

SMOG Snippets

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Hi everybody,

Trials are now finished and we have named our nine teams for the 2009 season on our website. Hopefully by now you should have met your coach (at least via email) and chosen your team manager. It has been great to hear that many teams have already starting practicing – practice times for teams are on the club website: <http://www.smognetball.org.nz/95-10.html>

Key Dates

- ❖ 28 March – SMOG 1 Preseason tournament in Wanganui
- ❖ 28 March – SMOG 4, 6, and 7 compete in Hutt Tournament

Subs and Uniforms

Details on subs and uniforms are now up on the website. Check out the details here:

<http://www.smognetball.org.nz/95-10.html>

Club AGM

The SMOG AGM will be held on **Tuesday 31 March at 6pm**, at Sport Wellington (Level 2), 113 Adelaide Road, Newtown – see here for details <http://www.smognetball.org.nz/95-109.html>. It is really important that all players and coaches attend the AGM. You will get to meet the Board and the committee, as well as pick up uniforms, equipment and pay subs.

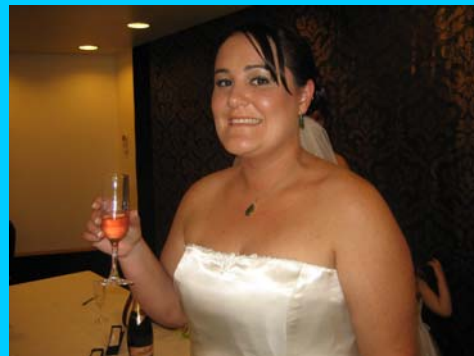
Spot Light on Rani Morunga – Caldwell

Originally from: The Centre of the Universe - a little piece of paradise called WAIROA! Moved down to Wellington about 10 years ago to study and never really left - I wonder why?!

About me: I live out in Porirua with my husband Shannon and our beautiful huntaway dog Jimmy. Shannon and I are expecting our first baby in July - and I am already suffering netball withdrawals! I work at the Ministry of Social Development as a Strategic planner and love my job. In my spare time I usually hang out with the husband and his 5 year old daughter and am known to be a bit of a homebody.

Joined SMOG: I joined SMOG in 2006 and played in the Senior grade. I mostly play netball for fun - but have a little competitive side. I joined the committee as Secretary last year and am in the same role again this year. To curb the netball withdrawals I am co-coaching SMOG 9 this year as well as my involvement on the committee.

Role on Committee: I am the Secretary for SMOG as well as the Team Manager Coordinator and the Equipment Coordinator along with Bec O'Shaugnessy. My role is mostly about recording minutes for the committee meetings, checking the SMOG gmail request and responding to e-mails as well as keeping track of netball equipment belonging to the club. The Team Manager Coordinator is my main task throughout the season as I try to keep all the Managers up to date with what is happening - so that they can then keep their teams up to date. Being a manager is a great way to get involved in the club and the only pre-requisite is that you are organised and can put up with all my e-mails!!



Goss from the Boss

Many of you long-time smoggies may remember Louise Von Dodelszen, the previous Club Captain.

She got married to her fiancée Dean on 14 March at the lovely Mission Estate winery in Hawkes Bay. She is now to be known as Mrs Yarrell and is off to Malaysia for her honeymoon. The Committee and the Board wish her all the best for married life.



SMOG Pre-Season Fitness Session One

The first of the SMOG pre-season fitness sessions was held on Thursday 19 March up at St Mary's College. Two of Configure Express Women's Gym's top Instructors, Bridie and Annalese, put our girls through the paces with a great range of activities aimed at building speed, agility, reaction time and strength. Check out some of the action shots!



FROM THE BOARD

The Board has been busy this month thinking about the focus for the 2009 season; supporting the Committee through its start of the season activities, and working with the Committee on the 2009 Budget.

The recession is already starting to hit...

It is going to be a tough season financially. SMOG no longer has its naming sponsor, which provided us with a great deal of financial security for the Club and also allowed the Club to build up some reserves. We are so very grateful to Just Paterson for the immense assistance they gave us over the past few years – we could not have become the Club we are without them.

The reserves that the Just Paterson sponsorship allowed us to build up are vital in case any of the grant funding we rely upon to keep the Club running does not eventuate. Should funding not be secured, we would be able to keep SMOG going without an increase in your subs, which is a fantastic position to be in. However, the Board has decided that it would prefer to maintain these reserves.

At the time of writing this update, we have found out that SMOG has secured \$7500 of the \$19,520 we had asked the NZ Community Trust (NZCT) for, to help us pay for the hire of training facilities. We will try and secure alternate funding, but this already puts us on the back foot.....and it is something a lot of sporting and community organisations are finding at the moment. We are however thankful that we have received such a significant amount from the NZCT, as it helps a great deal.

We need you!

What we need from you now is some assistance with fundraising. We have not really had to do a lot of this in the past, but it is now a reality. The Board and Committee are working to put together a plan that will give us the most 'bang for our buck', as we know that time is a precious commodity. However, we also need to make sure we keep netball affordable, ensure playing is enjoyable, and make SMOG a successful and high performing Club. The first thing we will be doing is giving every player a box of Cadbury chocolate bars to sell. We are also thinking about an event with a guest speaker and maybe even a singles night! If you have any ideas or you can help in some way – please talk to us or the Committee, or you can contact us at smogboard@gmail.com.



We need a Board member

Keen to be a part of the SMOG Board and get involved with some strategic planning for the club? The Board supports the Committee with thinking about the longer term position of the Club, and the planning and thinking we need to do now in order to ensure the Club is the very best it can be in the future. The Board is also responsible for the budget and making sure that SMOG remains financially viable. Please contact us if you want to join the team, we would love to have you.

Feedback? Suggestions?

The Board is always keen to get feedback and hear suggestions from members – so don't hesitate to email us on smogboard@gmail.com. We are definitely evolving as a Board and learning as we go, so we are keen for as many people to help with this as possible!

See you at the AGM on the 31st