GOALS IN NETBALL

Key Goal

Netball Australia’s key goal is to ensure that all Australians have the opportunity to participate in the sport of netball in a way that brings them good health, recognition, achievement, involvement, satisfaction, or other outcomes they seek.

Key Result Areas

› To develop an effective high performance program that delivers success in international competitions
› To increase community participation, membership recruitment and member retention
› To increase the strength and profile of Netball Australia’s elite events
› To deliver high quality service and support to members
› To deliver efficient and effective national operations

Long Term Objectives

› Ensure the continued success of our Australian representative teams
› Work with State and Territory members to increase the membership levels of registered players, coaches and officials
› Build allegiance to the sport through strong brand promotion and marketing in a coordinated national effort
› Expand the operational capacity and efficiency of the organisation through sound business and financial management
› Ensure that the inheritance and fundamental strength of the sport is protected and nurtured to ensure an ongoing legacy for all netball members

Key Performance Indicators

Our success will be measured by:
› Performance in benchmark events
› Compliance with set standards
› Satisfaction measures
› Achievements of set targets in membership recruitment, TV ratings and ticket sales
› Brand recognition
› Quality of relationships with members, partners, government
› Budget measures
› Achievement of strategic initiatives including constitutional review, communications campaign, IT and HR systems and insurance scheme

As a sport we value:
› our leading role in Australian sporting and social life
› our role in promoting healthy lifestyles
› our commercial and legal responsibilities
› our financial independence
› innovation, enterprise and creativity
› our volunteers, officials and administrators

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Special Moments

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› Laura von Bertouch début against NZ in Holden Netball Test Series. Brisbane 22nd July in centre court alongside sister, Natalie
› Eloise Southby-Halbish retires from netball prior to the 2006 CBT season
› Jane Searle resigns as Assistant Coach at the end of 2006

Commonwealth Bank Trophy (CBT)
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› Alison Broadbent claims 150th CBT cap in Round 14
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› Kristen Heinrich claims her 100th CBT cap in Round 5
› Raegan Jackson claims her 100th CBT cap in the Preliminary Final
› Sharelle McMahon claims her 150th CBT cap in Round 10
› Joanne Morgan claims her 100th CBT cap in Round 1 after making a return to the CBT for the Queensland Firebirds
› Peta Scholz claims her 150th CBT cap in Round 7
A Year of Changes

It has been a year of change across a range of business areas that has set Netball Australia on a new path for the future.

I would like to acknowledge the previous President and Chair of the Board, Marilyn McGuirk OAM, and thank her for the work that she did on behalf of the Association during her term.

The CEO, Lindsay Cane resigned from the organisation in May and her resignation coincided with a Board review on the best location for the national headquarters. After considering the options and being offered the opportunity to enter a partnership with the AFL and the Victorian Government, the Netball Australia Board decided to relocate the headquarters to Melbourne.

The business of Netball Australia has been conducted from offices in Sydney, Parramatta and Harris Park in NSW over the last 26 years, so this decision marks the end of an era for Netball Australia.

Corporate governance continued to be a specific focus of the Board and a new constitution was adopted at the annual general meeting in November. A national strategic forum was held on the same weekend with our member organisations and other stakeholders, providing a vision and platform for the future direction of our sport.

The Australian team had a mixed year of results. They achieved a Silver Medal in an exciting and unpredictable final against New Zealand at the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games in March. Four months later, the two sides met again claiming a win each. The series was awarded to New Zealand on a goal count back. The July series against New Zealand since 2001 in the three-test series in October, going to draw, attracting 16,000 spectators in Brisbane and 10,400 in Sydney.

It has been a year of change across a range of business areas for the work that she did on behalf of the Association during her term.

Netball Australia identified that declining membership and the increasing range of sporting choices for young players, needed to be addressed if netball is to prosper as a national sport. At grassroots level, Netball Australia developed a new Netball Policy and are currently introducing the ‘Net-Set-Go’ program, in support of the significant role that junior game development plays as the lifeblood of the sport in this country.

A bid has been submitted to the International Federation of Netball Associations (FINA) to host the 2013 World Netball Championships in Melbourne, Singapore is the only other bidding nation. A decision is expected by FINA at the 2007 Congress in November.

The delivery of the national merchandise and licensing programs has been strengthened. Negotiations continue with the retail distributors to ensure that high visibility, increased distribution, and exposure of the product and the Netball Australia brands continues in 2007.

Netball Australia’s commercial partners again provided tremendous support to the game. Thank you to the Commonwealth Bank, ASIC’s, Holden, X Blades, Bendigo, the Athletes’ Foot and our new partner in 2006, Gatbrode.

Local, state and the federal governments are relied upon for the growth of the sport, and the support of these bodies is greatly appreciated by Netball Australia. In particular I would like to thank the Federal Government for their tremendous support of Netball Australia through the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Institute of Sport programs. Senator Rod Kemp announced his retirement from the Parliament and as Minister for Sport and the Arts. I would like to thank him for the support and friendship that he has shown to netball during his five year term.

The impending move to Melbourne and the appointment in November of new CEO, Kate Palmer is an exciting new direction for the organisation, that the majority of staff have decided not to relocate and will continue their netball Australia.

On behalf of the organisation, I would like to acknowledge the contributions that each and every one of the Harris Park staff has made to the management and development of netball during the years of their service.

Finally, netball throughout this nation owes a great deal of thanks to the thousands of volunteers whose dedicated efforts are the foundation of our game. They are the lifeblood of our sport, serving the game in many different roles and their time and efforts are greatly appreciated by Netball Australia.

Nooelen Dis
President.

Management

Marilyn Melhuse, OAM, President & Chairperson
Director: 2 May 1999 - 29 April 2006

Nooelen Dis, President
Qualifications: Diploma of Education
Experience: Program Manager Competition - Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games; General Manager - 1997 World Netball Championships (Under 23 Men); Sport Manager Asian Games 1998; International Leagues
Director appointed: 4 October 1996
Director reappointed: 4 October 2002

Lydia Dowse, Director
Qualifications: BA (Hons), LLB, MA Sports Management
Experience: CEO of Athlete Development Australia; Deputy Chair in Event Management Law at Melbourne University; Sports Studies Industry Advisory Group at Deakin University; Sports Lawyer and Manager; Senior Manager Western Australia Events Corporation; Senior Manager Victorian Major Events Company, Organising Committee 2002 VFL Global Warming Tour Organising Committee, 2003 VFL Rugby World Cup (Melbourne matches), Organising Committee 2004 Melbourne Winter Masters Games Organising Committee, 2005 Figurist Gymnastics World Championships, Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association - ANZLSA Chairperson of the ANZLSA Conference Organising Committee for Perth conference, 2001; Member of the Western Australian Soccer Task Force, 2000
Director appointed: 1 October 2005

Pam Smith, Director
Qualifications: Master of Arts (Politics) Bachelor of Arts (Politics and History)
Experience: CEO Young Achievement Australia; Vice President - Eastwood Rugby Netball Association; Trustee - Parramatta Stadium Trust, National Executive Director of ANA (1990-2003); Vice President of International Federation of Netball Associations (2003-2005); Director ANA (1995-2003, 2006); Former Director of National Netball League Pty Ltd; Former Secretary of Asian Federation of Netball Associations; Former Director of Commonwealth Games Association; Former Director of Australian Commonwealth Games Foundation
Director appointed: 26th April 2006

Karen O’Sullivan, Director
Qualifications: Bachelor of Business (Management Administration); Bachelor of Laws; Diploma of Sports Coaching (Sport and Recreation). Director of AANA (2000-2004); Director of NNL; Director of Women’s National Basketball League
Experience: Director of Commonwealth Games Federation, Member - Service Skills SA Board and Rec. and Sport Committee; Member - National RDO Reference Group (Sport and Recreation). Director of ANA (2000-2004); Director of NNL; Member of Australian Olympic Council; Member of SAMRA Board; Member of SAMRA Board; Member of SASSSA and School Sport Australia; Director appointed: 11 September 2006

Kate Palmer, Chief Executive Officer
Qualifications: Bachelor of Education (P.E) Diploma of Teaching (Secondary) Graduate Diploma in Applied Science (Recreation Planning and Management)
Experience: CEO - SA Sports Federation Member - 10th and 12th Australian Masters Games Advisory Board; Board Member - Volunteers Ministerial Advisory Group (SA Government); Member of AIS and SA - Diploma for Institute of Professional Secretaries and Administrators. Fellow - Australian Institute of Office Professionals; Diploma for Institute of Professional Secretaries and Administrators; Associate - Australian Institute of Office Professionals; Director appointed: 28 April 2001

Sue Taylor, AM, Director
Qualifications: Master of Arts (International Sport Law) Experience: President & Chair of the Board of Directors of ANA-Chair Board of Directors NNL; Member of former ANA Management Committee; ANA Selecto; Director of World Netball Championships Company International Delegate to FINA; Director of Commonwealth Games Federation, Vice President of Australian Commonwealth Games Association; Board Member Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Association; Life member of the Western Australian Soccer Task Force; Life member of SASSSA and School Sport Australia; Director appointed: 11 September 2006

NEW DIRECTORS

Kate Palmer, Chief Executive Officer
Qualifications: Bachelor of Applied Science Honours, Masters Degree in Management Graduate - Williamstown Community Leadership Program
Experience: Member - Australian Masters Games Advisory Board; Chief Executive Officer - Netball Victoria; Director - Netball Victoria 2003-2006, Director - Triathlon Victoria 2003-2004

David Bell, Director
Director appointed: 30 April 2005 - May 2006

Board of Directors’ Profiles

Board of Directors’ Profiles
Marketing the sport
Our goal is to ensure Netball Australia continues to develop and maximise a strong market position and realise opportunities that consistently strengthen the brand, the sport and our athletes in a controlled and positive environment.

Planning for the future
The year has been one of planning and developing a solid foundation from which netball can develop its commercial markets and enhance its brand nationally.

The first step in the new direction has been the creation and implementation of a new marketing, communications & commercial strategic plan to drive the commercial arm of netball. The benefits of the plan will occur in ensuing years as the successful promotion and management of key Netball Australia properties continues to be maximised.

Tapping into the states
After the success of the 2005 Commonwealth Bank Trophy (CBT) finals series Netball Australia decentralised marketing or local area marketing spend to State and Territory Member Organisations who run CBT Teams, for the entire 2006 season. The re-direction of marketing spend to the CBT teams resulted in greater marketing spend to the CBT teams and the Australian Netball Team. It currently licences more than 30 different products including DVDs and supporter apparel.

The program provides revenue streams for Netball Australia and the State Organisations.

Strategic business relationships
An evaluation of the management of sponsors identified the need to secure specialist sponsorship counsel. Sports Marketing and Management (SMAM) were engaged to aid in the delivery of a more strategic approach to valuing our core Netball Australia properties.

There has been a consolidation and building of core commercial properties for Netball Australia over the year and 2007 will no doubt show a significant return on the investment and planning.

Spreading the word
This year Netball Australia initiated a tailored suite of communications vehicles to deliver key messages, corporate image and tactical information to key stakeholders, members of the media and the wider community. A number of key messages were developed for the media, administrators, officials and players to further enhance exposure and integrity for the organisation and the sport.

Netball Australia continues to recognise, reward and target the Australian media to increase their commitment and contribution to netball through their numerous national and international networks.

More netball merchandise on the market
The national merchandise and licensing program was launched in 2006. Velocity Brand Management, was engaged to develop a centralised licensing program where strategic development, distribution, protection and sales of all licensing business were successfully delivered under the management and direction of Netball Australia.

The program incorporated all eight (8) Commonwealth Bank Trophy teams and the Australian Netball Team. It currently licences more than 30 different products including DVDs and supporter apparel.

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Supporting our growth
Netball Australia is committed to increase community participation, membership recruitment and member retention to deliver high quality service and support to members.

Netball Australia is committed to provide leadership and services to its members to support the vast pool of volunteers across the country who support our grassroots players.

Coaching framework introduced
A more supportive accreditation system, matching player and coaching pathway has been introduced in the form of a five tier coaching framework. The new courses have been submitted to the Australian Sports Commission for accreditation and will be implemented in 2007 and 2008.

Thank you to Netball WA who developed and trialled the intermediate course. The five levels are:

- Foundation Coaching Course
- Netball Team Coaching Course
- Intermediate Coaching Course
- Advanced Coaching Course
- High Performance Coaching Course

Resource material is being developed to support course delivery and quality control.

The Accreditation Committee of Leoni Otago, Fiona Young, Karen Warland, Jo Macdermid assisted in creating the new framework.

Net Set Go! has arrived
Net Set Go! is Netball Australia’s Junior Netball Program. It has been developed to provide children from the age of 5 to 10 years with the best possible learning and playing experience that enables them to develop a positive introduction to Netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation within the sport.

The program has been designed to complement the existing netball infrastructure by providing community groups, such as Associations, Clubs and school with quality resources and equipment to deliver an age and skill appropriate netball program.

Trials in Queensland and Victoria along with planning and resource development will culminate in the launch of the new program with resources across the states in 2007.

Research provides an insight
A grant was received from the Australian Government Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs for the Women’s Participation in Sport. A study of Netball under the Commonwealth’s Women’s leadership and Development Programme was commissioned to investigate the enable, barriers to the participation of women in sports as participants and as administrators. AC Neilson conducted the study and Netball Australia will be disseminating the findings to all members early next year.

Medibank Private 1Seven and obesity
Medibank Private Seven is a national program which aims to promote healthy behaviour that will lead to improved nutrition awareness and physical activity levels of Australian children. Seven is a partnership between Medibank Private, Cricket Australia, Netball Australia and the Australian Football League that encourages children (5-12 year olds) to participate in at least 1 hour of moderate to vigorous physical activity and eat up to seven serves of fruit and vegetables every day.

The Seven Program consists of an interactive website with content for students, teachers and parents including articles, curriculum resources and interactive games.

Indigenous Netball a growth area
A National Workshop was held to help develop the indigenous netball community. Important links within the community were established and a National Working committee created. Netball Australia has signed agreements with the AFL, ARL, as well as NASGA to help provide services and education to selected communities throughout Australia. Congratulations to Western Australia and Netball ACT for their part in this process.

Project connect
Over the next five years Netball Australia, with support from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) aims to provide inclusive sport for all people with a disability. A national workshop was conducted on exclusivity and netball’s ability to implement strategies to provide further opportunity utilising existing pathways and opportunities. All states were enthusiastic and committed in their support for providing a sport that would be inclusive for all. A consequence of the agreement with the Australian Sports Commission will be an audit distributed early 2007.

Coaching highs

- 3 coaches completed the Level 3 coaching accreditation.
- 11 coaches updated their Level 3.
- 10 newly accredited Level 2 coaches.
- 27 updated their Level 2 qualification.
- 1333 newly accredited Level 1 coaches.
- 300 updated their Level 1.

The Junior Sports Policy and its message of inclusion, forms the basic framework of the new Netball Australia coaching courses.
A challenging year..

With Melbourne hosting the 2006 Commonwealth Games from 25-26 March, the Australian Netball Team carried the burden of heightened expectation of producing a gold-medal winning performance for the home crowd.

In a memorable, inspiring performance, Australia challenged the reigning World Champions, New Zealand down to the wire at Vodafone Arena (MPV) and came within five goals of taking the title. New Zealand claimed gold but Australia's courageous fight won over the fans and ensured all that 2006 was going to be a turning point for the national side.

Young defender, Susan Furthmann and shooter, Susan Pratley earned their first call-up to the national team, whilst experienced campaigner and national captain, Liz Ellis missed the Games because of a knee reconstruction.

The world's best netball nations contested the 2006 Commonwealth Games with Jamaica proving a legitimate emerging challenger to the powerhouse, Australia and New Zealand. Against Australia in a pool game, Jamaica erased a nine-goal deficit in the last quarter to force a draw. The result forced Australia to produce a big win against Singapore to claim top billing in their pool and therefore avoid the Silver Ferns in the semi-finals.

In the early rounds, Australia easily accounted for Wales, Barbados and Samoa and then outclassed a re-building England in the semi-final to set up their gold-medal clash with New Zealand.

Four months later, the two arch-rivals clashed again in a two-test series, New Zealand claimed victory in the first Test in Brisbane. But Australia fought back to take the second contest and deal the Silver Ferns their first loss in two years. Pacy Adelaide midcourter, Laura von Bertouch impressed in her international debut and became a regular fixture in the team throughout the year.

Australia's confidence was high heading into the return series and they posted their first victory on New Zealand soil since 2003 and first consecutive win against the World Champions since 2003.

In a thrilling three-test duel, the Silver Ferns took the second Test in Auckland, setting up a highly-anticipated finale to the dramatic series. Australia's fighting spirit prevailed in the final match. Australia won the series 2-1 proving to the Silver Ferns – Australia is back!

High performance

Our goal is to develop an effective high performance program that delivers success in international competitions including the World Championships 2007; World Youth Netball Championships 2009 and the Delhi Commonwealth Games 2010.

A new culture planned

During the year Netball Australia implemented its new High Performance Plan with objectives focused on creating a new high performance culture and a sustainable system for the sport.

The result has been new player and coach pathways and clearly defined and integrated roles within the AIS and SIS/SAS network. This has been underpinned with a more robust and better resourced talent development programs and national team structures.

Emphasis has been on the establishment of systems to support and develop the quality of junior athletes entering the national pathway and to support national squad members in their quest to represent Australia whilst pursuing full time employment or education opportunities.

Preparations for the World Championships

Preparations for the 2007 world championships are well underway. 2006 provided a challenging learning phase for the Australian Team in many respects. The team took home the silver medal from the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne. Next was a closely fought international test series against New Zealand in July. The 2 – 2 - 1 series win against their Trans Tasman rivals in October 2006 provides an indication of just how close the two teams are in their match-ups.

A strong international program has been planned against Jamaica, England and New Zealand for 2007. This is to be supported by a national camps program which will provide the national team with the extensive preparation required to win back the World Championship trophy. Netball Australia has also engaged a PhD student to undertake doctorate research, as well provide performance analysis support and services to the national program.

The Australian Sports Commission provided, through the Australia Government Training Grant Scheme, $240,000 to support the Australian netball squads in its preparation for the 2007 World Championships. This support is vital in assisting our elite athletes to maintain their focus on their preparation and training for the World Championships.

Youth benefits from experience

In 2006 the Australian 23 & Under squad participated as training partners to the Australian Team in their Commonwealth Games preparation. This included extensive international exposure against teams from New Zealand, South Africa, Fiji, Singapore and Samoa. In July the team won the series against the NZ National 21 & Under Team 2 - 0.

From the ground up

Netball Australia increased its financial contribution to $245,000 to assist State and Territory Institutes and Academies of Sport to support the daily training environment of nationally identified 16 – 19 year old athletes. In addition a combined National Junior squads and high performance coaching camp was conducted at the AIS in July.

The introduction in 2006 of a National Talent Development Co-ordinator position to manage Netball’s national talent development programs was made possible through the Australian Sports Commission and its National Coaching Scholarship scheme.

Elite netball growth plans

The High Performance Plan will drive certain initiatives for next year

› Review and preparation of Netball’s high performance systems and infrastructure for 2008 – 2011
› Review the role and position of the AIS Netball Program
› Review and preparation of a National Competition Framework
› Introduction of a National Regional Academy Framework to support the elite athlete pathway
› Increase the development and mentoring opportunities for targeted potential elite coaches.
Australian 21/U Team in flying form

The Australian 21/U Squad opened the year by showcasing their talented playing group in several practice matches against visiting national teams who were in search of top competition in the lead-in to the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games in March. Australia’s rich depth of player talent was highlighted when the 21/U Squad posted several victories and produced consistent, high-level, outstanding performances during the series.

Playing in front of a vocal home crowd in Brisbane in July, the Australian 21/U Team upstaged New Zealand – the reigning World Youth Netball champions – in a clean sweep of the two-Test series. The victories were a significant boost for Australia, who had lost to New Zealand by just one goal in the semi-finals of the 2005 World Youth Netball Championships.

Australia 21/U v New Zealand 21/U

When: 20 July 2006
Venue: Insport Cornubia, Brisbane, QLD
Result: Australia 48 def. New Zealand 36

Holden Netball Test Series

When: 22 July 2006
Venue: Brisbane Entertainment Centre, Brisbane, QLD
Result: Australia 47 def. New Zealand 28

The team
J ulie Prendergast (Captain)
K imberlee Green (Vice-captain)
Caitlin Bassett
Kate Beueridge
J ohannah Carran
L aura Getz
R enee Hallinan
R aechel Knight
C laire McMeniman
N ikala Smith
Caitlin Thwaites
V enessa Ware

Coach: Lisa Alexander
Assistant Coach: J ulie Fitzgerald
Team Manager: Louise Pilling
Team Doctor: Dr Lenna Hugoson
Physiotherapist: Steve Hawkins
Massage Therapist: Geral Darwish

21 and Under National Championships

At ESTA Park in Adelaide in September the 21 and Under Championships sponsored by Athlete’s Foot was where we saw the young stars of Australian netball shine.

The strong defensive line-up of the Victorian side was too much for defending champions Western Australia, defeated in the Grand Final by a resounding 22 goals, 71-49.

Congratulations to all the players, officials and support staff that yet again represented their States and Territories with great skill and integrity. A special note of thanks must also be given to the many volunteers and host Member Organisations who work tirelessly to bring these special events together.

Underage Championships

In April at Penrith Stadium in Sydney the nation’s best 17 and Under and 19 and Under netballers competed for the coveted title of National Champions. The stage was set for a close and exciting contest.

Defending champions New South Wales dominated the 17 and Under competition, and defeated Victoria in the grand final to claim the title by a comfortable margin of 31-23. However, in the 19 and Under competition, a determined Victorian side reversed their fortunes against New South Wales by turning a three-goal defeat in the round into a convincing 37-26 victory, making 2006 their fourth consecutive year as National Champions.

Netball at its best

Our goal is to ensure elite level netball continues to be seen throughout Australia on a regular basis while continuing to increase the strength and profile of Netball Australia’s elite events.

A year of firsts

Sport at the elite level is inspiring for our millions of participants and for sports lovers across the globe. It is Netball Australia’s goal to ensure that annually netball is presented as a well packaged exciting skilful sport for everyone involved from the passionate supporters, the corporate world and the casual observer. This year has been one of many key achievements for the sport in the competition and events area.

Firstly after 25 years Brisbane played host to its first International Test Match between Australia v New Zealand to a very appreciative audience.

In excess of 20,000 people attended the two International Test Matches held in Australia this year.

The creation and introduction of a corporate function at each test match gave guests an opportunity to mingle and hear presentations from high profile sports people including Marg Caldow (Head Coach England Netball Team) Alison Broadbent, Julie Fitzgerald and Jared Crouch (Sydney Swans Player). This practice was well received and will be developed further in 2007.

Preparations commenced for the bid to host the 2011 IFNA World Netball Championships in Melbourne.

Television coverage was again received well and gave the sport good reach and frequency.

Future plans

An agreement was signed with New Zealand to continue the development and packaging of worthwhile clashes between the two netballing nations for the enjoyment of the viewing public as well as the players.

Work with TV and the states to increase the viewing audience of netball continues to be a priority as opportunities to deliver the sport are assessed regularly.
Umpires

Umpire development

The sport of netball needs to have strong highly trained and experienced umpiring personnel.

In 2006 three new AA Umpiring Badges were awarded to Raechel Richards, Rachael Ayre and Di Cocker.

Sue Floro an AA Umpire was endorsed and two ASC scholarships were awarded to Dusty-Lee Rea and Courtney Harrington.

The National Pool of Umpires is supported by the tireless efforts of the National Grading and Endorsement Panel and thanks go to Maureen Boyle, Annette Smith, Sharon Kelly, Stacey Campton and Chris Burton for their contribution to the development of umpires nationally.

National Pool

Rachael Ayre (New)  
Nikki Boyd  
Di Cocker (New)  
Donna Davey  
Debra Farrelly (f)  
Jacqui ashari  
Sharon Kelly  
Clare McCabe  
Louise McMeeking  
Raechel Richards (New)  
Kate Wright

National Membership Administration System (NMA)

High quality membership service

Netball Australia entered into an agreement with the supplier Interfuse in December 2005 and is working with Member Organisations to provide the system to every level of netball within Australia; from state and territory, local regions, associations and clubs.

The NMAS will enable Netball Australia to provide an affordable administration system and website without the need to involve technical professionals.

More than just a database or website, the system provides all the tools a netball organisation needs to run their sport, including website, competition tools, member database, online shop and online newsletters.

Commonwealth Bank Trophy

Ten years on...

Our goal is to continue to review the current competition and ensure the viability of elite netball competition in Australia.

History in the making

Seen as the world’s most prestigious domestic competition, the Commonwealth Bank Trophy (CBT) entered its 10 year of operation in 2006.

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia continues its commitment to the growth of netball through the event and ancillary activities at the grass roots level across the country. As naming rights sponsor of the League for the 10th continuous year this partnership is well recognised as a success for both parties. Netball Australia recognises and thanks the Commonwealth Bank for their foresight and investment in national netball.

CBT matches were again played in regional areas to gain additional exposure for the sport. The eight teams in the competition competed in front of appreciative fans and those who just enjoy seeing sport played at its best. Areas visited included Wollongong, Darwin, Townsville, and Geelong.

The Sydney TAB Swifts went through the season undefeated! They will go down in the record books as the first National League team to achieve this feat.

Television coverage for CBT matches included live broadcasts on ABC2 on Friday nights and a comprehensive magazine style show on ABC on Saturday afternoon to entertain the sports enthusiasts.

The event culminated in a grand final at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre in front of a sell out crowd. The competition has come of age.
As always there are important relationships created behind the scene to build the financial foundations that underpin the success of the netball from the grassroots to the elite level.

Sponsors corporate partners and suppliers continue to see netball as an important commercial investment and Netball Australia is pleased to work with them.

» Official Partners

» National Competition Naming Rights Sponsor

» International Test Series Naming Rights Sponsor

» Official Broadcast Sponsor

» Official Apparel

» Official Accommodation

» Official Ball

» Official Sports Drink

» Official Suppliers

» Fantasy Netball Sponsor

» Official Sport Underwear

» Team Naming Rights Sponsors

2006 ASCIS Australian Team Player of the Year

Jessica Hynd, Perth Orioles

2006 CBT Most Valuable Player

Liz Ellis, Sydney TAB Swifts

2006 CBT Best New Talent

Madison Brown, Allied Pickfords Melbourne Kestrels

2006 Australian Sports Awards

The 2006 Australian Sport Awards are announced in 2007 and the following nominations were submitted:

» Liz Ellis, Sydney TAB Swifts – Female Athlete of the Year

» National Competition Naming Rights Sponsor

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Australian State 21 and Under Open Teams.

His teams won five (5) National Championships during his state coaching career of 12 years. He most recently held the position of National 17 & Under Squad Selector from 2001 - 2005 where his contribution and ability to identify future international netballers was second to none. John is surrounded by his wife Shirley.

Mavis Scott (nee Buckingham)

Mavis Scott’s devotion to netball spanned more than 60 years where she made significant contributions to both Netball South Australia and football Australia. She was awarded her AA Umpire Badge in 1958. As a dedicated mentor, coach and administrator Mavis served as an umpire delegate for South Australia for over 15 years. She was a proxy umpire at the 1952 World Netball Championships held in Perth and was nominated to Netball Australia’s u.17 committee for a number of years.

Netball Australia Awards

In 2006 the Netball Australia Annual Awards Ceremony was held in Sydney at the Museum of Contemporary Art on Circular Quay. This annual event celebrates and recognizes the Commonwealth Bank Trophy Season and International Test Series, acknowledges the outstanding contributions of individual players, officials and teams, and highlights the commitment of our media and corporate partners.

Former Australian Swimmer and Commonwealth Games gold medallist Nicole Livingstone again was MC for the night’s festivities.

Netball Australia thanks the generous and dedicated corporate partners who make these important awards and the subsequent recognition possible.

Awards

Commonwealth Bank Trophy Most Valued Player

Liz Ellis, Sydney TAB Swifts

Commonwealth Bank Trophy Best New Talent

Madison Brown, Allied Pickfords Melbourne Kestrels

ASCIS Australian Team Player of the Year

Jessica Hynd, Perth Orioles

Player of the Year sponsored by The Athlete’s Foot

Carolin Bassett, Perth Orioles

Carolin Thainlie, Allied Pickfords Melbourne Kestrels

Unirem of the Year sponsored by Gabeadores

Sharon Kielty

Domestic Coach of the Year sponsored by Sport Employment Australia

Julie Fitzgerald, Sydney TAB Swifts

Margaret Purness Team of the Year

Goal Shooter – Catherine Cox, Sydney TAB Swifts

Goal Attack – Sharelle McMahon, Melbourne First National Phoenix

Wing Attack – Laura von Bertouch, Medibank Adelaide Thunderbirds

Centre – Natalie von Bertouch, Medibank Adelaide Thunderbirds

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Mavis Scott (nee Buckingham)

Mavis Scott’s devotion to netball spanned more than 60 years where she made significant contributions to both Netball South Australia and football Australia. She was awarded her AA Umpire Badge in 1958. As a dedicated mentor, coach and administrator Mavis served as an umpire delegate for South Australia for over 15 years. She was a proxy umpire at the 1952 World Netball Championships held in Perth and was nominated to Netball Australia’s u.17 committee for a number of years.

Netball Australia Awards

In 2006 the Netball Australia Annual Awards Ceremony was held in Sydney at the Museum of Contemporary Art on Circular Quay. This annual event celebrates and recognizes the Commonwealth Bank Trophy Season and International Test Series, acknowledges the outstanding contributions of individual players, officials and teams, and highlights the commitment of our media and corporate partners.

Former Australian Swimmer and Commonwealth Games gold medallist Nicole Livingstone again was MC for the night’s festivities.

Netball Australia thanks the generous and dedicated corporate partners who make these important awards and the subsequent recognition possible.

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Commonwealth Bank Trophy Most Valued Player

Liz Ellis, Sydney TAB Swifts

Commonwealth Bank Trophy Best New Talent

Madison Brown, Allied Pickfords Melbourne Kestrels

ASCIS Australian Team Player of the Year

Jessica Hynd, Perth Orioles

Player of the Year sponsored by The Athlete’s Foot

Carolin Bassett, Perth Orioles

Carolin Thainlie, Allied Pickfords Melbourne Kestrels

Unirem of the Year sponsored by Gabeadores

Sharon Kielty

Domestic Coach of the Year sponsored by Sport Employment Australia

Julie Fitzgerald, Sydney TAB Swifts

Margaret Purness Team of the Year

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Commonwealth Bank Trophy 2007 Draw

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27 April 8.30pm: Queensland Diamonds vs Melbourne First National Phoenix
11 May 7.30pm: Melbourne Thunderbirds vs Adelaide Thunderbirds
2 June 9.30pm: South Australia Swifts vs ACT Capitals
2 June 9.30pm: Melbourne Storm vs Sydney Swifts
26 June 8.30pm: ACT Capitals vs Adelaide Thunderbirds

Round 2
5 May 7.30pm: Perth Orioles vs Queensland Diamonds
19 May 7.30pm: Melbourne Thunderbirds vs Melbourne First National Phoenix
20 May 8.30pm: ACT Capitals vs South Australia Swifts
26 June 7.30pm: Melbourne Storm vs Melbourne Thunderbirds
6 July 9.30pm: South Australia Swifts vs Adelaide Thunderbirds

Round 3
15 May 7.30pm: Queensland Diamonds vs ACT Capitals
16 May 7.30pm: Melbourne First National Phoenix vs South Australia Swifts
22 May 7.30pm: Melbourne Thunderbirds vs Melbourne Storm
23 May 8.30pm: Adelaide Thunderbirds vs ACT Capitals
23 May 8.30pm: Melbourne Storm vs South Australia Swifts

Round 4
4 June 7.30pm: Sydney Swifts vs Queensland Diamonds
14 June 7.30pm: Melbourne First National Phoenix vs Melbourne Thunderbirds
15 June 7.30pm: South Australia Swifts vs Adelaide Thunderbirds
15 June 7.30pm: Melbourne Storm vs Melbourne First National Phoenix
15 June 7.30pm: ACT Capitals vs South Australia Swifts

Round 5
12 June 7.30pm: Sydney Swifts vs Melbourne First National Phoenix
13 June 7.30pm: Melbourne Thunderbirds vs Adelaide Thunderbirds
13 June 7.30pm: Melbourne Storm vs South Australia Swifts
14 June 7.30pm: ACT Capitals vs ACT Capitals
14 June 7.30pm: South Australia Swifts vs Melbourne Storm

Finals
23 June 7.30pm: Sydney Swifts vs Melbourne Thunderbirds
23 June 9.30pm: Adelaide Thunderbirds vs South Australia Swifts
24 June 9.30pm: Melbourne Storm vs ACT Capitals
25 June 9.30pm: Melbourne First National Phoenix vs Queensland Diamonds
26 June 9.30pm: Melbourne Thunderbirds vs South Australia Swifts

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