

# SMOG Snippets

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Hi all,

Round two is now underway at Hataitai courts. Congratulations to SMOG 4 who moved up into Premier 3, after some great wins in Round 1.

SMOG 2 and 3 have now joined the new 'Division 1', following the reshuffle of grades due to teams leaving for the Regional Super League. Both teams secured wins in their first games in this division – nice work!

## Update on Regional Super League

The Regional Super League is well underway and is now into its 4<sup>th</sup> week. SMOG 1 are in Division 1 and are currently in the top four (see here for results to date - <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/files/Site/550/9/Pdf/090624104540JEZCQHSR.pdf>). The team has secured wins over NaeNae White and Kapi Mana, and only just lost to PIC 1 (but secured a bonus point).

This weekend the team take on Wellington East 1 on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 12.30pm at Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua. This is a fantastic venue for netball, so be great to have lots of smoggies supporters along to cheer the team on (if you're not playing netball at the same time that is).

## Club drinks at the Establishment

A reminder that club drinks run every Saturday at the Establishment from 6.30pm. Each team is rostered on for 'duty' during the season - <http://www.smognetball.org.nz/95-148.html>. Free nibbles will be provided for all smoggies and supporters, and your SMOG card entitles you to \$5 wines or beers.

A \$100 bar tab is up for grabs each week – to qualify for this, 10 smoggies/supporters must be in attendance.

## MSP function this weekend

Following on from the success of last year's social event, SMOG netball club (plus any friends) have been invited to the 4<sup>th</sup> July celebration down at the MSP Club Rooms (Hataitai Netball Courts). Fancy dress is not compulsory, but red, white and blue would be looked favourable on!



To make life simple SMOG Netball Club & MSP will be putting on a bus. Club drinks will start at 6pm this week, so everyone has the chance for a couple of drinks before hopping on the bus. The bus will leave The Establishment at 7.00pm and collect people from the MSP Clubroom at 11.30pm.

The cost for the evening is \$10 per person (paid on the night), and this covers your return bus trip, complimentary glass of bubbles on arrival and some nibbles (good boy food style). This is not like a school social, the drinks are super cheap and we have arranged a fun activity for the start of the night to get everyone mixing, mingling and having a fun time.

We want to keep this event relaxed and fun, so all we ask is that **team managers** let us know educated guestimate numbers by **Tuesday 30 June**, so that we can ensure we have the right sized bus!

## ANZ Netball Championship Netball Final – Monday 27th July

The ANZ Netball Championship Final is being played on Monday 27th July. SMOG Netball Club have reserved an area at The Establishment – it would be great to watch this as a club (and learn some moves), so please mark this date in your diary.

### Baby news

Congratulations to Beks Henderson, Secretary of the SMOG Board, who gave birth to her second son, Fergus Snowy Henderson, on Sunday 14 June, weighing in at 3.46kg (7.6 pounds in old school measurements).



If you know someone who could donate prizes/vouchers to the club, or have a great fundraising idea, please email [smogfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:smogfundraising@gmail.com)

### Key dates to note

- ❖ 4 July – Function with Marist St Pats
- ❖ 27 July - ANZ Netball Championship Netball Final

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### Fundraising

The SMOG committee are always on the look out for fundraising ideas and prizes to raffle off at club events.

### Spot light on Emma Lloyd

Where I'm from: Gis Gis Gissy, what more can I say, It's quite funny when people say "where are you from" and I answer "Gisborne", they say oh do you know the Smiths or the Browns or, my auntie/uncle/cousin/grandmother lives there – sometimes I even know who they are talking about! After being there for 27 years it was time for a change. Every time I travelled to Wellington (we had a school trip to see "Cats", and one of my best friends lives in Lower Hutt) I loved it, and thought why not?!! I only knew a couple of people down here - left all my family behind, but it was time for a challenge, and definitely worth it!



About me: Love my family! We have just managed to get in contact with a long lost cousin in Wales (my father was Welsh) so we have a connection back - I'm excited about that! I have travelled to Rarotonga, and the Gold Coast - being a Gissy girl the love of the beach is in my blood. My drink of choice on a hot day is Cider, if I feel like something slightly stronger, it would be rum and coke. I have dabbled in swimming, soccer, tennis, cricket, and a few other sports, but netball is my sport of choice. Love the AB's!!! Must admit I am a bit of a gym bunny - a member of Les Mills - enjoy Body Combat when I get the chance to do a class. I have worked for the NZ Police for the past 2 years - as a Verification Officer at the Police Infringement Bureau - I am currently filling a secondment position at the National Fingerprints Office, helping to enter the prisoner photos into the police database.

Netball Experience: I have played netball for about 11 years - from Lytton High School to Ngatapa, self entered teams and Gisborne High School Old Girls. I have played every position on the court, but for the last few years have been more of a defensive player. When it was confirmed I was moving to Wellington, I googled for "Wellington Netball Clubs" and SMOG was the best looking website! This is my second year playing for SMOG - playing for Team 6 last year - in defence, and this year playing for Team 5 - also playing defence. It is my first year being on the SMOG committee.

Role at SMOG: General Committee Member, and looking after the Team Managers while Rani is on Maternity Leave (well apparently, but I still saw her at the Courts on Saturday!!

## Wellington Marathon - nothing like wearing a fluoro orange vest early Sunday morning

The SMOG Committee and Board want to say a huge thank you to all the smoggies who gave up their Sunday morning to help out with the Wellington Marathon. While it may have been a bit quiet for us course officials at 6.30am, things picked up from 9am with thousands of runners and walkers hitting the streets – 4,701 to be exact – the biggest numbers yet.

Hopefully you all enjoyed yourself – the runners and walkers were really appreciative of all the cheering and support they got from the sidelines. The coffee and chocolate certainly helped keep the energy levels up – especially for those who had very little sleep between hitting the town Saturday night, and donning the orange vests Sunday morning (I won't mention names.....).

It was all action of the course, with lots of runners in crazy costumes. One in particular was Andrew Smith in the dog suit, who ran the marathon (<http://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/wellington/2547506/4700-do-their-dash-some-of-them-dog-tired>). This crazy man is the trainer we got to put SMOG 1 and 2 through their paces at fitness training. Lisa Scott and Anna Moriarty (SMOG 1) also got to test their reaction skills, with a runner collapsing in front of them – they jumped straight in there and quickly had St Johns on the scene. Nice work!

Big shout out to Bridget Walsh (SMOG 7), who secured the club this fundraising event, and Becks O'Shaughnessy (SMOG 6), who organised all us bleary-eyed officials. Special mention must also go out to Tiana Rakete (SMOG 4) and Emma Lloyd (SMOG 5), who along with Steve Powell (our cheeky and chatty section leader) and I, helped control traffic along Herd Street & Oriental Parade. What a mission, but man was it fun having the walkie talkies – roger that! And must not forget Jenny Smith (SMOG 7), who kindly supplied all the chocolates.

### A big thanks to the following smoggies:

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