



As 2020 comes to a close, I thought I'd take this opportunity to introduce myself and give you a roundup of this year.

2020 has been quite a year with COVID restrictions impacting our everyday lives, which makes me so proud of what Randwick Netball Association achieved at Heffron Park by putting on a great half season competition; thank you so much for all your support in making it a success.

I have great ambition for Randwick Netball Association and as new president I'd like to grow and improve our club competition and the representative program. I intend to collaborate and work closely with Randwick Council, the Clubs the Executive committee and our partners UTS Sparks to achieve our goals over the next few years.

I am really looking forward to 2021 season and cannot wait to see you all courtside. On behalf of the Executive Committee we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Wonderful New Year.

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RANDWICK COUNCIL WORKING WITH RNA

Work has begun on the 'Beautification of Heffron Park' with the installation of a tennis type fence alongside courts 1-6 to stop the balls from entering the cycling track. The council will be upgrading the park in our off season (December -March), this will include extending the courts at each end to ensure safety of our umpires and players together with the addition of beautiful gardens installed at the Car park end of the park; making the home of Eastern Suburbs netball a much nicer place. Furthermore, we are in discussion with the Council to install a Grandstand on Court 7 and this court we hope will be our 'show court' for the match of the day and provide an area for our coaching and umpiring sessions. So, some really good things happening at Randwick that we are excited about!

COACH THE COACHES COURSES FOR CLUBS

Next year we will be running 'Coach the Coach' course for our coaches. The UTS Sparks Coaches, all of whom are Advance, Elite or High-level coach accredited, will be running three sessions (Defence, Mid court, and Shooting) to be held in March. This a great opportunity your club coaches to gain new skills on running training sessions, the latest training techniques and top tips, we therefore encourage all club coaches to attend. Course applications will open early 2021 on our website.

MEMBER PROTECTION OFFICERS

We will also be continuing with our Member Protection Officer (MPO) programme to ensure that all clubs have an MPO for their club. RNA will also have two MPO's to assist clubs.

If you are interested in becoming an MPO please contact your Club Secretary and complete the required training. This is a simple two-part course; an online section which needs to be completed by your club representative and a webinar for the second part. RNA will arrange the webinar and advise clubs of the date.

[Click here](#) to access the online course.

Below are also videos for the role which are short and would be a good to view to give you an overview of the role of the Member Protection Officer.

[Video 1](#) – An overview from an MPIO's point of view

[Video 2](#) – The MPIO role from a Committee member perspective

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