

SMOG Snippets

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Hi all,

Can't believe its July already – where did the first half of the year go? With only two months of the netball season left, the committee are now starting to think about our Club prize-giving. This is scheduled for **5 September**, so if you have any great ideas for a theme, make sure you share them with a committee member or email me – smogclubcaptain@gmail.com.

MSP function

A huge thanks to all the smoggies and their friends who attended the club function with Marist St Pats. While the numbers weren't as big as last year (partly due to flu hitting the rugby club), those who were there all appeared to have a great time. Special mention to SMOG 1 who came dressed in theme (Michael Jackson) and SMOG 7, who had a huge turnout. A few photos from the night (the ones I could publish) are up on the club's Facebook page.

Update on Regional Super League

Last weekend saw a huge shake up in the Regional Super League, with SMOG 1 beating East 1 55 – 54. This is the first time we have beaten East in over 10 years (!!!!) and we got a huge write up in the paper – check out the Dom Post story here: [Dom Post story](#).

As the team's manager, it was an extremely tense game to watch. We were down 40 – 44 at $\frac{3}{4}$ time, and the girls put in a fantastic 110% effort to secure a win. SMOG 1 are now 1st equal in Division 1.

NWC notices

Gold coin days: Thank you to those smoggies who provided me with feedback on the Gold coin days at the Hataitai courts. These gold coin days are a way of raising money for the Netball Wellington Centre, and replace

the raffles we had to sell in previous years. The gold coin is intended to be a donation (not compulsory) and NWC will ensure that there is better info and signage to let players and spectators know why they are being asked for a gold coin at the gates.

Umpiring for Division 1: There are new umpiring requirements for Division 1 (SMOG 2 and 3), with the teams playing the 9.20am and 10.40am rounds now required to supply 8 umpires for the next round. NWC will be sending us more information soon to clarify these requirements, so watch this space.

Next Chocolate Run

The club will be doing 1 more chocolate run this season, to raise funds for our indoor training facilities and general operating costs. Due to popular demand, we will be ordering Caramello. Chocolates will be dropped off to teams within the next fortnight, with each player requested to sell one box. Your help with this is hugely appreciated!



Farewells

The club is sadly farewellling Alice van der Wende, who is heading off to Sydney this month. Alice was a valued member of SMOG 5 and also the co-coach of SMOG 8 – your huge contribution to the club will be missed!

Key dates to note

- ❖ 27 July - ANZ Netball Championship Final

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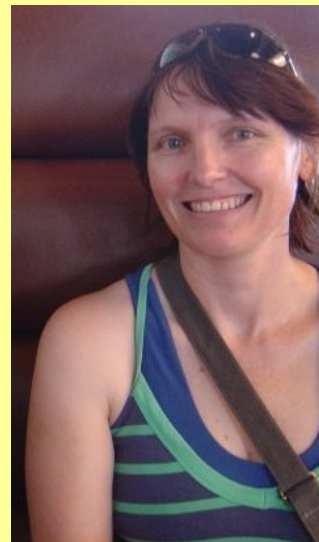
Getting to know... Lisa Norton

Where I'm from:

I grew up in the land of Red and Black (Go the Cantabs), although I was actually born in England in a little town of Lowestoft.

About me: what keeps me busy?

- My job as a Senior Programme Manager at New Zealand Post
- My husband of 22 years
- My oldest daughter Sarah is currently in Palmerston North at University, so visiting her when I get a free weekend
- My youngest daughter Joanna and all her academic and sporting activities
- My friends – road trips, buzz challenges and general antics
- My study – just finishing off some catch up papers before finalising my application to do a MBA in Commerce.
- My three cats – Toby, Oscar and Ninja
- And last but not least, the purchase of 22 acres of land in Kaitoke, about 40 minutes out of Wellington, where we are setting up the "Gumboot trust" – the trust will provide an opportunity for disadvantage children to have free farm stays (and they can take the gumboots away as a memory)



Netball Experience:

- Played Premier Netball within Canterbury, South Canterbury & Wellington since 1987
- Played for New Zealand Indoor Netball Team 1996 & 1997
- Played NPC for Canterbury Country U21 & Seniors and also Captain Canterbury Red 2001 & 2002
- Coached a variety of Netball Teams including several Premier Teams since 1990
- Managed the U21 Wellington Team 2008
- Will be assistant coach for Wellington NPC 2 team for nationals later this year

Role at SMOG:

- Currently Assistant Coach for SMOG premier 1 team and providing a little bit of support to SMOG 2 & 3
- Also fill in for some of the Smoggy teams

My favourite thoughts in life



Be Present



Have fun: Play



Choose your attitude



Make their day

And lastly, tell us a little known fact about you!

My mother's family descend from the giants of Norfolk (2 sisters and a brother around 7ft tall) and were guests at a royal function for Queen Victoria. The funny side to this story is my mother and her family are all either 5ft or shorter!