick
Georgina Ralphs – Ku-ring-gai
Ella Robinson – Sutherland Shire
Celan Rush – Liverpool City
Emma Seamons – Hills District
Charlotte Silk – Inner Western Suburbs
Kirralee Smith – Sutherland Shire
Tahlee Smith – Eastwood Ryde
Talani Tombs – Manly Warringah
Madison Ward – Northern Suburbs
Isabella Ward – Northern Suburbs
Jaida White – Sutherland Shire

Shadow Players
Olivia Bysouth – Hills District
Brooklyn Coots – St George District/Sutherland Shire
Sophie Dwyer – Eastwood Ryde
Lili Harris – Inner Western Suburbs
Clare Iongi – Inner Western Suburbs
Sophie MacDonald-Pike – Ku-ring-gai
Isobelle Pamp – Manly Warringah
Brianna Tier – Randwick
Sofia Metaxouli – Hills District
Brigette Vanderham – Inner Western Suburbs

Coaching & Support Staff
Head Coach: Jennie Webster
Assistant Coach: Therri Ellison & Craig Marsh
Team Manager: Lisa McCrohan

Head Coach: Adele Marie Cesar
Assistant Coach: Lauren Dodd
Team Manager: Kirryn Crossman
Samsung Premier League U20s Champions, Panthers
2016 marked new changes in the Netball NSW Competitions structure with the introduction of the three new tournaments; Samsung Premier League, DOOLEYS Metro League and State Cup.

The re-structure is further proof of Netball NSW’s dedication at continuing to grow our sport, to increase the professionalism of netball, and to provide more development opportunities to our players, coaches, umpires and officials.

From State Age Championships right through to the Australian Netball League and Suncorp Super Netball, our organisation is determined to set benchmarks and – importantly – see as many people across the State enjoying our beloved game.

**Samsung Premier League**

Announced in July 2015, the Samsung Premier League competition has been designed to attract the best current and emerging talent within NSW. Its purpose, to offer a local, elite platform for players, coaches, officials and administrators, and provide bridging opportunities in to the Australian Netball League (ANL) and subsequent Suncorp Super Netball.

The eight initial teams offered a two year-licence are: Central Coast Heart, ERNA Hawks, GWS Fury, Manly Warringah Sapphires, North Shore United, Panthers, Sutherland Stingrays and UTS St George Sparks.

The Premier League competition provided a training ground for our bench officials in preparation for national and international events and tournaments. Expert coaching and development was provided to our bench officials throughout the season that enabled more to step into the National arena.

Netball NSW also selected 21 Umpires in the Tier One program to officiate the Premier League Competition on a weekly basis. The competition provided a high standard platform for our elite group of umpires to receive coaching on a weekly basis from renowned individuals, such as 11 time Australian Umpire of the Year Sharon Kelly.

The Premier League also provided the arena to successfully test four National A badges, as well as two National A badge endorsements, along with providing the opportunity for identified umpires to be given insight in what it takes to take their careers to the next level.

There was an average attendance of over 500 spectators each week ending in a full house for Grand Final evening. Our Partnership with BarTV Sports ensured family, friends and all supporters who could not make it to the venue were also able to view live stream games being played on the Show Court each week.

At the end of the season, BarTV Sports reported more than 40,000 people from more than 25 countries tuned in to catch Premier League action live on the Show Court. Just over half the audience were aged between 18 and 34 years old, with a whopping 75% being females. These numbers prove just how popular the new elite competition was in its debut year.

**DOOLEYS Metro League**

With the introduction of Samsung Premier League, DOOLEYS State League underwent a review ahead of the 2016 season and is now known as the DOOLEYS Metro League.

While the name might be different, the product remains the same – a premier netball competition for NSW, offering weekly competition for the State’s most talented netballers, coaches, umpires and administrators.

Sixty teams contested DOOLEYS Metro League in its inaugural year, divided into six divisions of 10 teams each, which contested matches three nights a week at Genea Netball Centre.

With the changes to the competition, it was decided the Status Point System which was conducted under DOOLEYS State League would be abolished, with teams subject to Promotion/Regulation System from 2016 – meaning the two teams who finish atop the ladder will be promoted to the division above in 2017, while the bottom two will be regulated to the lower division.

**State Cup**

The inaugural Netball NSW State Cup took place at Genea Netball Centre, over the weekend of 24-25 September.

While competition for the title of State champions was the main event, the tournament also crowned the Inter-Regional Champions with the highest ranked Regional Association at the conclusion of the weekend declared the winner.

Teams from the 2016 DOOLEYS Metro League and Regional League Competitions were invited. In all, 11 teams, 118 athletes and 24 umpires took part in what was an action-packed weekend at the home of Netball NSW.

Although fewer teams than anticipated were available for the 2016 State Cup, the inaugural event was an exciting weekend of netball with all teams enjoying the standard of competition. The format was revised to allow for a competitive competition amongst the teams in attendance.

Teams enjoyed the Finals Series format, providing some great game action on the final day of Competition, in difference to the usual ‘first past the post’ offered in most tournaments of this nature.
The 2016 tournament saw six age-divisions in action; Newcastle Netball Association hosted four Divisions – Open Championship, 21/U Championship, 17/U Championship and Division Two – while Open Division Two and 17/U Division Three took place at Charlestown Netball Association.

More than 1,000 athletes took the courts to contest over 1,200 games across the three days, with more than 4,100 goals scored across the weekend.

Along with the 2016 Champions and Runners-Up, hosts Newcastle also claimed the Pat Weston OAM Country Championship Trophy; awarded to the highest placed regional Association in the Open Championship division.

**Open Championship**
- **Winner:** Manly Warringah
- **Runners-Up:** Randwick

**Open Division Two**
- **Winner:** Blue Mountains
- **Runners-Up:** Mudgee District

**21/U Championship**
- **Winner:** Newcastle
- **Runners-Up:** Penrith District

**17/U Championship**
- **Winner:** Manly Warringah
- **Runners-Up:** Newcastle

**17/U Division Two**
- **Winner:** Lismore & District
- **Runners-Up:** Great Lakes

**17/U Division Three**
- **Winner:** Tamworth
- **Runners-Up:** Macleay

**Participating Teams**
- Bankstown City 1
- Barellan & Districts 1
- Bathurst 3
- Baulkham Hills Shire 2
- Blayney 1
- Blue Mountains 2
- Brunswick Byron 1
- Campbelltown & District 2
- Casino 1
- Charlestown 2
- City of Sydney 1
- Cobar 1
- Coffs Harbour 2
- Coonabarabran 1
- Cowra 1
- Dubbo 3
- Eastwood Ryde 1
- Eurobodalla 2
- Gosford 1
- Goulburn & Districts 1
- Glen Innes 2
- Grafton 1
- Great Lakes 2
- Griffith 2
- Gunnedah 2
- Hastings Valley 2
- Hills District 1
- Illawarra District 2
- Inner Western Suburbs 2
- Ku-ring-gai 2
- Kurri Kurri 2
- Lakeside 1
- Leeton 1
- Lismore & District 3
- Lithgow 1
- Lower Clarence 1
- Macleay 2
- Maitland 2
- Manly Warringah 2
- Mount Druitt 1
- Mudgee District 1
- Muswellbrook 1
- Narrabri 1
- Nambucca Valley 2
- Nelsons Bay 2
- Newcastle 3
- Northern Suburbs 2
- Orange 1
- Parkes District 1
- Penrith District 1
- Port Stephens 2
- Queanbeyan 2
- Randwick 2
- Sapphire Coast 2
- Scone 2
- Shoalhaven 2
- Singleton 2
- Southern Highlands 1
- Southern Highlands 2
- Southern Highlands 3
- Tamworth 2
- Taree & Districts 2
- Tumut 1
- Ulladulla & Districts 2
- Wagga Wagga 2
- Westlakes 2
- West Wyalong 1
- Woolgoolga District 2
- Wollondilly 2
- Woy Woy Peninsula 1
- Wyong District 3
- Young & District 3

Netball NSW would like to thank Samsung for being the naming rights partner of the 2016 Netball NSW State Championships, as well as Major Partners Coast 2 Coast, The Athletes’ Foot, The Australian College of Physical Education (ACPE) and The Kids’ Cancer Project.
State Championships Masters

Traditionally held over the June long weekend as part of the Netball NSW State Championships, in 2016 the State Championships Masters Divisions were moved to a stand-alone weekend for the first time.

In previous years, the Masters Divisions (Over 35 and Over 40) have played alongside the other six divisions; however in 2016 the State Championships broke from tradition with the Masters being contested at Genea Netball Centre (formerly Netball Central) on 21 and 22 May, 2016.

More than 150 athletes took the court in the state-of-the-art facilities, supported by dozens of umpires, coaches, officials and organisers, to make the first-time standalone tournament a resounding success.

Netball NSW would like to thank Major Partner ProBuild for their support of the 2016 Netball NSW State Championships – Masters.

**Over 35s**
- **Winner:** Manly Warringah
- **Runners-Up:** Baulkham Hills Shire

**Over 40s**
- **Winner:** Gosford
- **Runners-Up:** Wyong District

**Participating Teams**
- Bankstown City 1
- Baulkham Hills Shire 2
- Blue Mountains 1
- Gosford 1
- Hastings Valley 2
- Hills District 2
- Macleay 1
- Manly Warringah 1
- Penrith District 1
- Port Stephens 1
- Wollondilly 1
- Wyong District 1
Memories to last a lifetime are made during the 2016 State Age Championships
More than 3,300 athletes took the courts, with 309 teams representing 87 Associations from across NSW – marking the tournament as the largest female sporting event in the southern hemisphere!

Along with the athletes taking part, more than 300 Coaches, 500 Umpires and 40,000 spectators were present at the courts to offer support and guidance from the sidelines, with in excess of 83,000 goals scored across the three days.

More than 129,600 minutes of netball was played – more than 2,160 hours or 90 days or nearly 13 weeks or just shy of three months. And remarkably, out of all that netball just 116 drawn results were posted.

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15U Championship
Winner: Liverpool City
Runners-Up: Sutherland Shire

15U Division 2
Winner: Blacktown City
Runners-Up: Lismore & District

15U Division 3
Winner: Ballina
Runners-Up: Gunnedah

15U Division 4
Winner: Kiama
Runners-Up: Wollondilly

14U Championship
Winner: Baulkham Hills Shire
Runners-Up: Wyong District

14U Division 2
Winner: Gosford
Runners-Up: Orange

14U Division 3
Winner: Nambucca Valley
Runners-Up: Woy Woy Peninsula*

14U Division 4
Winner: Casino
Runners-Up: Blayney

13U Championship
Winner: Manly Warringah
Runners up: Liverpool City

13U Division 2
Winner: Newcastle
Runners up: Wagga Wagga

13U Division 3
Winner: Cowra & District
Runners up: Great Lakes

13U Division 4
Winner: Leeton
Runners up: Mudgee District

12U Championship
Winner: Baulkham Hills Shire
Runners up: Liverpool City

12U Division 2
Winner: Newcastle
Runners up: Hawkesbury City

12U Division 3
Winner: Nambucca Valley
Runners up: Scone & District

12U Division 4
Winner: Forbes
Runners up: Nelson Bay

*South Canberra finished in second place in 14U Division 3; however, as an invitational side could not take home a title.

^South Canberra finished in first place in 13U Division 3; however, as an invitational side could not take home a title.
Panthers defender showing great aerial ability against GWS Fury during the Samsung Premier League
Netball NSW successfully hosted the inaugural season of the Samsung Premier League in 2016, which saw some of the best NSW netball talent in action week in, week out at Genea Netball Centre.

Unveiled in July 2015, the Netball NSW Premier League (NNSWPL) is a new competition which aims to attract the best current and emerging talent, and offer a local, elite platform for players, coaches, officials and administrators.

The competition provides additional bridging opportunities into the Australian Netball League (ANL) and Suncorp Super Netball.

Through a robust application process, overseen by the NNSWPL Commission, the eight successful inaugural Franchises were Central Coast Heart, ERNA Hawks, GWS Fury, Manly Warringah Sapphires, North Shore United, Panthers, Sutherland Stingrays and UTS St George Sparks – all of which will be back in 2017 under their two-year licenses.

The NNSWPL was contested in two age divisions – Opens and Under 20s – and included a pre-season tournament ahead of a 14-week round robin season, followed by three weeks of hotly contested Finals Series.

More than 9,000 spectators visited Genea Netball Centre throughout the season to catch the netball action live, with Round 1 drawing the biggest crowd of the season; proof the community was excited about the introduction of a new, elite competition.

More than 40,000 netball fans also tuned in at home, thanks to our friends at BarTV Sports who brought Premier League action from the Show Court straight to fans watching on their laptops or mobile devices every Wednesday evening.

So popular was Premier League, fans were tuning in from all over the world! From New Zealand to England, South Africa to India, netball fans enjoyed the showcase of incredible talent in Netball NSW.

Netball NSW would like to thank naming rights partner Samsung for their continued support of the Netball NSW Premier League competition, as well as netball across NSW.

Opens Division
Sutherland Stingrays were crowned inaugural Opens Champions after an exciting 50-49 victory over early season favourites, Manly Warringah Sapphires.

As the score line suggested, it was an intense game with little to separate the teams but in the end it was the Minor Premiers who had that little bit extra in the tank to claim the title.

“It feels incredible,” co-Captain Leah Price said post their Grand Final win. “Because it was such a close game, and in those dying seconds we were just trying to hold on. It’s surreal, but it’s incredible.”

Fans were treated to a classic Sutherland vs Manly contest, with momentum ebbing and flowing between the long-time rivals along with the lead. While the Sapphires had the wood early, taking a two-goal advantage into half-time, they were never able to shift their determined opponents.

The Stingrays powered through the second half to claim the one-goal victory, led by Centre Maddie Hay who took home the inaugural President’s Medal for her courageous efforts.

2016 Samsung Premier League – Opens
Final placings
1. Sutherland Stingrays
2. Manly Warringah Sapphires
3. North Shore United
4. UTS St George Sparks
5. Central Coast Heart
6. GWS Fury
7. ERNA Hawks
8. Panthers

Under 20s Division
The Panthers came from finishing third at the conclusion of the regular season to inaugural Champions after powering to a 13-goal win over UTS St George Sparks in the Grand Final.

Dominant second and third quarters, in which they outscored their opponents 33-21, was key to the Panthers’ triumph in an amazing display of high intensity Finals netball.

“We didn’t have a very good opening quarter where the Sparks were able to get on top of us,” Panthers Captain Abbey McFadden said post the title-decider.

“But I’m really proud of the way our team were able to put the foot on the pedal and turn that performance around – particularly in the second and third quarters – to fight back and get the win.”

After losing the opening quarter by three goals, the Panthers put on a sensational display to turn their fortunes around for the remaining 45 minutes. While the Sparks continued to throw everything into the contest, the Panthers would not let them get close.

2016 Samsung Premier League – Opens
Final placings
1. Panthers
2. UTS St George Sparks
3. Sutherland Stingrays
4. North Shore United
5. GWS Fury
6. Central Coast Heart
7. Manly Warringah Sapphires
8. ERNA Hawks
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Division 1
After finishing the regular season in fourth place, Ku-ring-gai stormed home during the Finals Series to be crowned 2016 Champions after posting a 37-31 win over Eastwood Ryde in the Grand Final. It was a game that was full of grit, effort and commitment from both sides, and while there weren’t many goals scored every member of the vocal crowd in attendance was treated to a thrilling spectacle.

Final placings
1. Ku-ring-gai
2. Eastwood Ryde
3. St George District
4. Northern Suburbs
5. Baulkham Hills Shire
6. Manly Warringah
7. Penrith District
8. Bankstown City
9. Sutherland Shire
10. City of Sydney

Division 2
Hunter United were crowned the 2016 Champions after strong second and third quarter performances helped set up their 11-goal victory over Minor Premiers Illawarra District. Combined with a rejuvenated showing in the middle of the game, Hunter’s superior shooting accuracy – 93 percent for the game – formed the backbone of the win, eventually overcoming a committed and talented Illawarra outfit in the final 15 minutes.

Final placings
1. Hunter United
2. Illawarra District
3. Randwick
4. Hills District
5. Baulkham Hills Shire
6. Northern Suburbs
7. Blacktown City
8. St George District
9. Eastwood Ryde
10. Sutherland Shire

Division 3
Blue Mountains bounced back from a 17-goal defeat to Campbelltown in the Semi Finals, to be crowned 2016 Champions after posting a 43-40 win; a stunning 20-goal turnaround against the same opponents in the Grand Final. Leading for the entire game, their three-goal victory did not come easy after meeting a plucky Campbelltown outfit in the second half; their 10-goal lead narrowed down to just one goal late in the contest.

Final placings
1. Blue Mountains
2. Campbelltown District
3. Central Coast
4. Ku-ring-gai
5. Bankstown City
6. Camden & District
7. Parramatta Auburn
8. Penrith & District
9. Blacktown City
10. City of Sydney

Division 4
Manly Warringah were able to overcome Minor Premiers Randwick to be crowned 2016 Champions, posting a hard-fought 39-38 victory to claim the Division 4 title. The contest was an extremely intense affair, with the result coming right down to the wire in what was a stunning match in front of a raucous crowd.

Final placings
1. Manly Warringah
2. Randwick
3. Northern Suburbs
4. Baulkham Hills Shire
5. Central Coast
6. Liverpool City
7. Eastwood Ryde
8. St George District
9. Sutherland Shire
10. City of Sydney

With the introduction of the Netball NSW Premier League for season 2016, DOOLEYS State League underwent a review and is now known as the DOOLEYS Metro League.
Division 5
A dominant first half performance set up Inner Western Suburbs to be crowned 2016 Champions, who went on to post a 15-goal victory over Hills District to claim the title. While Hills couldn’t have hoped for a better start by opening with the first three goals, their efforts couldn’t be sustained as Inner West recovered from a shaky start to control the remainder of the game.

Final placings
1. Inner Western Suburbs
2. Hills District
3. Blacktown City
4. Ku-ring-gai
5. Penrith District
6. Illawarra District
7. Campbelltown District
8. Bankstown City
9. Parramatta Auburn
10. Kurri Kurri

Division 6
Inner Western Suburbs were also successful in Division 6, claiming the 2016 Champions title after defeating Hawkesbury City 48-41 in the title decider. They were the only team to be able to claim the double after finishing Minor Premiers at the conclusion of the regular season; displaying a maturity far beyond their young years to survive a hard-fought contest with their Grand Final opponents.

Final placings
1. Inner Western Suburbs
2. Hawkesbury City
3. Mount Druitt District
4. Blue Mountains
5. Wollondilly
6. Hills District
7. Camden & District
8. Liverpool City
9. Kurri Kurri
10. Kiama
Regional State League

Regional League is the premier netball competition contested across Regions 2-8 of NSW, where the area's most talented netballers, coaches and officials showcase their skills. Winners are then invited to participate in the Netball NSW State Cup, vying for State Cup and Inter-Regional Champions titles.

Hunter (Region 2)
Division 1: Newcastle 21s 54 d Newcastle 17s 31
Maintaining a near-perfect record throughout the season, Newcastle 21s overcame their younger counterparts to claim Division 1 at Port Stephens Netball Association. The team tasted success again, claiming the Inter-Regional Champions title for the third consecutive year.
Division 2: Woy Woy Opens 63 d Port Stephens Opens 50
Division 3: Newcastle 15s 42 d Charlestown 17s 18
Division 4: Charlestown 15s 60 d Wyong 17s 40
Division 5: Lakeside 14s 49 d Woy Woy 15s 38
Division 6: Charlestown 14s 45 d Muswellbrook 14s 24

West/Central West (Region 3)
Division 1: Orange 60 d Nyngan 49
On their home courts Orange put on a terrific netball display for the locals, overcoming neighbouring Nyngan to claim their 21st consecutive Regional title.
Division 2: Bathurst 39 d Dubbo 35
Division 3: Orange 36 d Dubbo 33

Far North Coast (Region 4)
Division 1: Grafton 56 d Ballina 38
Maintaining a perfect winning record, Grafton Opens went through the competition with six consecutive wins, including the 2016 title-decider where they overcame a spirited Ballina Opens by 18 goals at Casino Sports Stadium.

South Coast (Region 5)
Division 1: Illawarra 45 d Goulburn 27
In front of their home fans at Fred Finch Park netball courts, Illawarra emerged triumphant to be crowned the 2016 Champions. The side had remained undefeated throughout the competition, and were met by an equally successful Goulburn – who's only loss came at the hands of Illawarra during the regular rounds.
Division 2: Illawarra 73 d Shoalhaven 36
Division 3: Sapphire Coast 37 d Eurobodalla 30

Northern Inland (Region 6)
Division 1: Quirindi 65 d Armidale District 46
Proving front-runners throughout the regular rounds, Quirindi stormed home in the Grand Final to claim the 2016 Champions title by 19 goals at Tamworth Sports Dome.
Division 2: Gunnedah 56 d Group 14 39

North Coast (Region 7)
Division 1: Hastings Valley 60 d Woolgoolga District 33
Taking the court in enemy territory, Hastings Valley emerged triumphant over home-town heroes Woolgoolga District to claim back-to-back North Coast Champions titles. To add to their achievement, Hastings were able to navigate the competition undefeated with eight straight wins.
Division 2: Nambucca Valley 35s (Valley Vipers) 53 d Macleay 50
Division 3: Great Lakes 17s 50 d Macleay 50
Division 4: Valley Vipers 60 d Macleay 33

Riverina (Region 8)
Division 1: Wagga Wagga 17s 49 d Wagga Wagga 21s 44
It was a win-win scenario for Wagga as their 21s and 17s teams faced off against each other in the 2016 title-decider; their younger counterparts finishing on top in a tight contest at Young PCYC.
Division 2: Griffith 15s 36 d West Wyalong 17s 35
Division 3: Griffith 15s 60 d Woy Woy 17s 40
Division 4: Griffith 15s 45 d Muswellbrook 14s 24
Division 5: Griffith 15s 45 d Muswellbrook 14s 24
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Riverina
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Division 1 Winners Wagga 17s
Division 2 Runners Up West Wyalong 17s
Division 2 Winners Griffith 15s

South Coast
Division 1 Runners Up Goulburn
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The State Cup, which brings the best Metro and Regional teams in New South Wales together, was set up to determine the State’s best Association in the Opens age category.

Teams from the 2016 DOOLEYS Metro League and Regional League Competitions were invited to compete, with 118 athletes and 24 umpires taking part in an action-packed weekend at the home of Netball NSW.

Northern Suburbs took out the inaugural Netball NSW State Cup title after a 25-10 win over Manly Warringah in the Grand Final at Genea Netball Centre; however that wasn't the only title on offer over the weekend.

Following minor rounds, teams were split into two Divisions – State Cup and Plate – with Inner Western Suburbs emerging the inaugural winners of the latter.

It was determined the highest ranked Regional Association at the conclusion of the weekend would be declared the Inter-Regional Champion and, after some fine play, Newcastle took home the title for the third consecutive season.

Final placings
1. Northern Suburbs (State Cup Champions)
2. Manly Warringah
3. Baulkham Hills Shire
4. Newcastle (Inter-Regional Champions)
5. Sutherland Shire
6. Orange
7. Inner Western Suburbs (Plate Division winners)
8. Quirindi
9. Hastings Valley
10. Grafton
11. City of Sydney
Social Masters

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The social function on Saturday night was, as ever, one of the event highlights and there was action a-plenty on the dance floor as well as some fine skills displayed on court.

Players competed in two categories – Over 35s and a combined Over 40/45s – and after the success of the 2016 competition, Netball NSW will be hoping for the same excitement and more in Illawarra in 2017.

“The weekend started with some rain but by the end the sun was shining brightly and little could dampen the spirits of the competitors at the 2016 ACPE Social Masters in Wyong.

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“’To all our amazing athletes, team managers, umpires, volunteers and staff, congratulations on what was a fantastic 2016 ACPE Social Masters,’ General Manager – Marketing, Events & Communications Kath Tetley said.

“We had a wonderful two days on the Central Coast and I would like to congratulate the 2016 winners and everyone for taking part in what has become an integral event for our organisation.”

Netball NSW would like to thank Wyong District Netball Association for their assistance in hosting the 2016 event, as well as naming rights sponsor the Australian Centre of Physical Education (ACPE) for their support.
With 2016 proving to be another stellar 12 months for netball in NSW, it was only fitting that one of the State’s most popular competitions – the Court Craft Night Interdistrict – brought the curtain down on the season.

Coming to a close on Friday 16 December, the 2016 edition saw 600 athletes from 60 teams take to the court for 11 weeks of intense competition, with more than 18,000 goals scored, 26 draws and around 6,600 minutes of netball played.

After a hard fought 10 weeks it was St George District who proved themselves to be the best team in the competition after they beat Sutherland Shire in Division 1.

Netball NSW Competitions Manager Claire Dale was very impressed with the results and the quality of competition on display for the duration of the tournament.

“The NID competition has stepped up again in 2016 and, we had a record number of participants and teams compete in a variety of events, and that is an incredible thing for our sport,” she said.

“At Netball NSW we are confident that will increase again in 2017 and the results show that netball remains front and centre of the NSW sporting public’s minds and Court Craft Night Interdistrict is a great way to finish the year.”

Netball NSW would like to thank long-standing sponsors Court Craft for their continued support of the Night Interdistrict Competition.

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2016 Award Winners

Netball NSW Award Winners

Hall of Fame – Athlete:
Marcia Ella-Duncan OAM

Hall of Fame – Heritage:
The NSW Women’s Basketball Association Minute Book
1969 NSW Netball Association Touring Singapore Team

Anne Clark BEM Service Awards:
Stephanie Bortkevitch – Newcastle Netball Association
Ken Eberbach – Ku-ring-gai Netball Association
June Haynes – Northern Suburbs Netball Association
Ann O’Mara – Sutherland Shire Netball Association
Leslie Smith – Charlestown Netball Association

Marilyn Melhuish OAM NSW Swifts Player of the Year:
Laura Langman

Marj Groves AM Scholarship:
Claire O’Brien – St George District Netball Association

Nance Kenny OAM Medal – Premier League Player of the Year:
Kristen Kessler – Wyong District Netball Association

Lynn Quinn OAM Bench Official Award:
Karen Wilson – Baulkham Hills Shire Netball Association
Patricia Mann – Penrith District Netball Association

Neita Matthews OAM Umpires Award:
Laura Hay – St George District Netball Association
Shauna Winchester – Ku-ring-gai Netball Association

Margaret Corbett OAM Coaches Award:
Jaqua Heddle – Penrith District Netball Association

Judy Dunbar Media Awards:
Community Media Excellence – Central Western Daily
Best Feature – Duncan Huntsdale, ABC Grandstand
Best Photograph – Mark Evans, Newscorp Australia

NSW Swifts Awards

QBE NSW Swifts’ Most Valued Player:
Laura Langman

NSW Swifts Members’ Player of the Year:
Sharni Layton

NSW Swifts Players’ Player of the Year:
Amy Sommerville

NSW Swifts Club Person of the Year:
Lukas Cannan (Strength & Conditioning Coach)

NSW Swifts Coaches’ Award:
Paige Hadley
Stephanie Wood

NSW Sports Federation Awards

Distinguished Long Service Award
Noeline Boyce
Nance Kenny OAM Medal – Premier League Player of the Year Kristen Kessler

Claire O’Brien is presented with the Marj Groves AM Scholarship by Netball NSW Board Member Carol Murphy

Patricia Mann is presented with the Lynn Quinn OAM Bench Official Award by the namesake herself

2016 QBE NSW Swifts’ Most Valued Player, Laura Langman also received the Marilyn Melhuish OAM NSW Swifts Player of the Year

Co-recipients of the Neita Matthews OAM Umpires Award, Laura Hay and Shauna Winchester

Margaret Corbett OAM presents the Coaches Award – named in her honour – to Jaqua Heddle
Marcia Ella-Duncan OAM accepts her induction into the Netball NSW Hall of Fame
The 2016 State Dinner saw netball legend Marcia Ella-Duncan OAM join hallowed company in the NSW Hall of Fame, as well as the introduction of the Heritage Category to the Hall of Fame.

Former Australian international Marcia Ella-Duncan OAM was inducted into the Netball NSW Hall of Fame, becoming the 35th individual to be entered into prestigious company following her great service to the sport.

The 53-year-old was recognised at the Netball NSW State Dinner on Saturday 5 November at Bankstown Sports Club, and joins the likes of NSW Netball legends such as Maureen Boyle OAM, Anne Clark BEM and former teammate Anne Sargeant OAM.

A pioneer of the sport, Ella-Duncan became Australia’s first Indigenous netball representative after making her international debut against the New Zealand Silver Ferns in 1986. The creative midcourter went on to play 18 tests for Australia, which included winning a silver medal at the 1987 Netball World Cup in Glasgow, Scotland.

A descendant of the Yuin nation on the NSW far south coast, Ella-Duncan began her netball career as a nine-year-old at the La Perouse Netball Club before going on to represent NSW throughout the 1980s. She was an early participant in the coveted ‘Golden Boot’ era for NSW Netball, taking home four Championship titles for both the NSW 21/U and NSW Opens Teams (1983-85, 1987).

Netball has continued to play a major role in Ella-Duncan’s post-playing career and she remains involved with Randwick Netball Association as a coach, this year helping steer their DOOLEYS Metro League Division 4 side to a Runners-Up finish.

However Ella-Duncan’s passion lies with her heritage. As an active member of the Indigenous community, she encourages young women to lead happy, healthy lifestyles. An active member of Netball Australia’s Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Working Group, the program outlines a course of action that specifically addresses the needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in order to increase participation from grassroots level right through to the Australian Diamonds.

Netball NSW President Wendy Archer AM paid homage to Ella-Duncan for being an inspiration, not only for young Indigenous girls and boys, but for the wider netball community.

“It is my great pleasure to welcome Marcia into the Netball NSW Hall of Fame – an individual who has shown so much commitment, devotion and creativity in promoting our wonderful sport,” Archer said.

“Not only is Marcia a leader on the court, more importantly she is a true leader off the court. The work she does within the community is outstanding, particularly working with Indigenous groups in encouraging young people to get involved in sport and lead positive, healthy lifestyles.

“For many former athletes you hear the phrase ‘I want to leave the game better than I found it’. This is the epitome of Marcia’s ethos – she is leaving her mark on the sport, helping it to grow and evolve and we are so proud of her efforts.

“On behalf of Netball NSW I would like to congratulate Marcia, as well as the other Hall of Fame inductees and Award Winners, for their wonderful recognition at tonight’s State Dinner.”

Along with Ella-Duncan, two historical artefacts of memorabilia were inducted into a new category introduced in 2016; the Netball NSW Hall of Fame – Heritage category:

The category has been framed to acknowledge significant historical icons, teams and pieces of history; things and collectives as it were, not individual athletes who are covered by Athlete and General Divisions.

A team of historical significance was inducted under the Heritage Category - the 1969 Touring Team to the Pesta Sukan Tournament.

The team, selected from the NSW Netball Association, represented Australia at the Tournament in Singapore to mark its 150th anniversary. The Tournament was played over five days from 11-15 August 1969 at the Singapore Netball courts.

There were 15 other countries competing in a range of sports at the tournament, but there was great interest in netball with Army, Navy and Airforce teams also participating. Despite the high level of competition the NSW team went through the tournament undefeated.
At the Closing Ceremony team manager Nance Kenny was presented with a 150th year Anniversary Memento Of the Pesta Sukan (Festival of Sport).

The team was: Captain/Coach – Nola Green (Hall of Fame inductee), Vice-Captain – Carole Sykes (Hall of Fame inductee), Frances Hayes, Nancy Atterton, Carol Trimble, Laraine Burton, Eileen Jones, Kaye Thomas, Jan Meades, Vicki Kerr (nee Poat, Hall of Fame inductee).

Manager – Nance Kenny OAM
Umpire – Neita Matthews OAM

1927 Minute Book

In the Heritage category the first Minute Book of the Association was also inducted.

The book dates back to 1927 and is in a very delicate condition. It is significant in that it was the start of Women's Basketball which became Netball in NSW, therefore is invaluable in terms of historical significance.

An excerpt from the Minute book reads:

NSW Women's Basket Ball Association
Held July 4th, 1929
11 Rowe Street

Note: Minutes in this book go up to 18 September 1935 and include a Constitution. The Annual Membership fee to be 1:1:0 Pds per group or association. There were 41 teams.

Quote: “Proposed by E. Wallace, seconded by A. Toovey that the CGASA (City Girls' Amateur Sports Association) register as the NSW Women's Basket Ball Association. Carried.”

“Both the 1927 Minute Book and 1969 NSW Netball Association Touring Singapore Team carrying great historical significance for Netball in NSW; and as such are deserved inductees into our newly created Netball NSW Hall of Fame – Heritage category,” Archer said.

“The Minute Book marks the introduction of Netball in NSW, therefore laying the foundations of our organisation that I am very proud to represent.

“The 1969 Touring Team was also the first NSW side to compete internationally to represent Australia, which is an incredible achievement considering the limited resources available to our sport at the time. Not only did they represent their State and country with pride, but were able to return home undefeated – a wonderful accomplishment.”
Netball NSW Life Members


Mary Matheson*  Edna Ross*  Margaret Morris*  Nance Kenny OAM*  Marie Dunon*  Anne Clark BEM*  Dorothy McHugh  Amy Dobbie*  Eileen Percy*


May Hackett MBE*  Moria McGuinness MBE*  Pat Weston OAM*  Neita Matthews OAM  Marj Groves AM*  Margaret Corbett AM*  Audrey Davis OAM*  Marie Dunn OAM*


Lynn Quinn OAM  Anne Doring OAM  Marilyn Melhuish OAM  Kath Fullagar OAM  Maureen Boyle OAM  Anne Sargeant OAM  Yvonne Richardson  Wendy Archer AM

Current Patron

Neita Matthews OAM

Former Patrons

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

* Deceased
Anne Clark BEM Service Award

1976
Margaret Corbett OAM – Sutherland Shire
Jean Gee OAM* – Manly Warringah
Moira McGuinness MBE* – Sutherland Shire
Irene Pychtin – Eastwood-Ryde

1977
Val Curran* – Illawarra & District
Marj Groves AM* – Sutherland Shire
Pam Hall* – Manly Warringah
Gai O’Sullivan – Eastwood-Ryde
Joy White (Lister) – Manly Warringah

1978
Edna Jenkin* – Illawarra & District
Barbara Long OAM – Liverpool City
Neita Matthews OAM – Eastwood-Ryde
Betty Moore – Bankstown City
Jean Peare OAM* – Hawkesbury City
Mavis Shipway* – Sutherland Shire
Gladys Waugh* – St George

1979
Evelyn Bywater – Western Suburbs
Agnes Ellis* – Sutherland Shire
Molly Smith* – Lakeside

1980
Val Oliver* – Illawarra & District
Kath Whiteley – Liverpool City

1981
Clare Lear* – Illawarra & District

1982
Pat Craig – Gosford
Margaret Elder – Baulkham Hills
Evelyn Langbein OAM – Manly Warringah

1983
Beatrice Bessell – Hawkesbury City
Myra Bradley – Illawarra & District
Maureen Greentree – Sutherland Shire
Robyn Kenny – Forbes
Beryl Mooney* – Tamworth

1984
Adele Saunders OAM – Newcastle

1986
Dot Lockwood – Tamworth
June Roby – Westlakes

1987
Joan Buttriss* – Penrith District
Marie Dunn OAM* – Parramatta-Auburn
Betty McGirr – Illawarra
Gai Urquhart – Newcastle

1988
Carol Baiton – Young/Shoalhaven

1990
Lorna Allen – Newcastle
Val Laker* – Eastwood-Ryde
Peggy Moore – Singleton
Cath Penning – Liverpool City

1991
Jeanette Wright – Ku-ring-gai

1992
Nance Dwyer – Newcastle
Sheila Eather* – Hawkesbury City

1993
Clare Loughland – Manly Warringah

1994
Jill Beckhaus – Penrith District
Anne Marie Osborne – Lithgow
Frances Smith – Tamworth
Myrtle Williams* – Sutherland Shire

1996
Ivy Haughey* – St George
Margaret McGrath* – Lakeside
Sue Mitchell – Shoalhaven

1997
Madeleine Allen – Westlakes
Noeline Boyce – Maitland
Joy Charles – Illawarra & District
Maureen Long – Liverpool City
Irene Murray – Charlestown
1998
Eulalie Hayes – Grafton
Kath Fullagar OAM – Bankstown City

1999
Pat Bishop – Sutherland Shire
Joan Burge* – Northern Suburbs
Margaret Smith – Penrith District

2000
Maureen Boyle OAM – Manly Warringah
Shirley Connolly – Campbelltown
Shirley Fitzgerald* – Lakeside
Joan Marscham* – Eastwood-Ryde
Brenda Williams – Ku-ring-gai

2001
Barbara Bird – Maitland
Joan Brook – Gosford
Christine Byng* – Bankstown City
Maureen Goetze* – Blue Mountains
Corallie Newman – Manly Warringah

2002 March
Pam Guyer OAM – Macleay
June Jarmain – Westlakes
Yvonne Keegan – Orange
Lesley Quinn* – Northern Suburbs
Gwen Winsor – Manly Warringah

2002 November
Margaret Burke – Sutherland Shire
Valda Hampson – Woy Woy
Carmel Higgins – Blue Mountains
Estelle Lawler – Liverpool City
Vera Wiltshire OAM – Manly Warringah

2003
Robyn Bates – Eastwood-Ryde
Laurie Bissaker – Inner Western Suburbs
Roslyn De Luca OAM – Manly Warringah
Colleen Kime – Blue Mountains
Diane Pascoe – Charlestown

2004
Helen Andrews – St George
Len Burgess – Hills District
Betty Greenaway – Fairfield City
Rena Spears – Queanbeyan
Patricia Yeomans – Parramatta-Auburn

2005
Helen Cane – Baulkham Hills
Helene Herbert – St George
Kay Hodge – Ulladulla
Lynne Middleton – Orange
Lesley Morgan* – Sutherland Shire

2006
Cathy Aird – Baulkham Hills
Val Brunker – Kiama
Beverley Dew OAM – Manly Warringah
Kay Smith – Lower Clarence
Rhonda Swindale – Ulladulla

* Deceased

2007
Margaret Cliff – Manly Warringah
Berwyn Collings – Ku-ring-gai
Lesley Milner – Hills District
Aileen Shutt – Newcastle
Beverleen Woodward – Queanbeyan

2008
Cheryl Cairns – Kurri Kurri
Cheryl Hamilton – Inner Western Suburbs
Norma Lowe – Ulladulla
Sandra Marks – Blacktown City
Myra Zacher – Coffs Harbour

2009
Robyn Butler – Ulladulla
Noni Greentree* – Manly Warringah
Joy Grogan – Westlakes
June & Norm* Rogers – Illawarra & District
Kevin Smith – Newcastle

2010
June Backshall – Ballina
Ellen Monaghan – Newcastle
Margaret Nolan – Westlakes
Shirley O’Brien – Ballina
Kate Thornborough – Coffs Harbour

2011
Robyn Aitkin – Sutherland Shire
Pamela Burt – Westlakes
Lorraine Everitt – Baulkham Hills
Toni Field – Northern Suburbs
Anne Tait – Inner Western Suburbs

2012
Vivienne Bertenshaw – Hawkesbury City
Marie Caddies – Charlestown
Helen Dean – Manly Warringah
Sue Denman – Port Stephens
Ernita McGrath* – Dubbo

2013
Marian Chilvers – Westlakes
Julie Gates – Armidale
Janice Jackson – Penrith District

2014
Marilyn Latham – Eastwood Ryde
Annette Rowe – Baulkham Hills
Betty Spillane – Inner Western Suburbs
Margaret West – Charlestown

2015
Laurel Cunico – Baulkham Hills Shire
Linda Free – St George District
Margaret Spackman – Forbes
Margaret Thoms – Woy Woy Peninsula
Beverley Thorpe – Shoalhaven

2016
Stephanie Bortkevich – Newcastle
Ken Eberbach – Ku-ring-gai
June Haynes – Northern Suburbs
Ann O’Mara – Sutherland Shire
Leslie Smith – Charlestown
Marketing, Events & Communications

Marketing, Events & Communications Overview
With the support of the netball community and stakeholders, the marketing, events and communications team performed well in 2016. The year saw more netball, more engagement and more records smashed as we drew to a close and prepared for the monumental 2017 ahead of us.

Memberships and Ticketing
Membership and ticketing numbers for the NSW Swifts continued to grow in 2016. We saw a significant memberships remain at sold out levels from 2015 to 2016.

We also launched the 2017 membership campaigns for the NSW Swifts and GIANTS Netball. At the conclusion of 2016, the membership drives exceeded expectations – a substantial achievement with double the memberships now on offer to the public.

We broke another Trans-Tasman Netball League (TTNL) attendance record in 2016 with 13,341 avid netball supporters attending the NSW Swifts v QLD Firebirds game at Qudos Bank Arena. We broke the 2015 record of 10,370 for the NSW Swifts v Adelaide Thunderbirds game.

Attendance at other elite competitions continued to grow in 2016, notably the Stage Championship which was a two-venue event again in 2016, with additional supporter attendance and opportunities for the sport to showcase its performances at local levels.

The Metro League saw in excess of 24,000 attendees and the inaugural season of the Samsung Premier League was attended by more than 8,000 spectators.

Social and Digital Media
Throughout 2016, we continued to build our social and digital media profile. We saw growth on all platforms, improving again on our excellent engagement numbers.

With the announcement of the addition of GIANTS Netball to the Netball NSW family, the second half was saw the addition of new websites, socials channels and content as the Marketing and Communications team created a social and digital media presence for a second NSW elite netball team.

A new website and digital platforms were also created for the inaugural season of the Samsung Premier League, with the aim of creating excitement and momentum for the new elite pathway competition.

Events
Biennial Conference
At the Biennial Conference held on 20 and 21 February at Genea Netball Centre, 240 coaches, umpires, technical officials and administrators invested time, energy and passion in their own netball pre-season education by attending the 2016 Netball NSW Biennial Conference.

The 2016 edition was the sixth Biennial Conference, which offered the NSW netball community the opportunity to further their knowledge, skills and understanding of all aspects of the sport.

The weekend opened with a keynote address from Australian Diamonds Head Coach Lisa Alexander, who shared with the participants the Diamonds’ journey to gold at Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015 and the work undertaken behind the scenes to provide the athletes with the best possible environment in which to perform as the host team, on a global stage.

The Commonwealth and World Cup gold medallist coach shared one of the keys to keep her driving and improving is always “being humble enough to know that you don’t know it all”.

After opening the conference with her keynote presentation, Alexander held a High Performance coaching session alongside NSW Swifts Head Coach Rob Wright and TTNL umpire Clare McCabe, as they led the NSW 19/U Team through training while wearing microphones for the participants to follow along.
Participants also had the opportunity to take part in three education sessions, including a discussion of INF rules with expert panelists, dietetics sessions, community engagement and inclusion programs discussions, MyNetball learning, social media sessions, ethics and values exploration, or more court sessions featuring the NSW Swifts athletes and coaches with New Zealand Silver Ferns former head coach Yvonne Willering.

It was a great weekend of learning and fun for all involved.

**Swifts Gala Dinner 2016**

The 2016 NSW Swifts team was recognised and celebrated with a Gala Dinner held on 4 August, 2016 at Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf, Pyrmont. The event was the perfect way to conclude the 2016 TTNL season, with players and supporters winding down after the conclusion to the thrilling trans-Tasman netball competition. It was a wonderful night of celebrating both team and individual accolades.

**State Dinner 2016**

The Netball NSW 2016 State Dinner was held at Bankstown Sports Club on Saturday, 5 November, 2016.

The State Dinner celebrated individual, team, Club and Association successes from throughout the 2016 season. The NSW netball community also welcomed new inductees into our revered Netball NSW Hall of Fame, as well as acknowledge the amazing, dedicated volunteers who help make this sport so great.

Amongst the numerous awards and successes celebrated, a new category was introduced to our Hall of Fame – the Heritage Category. The category was framed to acknowledge significant historical icons, teams and pieces of history.
In February 2017 Suncorp Super Netball competition has commenced, replacing the Trans-Tasman Netball League.

The exciting new competition features the five existing Australian sides – NSW Swifts, Adelaide Thunderbirds, Melbourne Vixens, Queensland Firebirds and West Coast Fever – and three new additions – Collingwood Magsies Netball Club, Sunshine Coast Lightning and GIANTS Netball.

Following Netball Australia’s announcement in May 2016 of a new Australian only, eight-team national league Netball NSW successfully bid to enter the NSW Swifts and apply for a second new team into the competition. Netball NSW was successful and the new entity of GIANTS Netball was born, including a strategic alliance with GIANTS AFL in order to bring to life the new NSW-based team.

Netball NSW felt it was important to grasp the opportunity to launch a second national team for our 114,000 registered members.

In NSW, interest in netball is at an all-time high, with Netball NSW seeing record registration numbers at grassroots level, and we have strong, healthy representation at an elite level.

When you pair all of this with the popularity of the NSW Swifts, who have celebrated sell-out Memberships and crowds in 2016, it paints a clear picture of the amazing interest netball has in NSW right now.

Netball is the premier female sport in Australia and Netball NSW is delighted to be part of a significant growth period of the game, and with 25 percent of the new competition based in NSW (two out of eight competing teams), Netball NSW is very proud to play a big role in the next evolution of Australian netball.
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