

RANDWICK NETBALL ASSOCIATION



Volunteer Recognition & Awards Policy



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1. Objectives of the Volunteer Recognition and Awards Policy

This policy recognises the significant contributions made by individuals as members and volunteers of the Randwick Netball Association.

In naming certain awards, recognition is given to individuals after whom the different awards are named.

The purpose of this policy is to provide insight into the manner in which significant awards within Randwick Netball Association are awarded including the processes utilised.

There are a number of awards covered by this policy and they will be detailed separately, as they are all intrinsically different and bestow honour on volunteers from all areas of the sport of Randwick Netball.

The Volunteer Recognition and Awards recognised within RNA are:

- 1. RNA Hall of Fame**
- 2. Randwick Netball Association -Life Membership**
- 3. The Patricia Martin Service Award**
- 4. The Carol Bunton Administrator of the Year Award**
- 5. The Carol Skyes Coach of the Year Award**
- 6. The Clare Hicks Umpire of the Year Award**
- 7. The Fran Reynolds Bench Officials Award**
- 8. The Kenny Award - Premier League Player of the Year Award**
- 9. The Grace McDonald Metro League Player of the Year Award**
- 10. The Maureen Munce Senior Representative Player of the year Award**
- 11. The Marcia Ella Duncan Junior Representative Player of the year Award**
- 12. The Lorraine Wilding Most Promising Junior Development Player Award**
- 13. The President's Award**
- 14. The Marie Kelly Club of the Year**

2. Randwick Netball Association - Recognition

Randwick Netball Association will provide appropriate recognition for the following:

- Life Members.
- Hall of Fame Appointees.
- Players selected to represent Australia, who are registered members of Randwick Netball Association at the time of representation, in either a Commonwealth Games or World Championship series or such other test series designated as an Australian-team series of the seven- aside game or a Fast 5 series.
- Players selected in either the 21 years & Under or 19 years & Under 17 designated as an Australian selected team, who are registered members of Randwick Netball Association at the time of representation.
- Where a member who is recognised as outlined above, subsequently receives an Australian Honour, such honour will be noted after the members name as awarded.

3. Conflict of Interest for Awards Panels

There are two elements to consider when determining whether a conflict of interest exists:

- Does the member have a personal interest?
- Could a reasonable person perceive that the personal interest might be favoured?

Panel members must declare any potential conflict of interest. This is then recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

The Panel must determine whether the interest of the panel member is a material personal interest.

If the Panel consider the interest is a material personal interest, the panel member will not be permitted to remain in the meeting during the consideration of that matter and will not be permitted to vote in respect of it.

If the Panel does not consider that the interest is a material personal interest, the panel member will be permitted to remain in the meeting and will be allowed to vote in respect of the agenda item.

Notwithstanding if a panel member has made a declaration, then the panel member may elect not to participate in a meeting or to vote in respect of the agenda.

A conflict of interest shall be deemed to arise if the matter to be discussed or upon which a vote is to be taken involves the nomination, selection or appointment of the member, a relative, close friend or associate.

Relative means:

- Parent, including step parent
- spouse or former spouse, including de facto partner
- siblings
- a child or step child
- uncle
- aunt
- first cousin
- grandparent/great grand parent
- grandchild/great grand child
- parent-in-law
- son-in-law
- daughter-in-law
- sister-in-law
- brother-in-law
- step sister or half sister
- step brother or half brother
- foster child/foster parent
- guardian

3. Awards Panel

The awards panel shall consist of

- RNA President
- Two members of the RNA Executive Team
- Two financial members from the Association
- Two Reserves: Executive member and a financial member

Where the panel is compromised due to conflict of interest and therefore the reserve will step in.

No more than one member from any one club will be represented on this Panel, this includes Life Members and Executive Committee Members.

All conflicts of Interest, will be declared as outlined in section 3 of this policy

The decision of the selection panel is final and cannot be appealed.

4. Nomination Process

Nominations for an award can be made by any financial member of RNA

Each award has a specific criterion for nomination. See specific award for details.

Nomination forms for awards will be placed on the RNA website and available to all members

Nominations must be submitted on the RNA Award Nomination Form

Nominations must include the full credentials of the proposed nominee relating specifically to their commitment, dedication and contribution to the promotion and betterment of netball in RNA.

Nominations must meet the criteria of the award. See specific award for details

Any nomination which has been previously submitted but not selected may be reconsidered by the panel.

5. Election Process

Nominations must be received by the President of the Association by 30 August of each year

The Executive Committee will review all nominations to ensure the nomination meets the criteria as defined and, if appropriate, put forward such nomination for voting

Once approval for voting to proceed has been given by the Executive Committee, the nomination will be passed to the Awards Panel for voting.

If an affirmative vote with a 2/3 majority of those votes received is returned, the award will be announced and presented at the Annual Award Night.

6. Allocation of the Award

This award will be announced and presented at the RNA Annual Awards Dinner each year.

The recipient will receive an appropriate token and acknowledged appropriately as determined by Randwick Netball Association, see specific details in each award.

7. THE AWARDS

RNA - Hall of Fame

Purpose

The Randwick Netball Association Hall of Fame recognises outstanding individuals (players, coaches, umpires and administrators) who have shown dedication, commitment and made a significant contribution to netball at Randwick Netball Association over a considerable period of time.

Eligibility

Personal Criteria

Nominees would be considered icons of netball particularly within Randwick Netball Association.

Only nominees of the highest personal standard of sportsmanship will be considered

General Classification

The primary requirement for selection as is high level achievement from personal effort or initiative, in a field of endeavour that contributes to the performances of athletes or to the development and status of Netball with Randwick Netball Association.

Nominees should have made a major contribution at the international, national and/or State level to netball

- Netball administration
- Netball coaching/training
- Netball umpiring
- Sports science/technology
- Sports media/history
- Achievers at the highest levels of office or appointment available or contributors to netball at the highest level.

Mere long term service or involvement with netball or netball bodies by a Nominee without having satisfied the requirements above or demonstrated outstanding achievement arising from personal initiative or innovation is not sufficient justification for selection.

Only in exceptional circumstances will there be more than two people annually inducted as General Members. It will be the responsibility of the Judging Panel to determine “exceptional circumstances”.

Recognition

Presentations will be made to the successful recipient at the Randwick Netball annual awards night. Randwick Netball will provide the successful recipient/s with a framed copy of the citation and the photograph.

Citation and Photograph

The citation and photograph will be displayed appropriately at Randwick Netball Association Headquarters in Heffron Park.

Functions

Hall of Fame Inductees will receive invitations to attend the following functions:

- Annual Gala awards night
- NNSW Gala Dinner

Randwick Netball - Life Membership Award

Purpose

Life Membership is the highest Award available to recognise the exceptional contribution of individuals to Randwick Netball Association. It is the ultimate accolade and is therefore only awarded in exceptional circumstances.

The Executive Committee may at any time and from time to time fix the maximum number of nominees to be considered for Life Membership in any year.

Eligibility

The nominee's length of service to Randwick Netball Association shall be at least 10 years in any role as an Administrator, Athlete, Coach, Official or Volunteer with such service in any role being taken concurrently.

Nominations must be submitted in writing and must be signed by two current senior financial members of Randwick Netball Association who are at least 18 years of age.

Award Criteria

For Life Membership the emphasis will be on extraordinary and outstanding voluntary service to Randwick Netball Association. Note: any paid roles by Netball RNA including honorarium may be taken into account at the discretion of the Randwick Netball Association.

The individual contribution of the nominee must have been above and beyond what could be reasonably expected to be undertaken within the netball community.

The nominee has made an outstanding contribution to the growth or development and/or standing of the sport in the community.

The nominee's service will have made a significant impact to Randwick Netball Association.

The nominee has demonstrated behaviours and values in their ethical and exemplary service and has a positive reputation and standing within the netball community.

The nominee's service must be diligent, extraordinary and the nominee's achievements must be above and beyond what could reasonably be expected, within the general netball community

Recognition

In recognition of the awarding of Life Membership, the Life Member will be presented with the

- Randwick Netball Association Life Membership badge,
- Name added to the plaque and also acknowledged appropriately within RNA headquarters

Life Members are exempt from the payment of any registration fees to RNA. All Life Members will be registered by RNA.

A Life Member will have the same rights as an Ordinary Member to attend meetings.

A Life Member who nominates for election as a Committee member must comply with Clause 4 – Meetings (b) Annual General Meeting (viii) of the Constitution.

Functions

Life members will receive invitations to attend the following functions:

- Annual Gala awards night
- NNSW Gala Dinner

The Patricia Martin - Service Award

Background

Pat Martin was fondly known as Secretary of Randwick Netball Association and for her passionate association with South Sydney Juniors Netball.

Pat was a defence in her playing days, constantly being on the other end of the umpire's whistle, not adhering to "contact" or "obstruction" rules. As an administrator, she still applied her defending skills tenaciously, particularly being always protective of Randwick Council. She had a great rapport with her Council friends and contacts. She was tireless in all her endeavours to support Randwick Netball and when any maintenance was needed, she always knew the appropriate person to contact. Thanks to Pat Martin's legacy, Randwick Netball has developed a great and ongoing sporting relationship with Randwick Council.

Pat was Secretary of Randwick during the prestigious years when the Association was honoured with 5 Australian players and winning many Netball NSW competitions including State Championships. While being Secretary, the Association has grown from 3 Saturday afternoon competitions to the competition we see today.

Purpose

This award is provided to individuals in recognition of their significant contribution to the development of netball at Randwick Netball Association and is in recognition of an individuals' distinguished service to RNA at the club level capacity of an organisational or operational volunteer.

Criteria

Any registered member of an affiliated Club will be eligible to receive the Award provided that the nominated member has given at least ten (10) years distinguished service within Randwick Netball Association outside of any Association commitment or position, in either a volunteer and/or elected operational or organisational role.

Recognition

A trophy known as the "Patricia Martin Service Award".

A citation and photograph will be displayed appropriately within Randwick Netball Association

The Carol Bunton Administrator of the Year Award

Carol eats and sleeps Netball and has been doing so for over 50 years. Carol's father was one of three dads in the Randwick Rugby Club who only had daughters; seven in fact. Continuing to put their hands in their pockets for boys and Rugby, they put the concept to the then board to sponsor girls' sport, and thus, the Randwick Rugby Girls' Basketball Club (now known as Netball) was established in 1964 with three teams. Success was instantaneous. Randwick Rugby 1, coached by Jim Briggs, won the New South Wales Inter district "A" grade competition.

Initially, NSW competition was held at Moore Park and then with the growth of the sport came the name change to Netball and District Associations replaced the existing regime. Randwick Rugby became a foundation club in the newly formed Randwick Netball Association and for the next 50 years continued the expansion of teams including juniors and modified beginners. Commencing with three teams in 1964, Randwick Rugby have in 2020, 73 teams and 700 players, umpires, coaches and administrators.

Carol's father helped initiate the concept of sponsoring girls' team sport in the area and Carol's mother was the first Treasurer of the Netball Club. Carol has been an integral foundation player, coach, umpire and administrator of Randwick Rugby Netball Club for over 50 years. Her daughter, Karla is continuing the administration and coaching legacy while her granddaughters are keeping the family tradition and commitment forging on.

Carol has been on the RNA Executive for 50 Years and during that time has also been a player and coach of the State and State Age Representative teams. She was also a State League umpire.

Carol was awarded Lifetime Membership and also received the Australian Sport Medal in 2000.

Purpose

The Carol Bunton award recognises an individual who has displayed outstanding leadership in administration of netball within their club.

Eligibility Criteria

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Level of administration
- Contribution to Netball / organisation and significance of their achievements
- Training, development and mentoring of volunteers within their club
- Promotion of a healthy culture providing a fair and inclusive environment
- Nominees must be registered members of RNA.

Nomination Process

Nominee of the award may be nominated by any member of RNA including and not limiting it to coach, umpire, player, administrator, affiliated Netball Association, club or individual applicant themselves

Award

The award will be a trophy with the recipient's name engraved on it and the recipient may keep the trophy for one year.

The Carole Sykes Coaches Award

A member of the Randwick Netball Association, Carole first represented NSW in 1959-1971 and the Australian team in 1970. Following retirement Carole went on to have successful career as a coach and a significant impact on all elite levels of the game

Awarded an Australian Sports Medal in 2000 for her services to the administration of netball, Carole was also a selector for the NSW Swifts that claimed the inaugural 2008 ANZ Championship.

In recognition for her extensive contribution to netball, Carole was inducted into the Netball NSW Hall of Fame in 2008.

State Representation: 1959–1961 NSW Night State Team; Player 1962–1971 NSW Open Team – Vice Captain for three years, Captain for two years; 1992–1995 Coach, NSW 17/U Team, three-time National Champions; 2001–2004 Coach, NSW Indigenous State of Origin Series.

International Representation: Carole was named in the 1970 Australian Squad; 1989–1992 Australian Team Satellite Coach; 2002-2008 Australian selector – Opens, 17/U & 19/U.

Eligibility Criteria

The selection criteria for this award is based on the overall contribution and success of a coach in RNA Competitions and RNA.

Selection criteria includes, but is not limited to:

- Results in the competition (place on table, result in finals);
- Improvement on placing in last year's competition;
- Development of players that have been selected in TID squads (academy, metro, state development squads etc.) or state teams;
- Commitment to the overall development of players, rather than being focused solely on winning;
- Commitment to coaching numerous teams (school, club, association);
- Development of coaches through mentoring and support;
- Demonstrated sportsmanship towards all concerned (including umpires).
- Nominees must be a current coach of a team in any RNA Competition or Netball NSW competitions.
- Nominees must be current registered members of RNA and hold a current Netball Australia coach accreditation.
- Nominees must have been involved in their affiliated Association's program for a minimum of five (5) years.

Nomination Process

Nominee of the award may be nominated by any member of RNA including and not limiting it to coach, umpire, player, administrator, affiliated Netball Association, club or individual applicant themselves

Award

The award will be a trophy with the recipient's name engraved on it and the recipient may keep the trophy for one year.

The Claire Hicks Umpire of the Year Award

Claire Hicks is a valued life member of Randwick Netball association since 1993, who has had a long and distinguished career in netball. Honoured with the following awards

- 2000: Australian Sports Medal
- 2015 N.S.W. Sports Federation Distinguished Service Award
- 2016 Anne Clark Service Award
- 2018: OAM Order of Australia Medal

Claire was a NSW state player and vice-captain from 1949-51, she has held many executive roles within RNA since 1974 as Umpire convener, Junior convener and treasurer together with a coach for junior state representative teams.

Purpose

This award is provided in recognition of an umpire who demonstrates a desire to strive for excellence on court, shows consistency in performance throughout competitions conducted by Netball NSW and continues to improve their knowledge of the game.

Eligibility Criteria

All eligible umpires must display potential, enthusiasm and a willingness to learn all aspects of the game of netball, both on and off the court.

All eligible umpires must hold a current National Umpires Badge and appropriate accreditation/s.

All eligible umpires must be regularly allocated to RNA competitions and events throughout the season.

Nomination Process

Nominee of the award may be nominated by any member of RNA including and not limiting it to coach, umpire, player, administrator, affiliated Netball Association, club or individual applicant themselves

Award

The award will be a trophy with the recipient's name engraved on it and the recipient may keep the trophy for one year.

The Fran Reynolds Bench Official Award

Fran commenced her netball life with Matraville Tigers where she was President and awarded Life Membership.

Fran has been an RNA Executive member for over 44 years and is presently Senior Vice President. She also holds Life Membership for outstanding services to RNA and awarded an Australian Sports Medal in the Year 2000. Fran is the recipient of the Netball NSW Anne Clark Service Award for her contribution to netball.

Fran's commitment in the early days was to run the canteen and also initiated the running of the bar-b-que to raise money for the representative teams to lessen the burden on levies for all the players.

Apart from coaching her Club teams, she was also a Manager for State and State Age Championship teams. Fran also is a "C" Grade Umpire and would be seen running around the courts every Saturday as well as umpiring at State League, carnivals and State and State Age Championship.

Fran is a firm favourite amongst the players and members of RNA.

In addition to being Manager of Metro League teams she has also been an RNA bench official.

Purpose

This award is provided to an individual in recognition of their demonstrated consistency in bench officiating. It is to also serve as encouragement for bench officials to strive for excellence in bench officiating and continue the quest for further knowledge in all aspects of the game.

Eligibility Criteria

This award is based on an individual persons' display of potential, enthusiasm and willingness to learn all aspects of the game of netball both on and off the court.

Selection criteria includes:

- Regular allocation to RNA & NSW competitions and events throughout the season.
- Being a registered member of RNA.
- Holding a current pass level in the Section 1 Umpires Exam.
- Holding, as a minimum Bench Officials Accreditation.
- Attendance at and completion of the Bench Officials workshop.

Nomination Process

Nominee of the award may be nominated by any member of RNA including and not limiting it to coach, umpire, player, administrator, affiliated Netball Association, club or individual applicant themselves

Award

The award will be a trophy with the recipient's name engraved on it and the recipient may keep the trophy for one year.

The Kenny Premier League Player of the Year Award

This award is in honour of Sue and Nance Kenny.

Sue Kenny

Sue was a member of the Australian Netball Team from 1986 until 1994 and was Vice-Captain from 1989 until 1994. Sue represented Australia in the winning team at the Commonwealth Games in 1990 where netball was a demonstration sport. In 1991 Sue was a member of the World Championship team that defeated New Zealand by a solitary goal. Sue's uncanny ability to read the games and create attacking opportunities earned her the on court nickname of "The General".

For 12 years from 1985 until 1996 Sue was a member of the NSW Netball team and for seven of those was State team Captain. Sue remains the most capped NSW Captain in history and over this period of leadership the NSW team won the National Championships for eight years in succession.

In recognition of her outstanding netball abilities and achievements in 1991 Sue was awarded the Order of Australia and in 2001 was inducted into the NSW Hall of Champions

Nance Kenny

Inducted into the Hall of Fame as a General classification member in 2011, Nance Kenny OAM* joins her daughter Sue as an inductee into the Netball NSW Hall of Fame. This is the first mother-daughter combination to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Nance has over 50 years of administration experience at an Association, state, national and international level.

Vice President of Randwick Netball Association for 35 years from 1971 – 2006, Nance was also involved on many Netball NSW sub-committees including selection, finance, national affairs and building.

Whilst holding down this role Nance was a valued member of the Netball NSW Executive where she was the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Liaisons Officer and Director of Finance for a period spanning 50 years.

Nance had two stints on the International Federation of Netball Associations (IFNA) from 1963 – 1967 and again from 1987 – 1991. She also played an active role on many Netball Australia committees ranging from publications, selections, finance, and appeals and was also involved on the World Tournament Organising Committee in 1967 and 1991.

Receiving the Order of Australia Medal in 1980, Nance is also a Life Member of Netball NSW (1966) and Randwick Netball Association (1983), recipient of the Netball Australia Service Award (1975) and Australia Day Service Award (1998) and in 2000 she was presented with a Special Recognition Award from the NSW Sports Federation for her contribution to netball.

Purpose

This award is provided to a player in the Netball NSW Premier League (Open Division) who has displayed consistent outstanding performances throughout the season.

Eligibility Criteria

All eligible players must be a current registered member of an affiliated Association.

All eligible players must be competing in the Premier League competition for the given year.

Award /Medal

The recipient will an engraved Medal. Their name will also be engraved on the Premier League Player of the Year plaque which will be displayed appropriately within Randwick Netball Association.

The Grace McDonald – Metro League Player of the Year

Grace's association with netball began in 1946 after leaving the Navy. She started playing with YWCA and was selected in the 1955 NSW Rest Team. After raising her family, she returned to netball in 1966 as State Secretary.

From 1966-70 she was not only umpiring but held positions of State Secretary (1966-68) and Junior Vice-President (1969-70). During this period Grace McDonald served on numerous committees concurrently with the Executive roles she held. She exhibited a great deal of versatility as the portfolios were wide and varied. One of the most significant was the Building Committee, which was responsible for planning, organising, and supervising the construction of the New South Wales (NSW) Netball Headquarters 'a first for women's sport' now known as the Anne Clarke Centre.

Grace's meticulous attention to detail and her caring approach to people made her a much-respected member of the State body. She played a vital role as a member of the committees which coordinated the National Tournaments hosted by NSW Netball Association in 1966, 1972 and in 1978 the Golden Jubilee Year for Netball in Australia. In 1966-67 Grace was a State Delegate to the National Council and in 1976 was appointed Manageress of the NSW Night State Team. In 1974 Grace set off to Papua New Guinea with a selected team on a touring and coaching exercise.

In 1971 Grace McDonald was elected President of the Randwick Netball Association. Under her leadership the Association has progressed from working out of a tent to finally achieving its own Headquarters in 1980. In 1986 disaster struck when the building was vandalised and burnt to the ground and the archives of the Association were also lost. Undaunted and true to her community spirit Grace surged ahead negotiating with the Randwick Municipal Council for a new Headquarters. Mr Michael Cleary, then the NSW Minister for Sport opened the new building in 1987.

In 1981 Grace was made a Life Member of the Randwick Netball Association for her contribution to Netball within the District.

Purpose

This award is provided to a player in the Netball NSW Premier League who has displayed consistent outstanding performances throughout the season.

Eligibility Criteria

All eligible players must be a current registered member of Randwick Netball Association.

All eligible players must be competing in the Metro League competition for the given year.

Awards

The recipient will receive an engraved Medal. Their name will also be engraved on the Grace McDonald Medal- Metro League Player of the Year Plaque which will be displayed appropriately within Randwick Netball Association

The Maureen Munce Senior Representative Player of the Year

Maureen Munce RNA lifetime member and Australian Sports Medal holder, has been involved with Randwick Netball Association for over 50 years as a representative player, coach, manager, volunteer and executive committee member; during that time, she has made significant contribution as follows:

- Representative Player - Inter District & State Championships
- Insurance Officer / Minute Secretary / Assistant Secretary with Randwick Netball Association since 1969 - present.
- Coach / Manager / Umpire - State Age & State Championship Teams over many years.
- Appointed to various sub-committees in part to support City and Country Associations and schools in selecting their Representative Teams and assist with coaching and umpiring clinics.
- Represented Randwick at the 1991 World Netball Championships as an administrator.
- Involved in The Sydney Electricity Hotshots team that won the Prime Minister's Cup. This team comprised of Randwick players and elite players from other Associations.

Purpose & Eligibility Criteria

To determine and acknowledge the player that has made a significant contribution to the Randwick Netball association in the U15s, U17s and Opens based on a combination of excellence, commendable behaviours, success and contribution to the association during the representative calendar year.

Selection Process

The following items will be taken into consideration by the panel

- Commitment to training
- Attitude and behaviours on court
- Team player
- Ability & Skill
- Achievement

Award

The award will be an engraved trophy that will be held for one year, plus a uniform badge & Certificate

The Marcia Ella Duncan, Junior Representative Player of the Year

A pioneer in Australian sport, Marcia Ella-Duncan OAM represented New South Wales in both the Opens (1984-1987) and 21/U (1981-1983) State Teams, claiming four Championship titles during that period.

The talented midcourter went on to play 18 Tests for Australia after making her international debut against New Zealand in Christchurch in May 1986. Her career included winning a silver medal at the 1987 Netball World Cup in Glasgow, Scotland.

Ella-Duncan was also the first Indigenous athlete to receive a scholarship to the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

Born and raised in Sydney, Ella-Duncan – a descendant of the Yuin nation on the NSW far south coast – began her netball career as a nine-year-old at the La Perouse Netball Club, playing in a team of girls five years older than her.

She has received numerous awards over her career, on and off the court, including an Order of Australia Medal for services to netball in 1988, and in 2015 was inducted into the Netball Australia Hall of Fame.

Ella-Duncan continues to combine her loves of sport and championing issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

She is also a member of Netball Australia's Working Group to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan and has been a leader and visionary in her desire to see more indigenous people – particularly girls – to be involved in netball and lead happy, healthy lives.

Purpose

To determine and acknowledge the junior player that has made a significant contribution to the Randwick Netball association in the U12-U14s based on a combination of excellence, commendable behaviours, success and contribution to the association.

Selection Process

The following items will be taken into consideration by the panel

- Attitude, effort & Commitment to training
- Attitude and behaviours on court
- Team player
- Ability & Skill
- Achievement

Award

The award will be engraved trophy that is held for one year, plus a uniform badge & Certificate

The Lorraine Wilding, Most Promising Junior Development Player

Lorraine was involved with Randwick Netball Association for over 45 years and held many Executive including President, Junior Vice President, Junior Convener and Publicity Officer and a founding member of TNT Netball Club.

She was awarded Life Membership for outstanding services to Randwick Netball Association and Awarded an Australian Sports Medal in the year 2000.

Apart from coaching many Club teams - Lorraine gave her time freely to the Association - she coached numerous State Age and State Championship Representative teams and if she was not coaching, she was a manager. Lorraine loved being around the younger players who she nurtured and loved seeing them succeed in whatever endeavours they chose to do.

She was also on the Umpires' Committee and would walk around the courts dressed immaculately in her whites helping the younger umpires on Saturday and then would umpire again all day on Sunday at carnivals and also at State and State Age Championships.

Purpose

To determine and acknowledge the most promising junior development player that has made a significant contribution to the Randwick Netball association in the U12-U14s based on a combination of excellence, commendable behaviours, success and contribution to the association.

Selection Process

The following items will be taken into consideration by the panel

- Attitude, effort & Commitment to training
- Attitude and behaviours on court
- Team player
- Ability & Skill

Award

The award will be an engraved trophy that is held for one year, plus a uniform badge & Certificate

The Presidents Medal

Purpose & Eligibility Criteria

President's award is determined by the RNA President and executive committee and is designed to acknowledge and show appreciation for any member of Randwick Netball Association community for their contribution during the playing season.

Selection Process

Nominee of the award may be nominated by any member of RNA including and not limiting it to coach, umpire, player, administrator, affiliated Netball Association, club or individual applicant themselves

Award

The award will be an engraved trophy that is held for one year & Certificate and awarded at annual awards night.

Marie Kelly - Club of the Year

Marie Kelly was president of Randwick Netball Association for 15 years and has served 41 year on the RNA committee in a number of roles and remains a key member of the Executive team today. She has significantly contributed to the success and development of the association from its early days. She introduced Juniors at Randwick with Anne Clarke and Grace McDonald at Raleigh Park. She has played an active role as a representative coach, selector and manager for state league

She is a life member of Randwick Netball Club and its president for 15 years in addition to coach and selector.

Marie's commitment to the school sport Australia programs began in 1978 when she was elected to the position of NSW Primary School Sports association Netball coach, a position she held until in 1982-84 and 1991.

Marie has had a significant and notable career in sport. Marie achieved the Australian Sport Medal in 2000 and the Australian School Service award in 2001 for her work across netball and track and field supporting the Pacific School Games in 1988 as billeting coordinator. She is a life member of the NSW Primary School Sport Association, acting as vice president, executive member and state coach from 1978-1991. Marie has been active in all levels of school sport either as a coach, manager or executive member. Her record as an administrator is impeccable. As regional Sports organizer for Sydney East she was responsible for one of the four city areas and the provision of sporting opportunities for thousands of students from 1986-90.

At Netball NSW she was a member of the historical and archiving panel from 2015-2020, part of the NSW state camp coaching team 1982-84 and State Team Manager 1982-1986.

Marie always demonstrates her leadership with grace and dignity and ultimate fairness.

Purpose & Eligibility Criteria

To determine and acknowledge the club that has made a significant contribution to the Randwick Netball association club competition based on a combination of excellence, commendable behaviours, success and contribution to the association.

Selection Process

The following items will be taken into consideration by the panel

- Highest number (scaled based on club size) of Best and Fairest nominations
- performance of the club with respect to the level of competition in which they compete, (if relevant);
- levels of club member engagement, club promotion and participation (to include number of qualified coaches and badged)
- sports conduct
- game forfeits

Award

The award will be a trophy that is held for one year and the team name added to Marie Kelly Club of the Year plaque displayed in Randwick Netball Association Head office