

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AND AWARDS POLICY



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Volunteer Recognition and Awards Policy

1. Objectives

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

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

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

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 RNA.

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. Recognition

RNA 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 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 the personal interest might be favoured?

Award 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 Awards Panel considers 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 Awards 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

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

4. Awards Panels

The awards panel shall consist of

- RNA President.
- Two members of the RNA Executive Committee.
- Two non-Executive financial members of the Association.
- Two Reserves: An Executive member and a financial member.

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

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

All conflicts of interest must be declared as outlined in Clause 3 of this policy.

The decision of the Awards Panel is final and cannot be appealed.

5. Nomination Process

Nominations must be submitted using the official RNA Award Nomination Form.

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

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

Each nomination must include the full credentials of the proposed nominee, specifically addressing their commitment, dedication, and contribution to the promotion and betterment of netball within RNA.

Nominations must meet the criteria of the relevant award. Please refer to the specific award guidelines for detailed criteria.

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

6. Election Process

The Executive Committee will review all nominations received, with the exception of the President's Award, to ensure the nominations meet 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 nominations 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 awards will be announced and presented at the Annual Award Night.

The Presidents Medal will be determined by the current RNA President.

7. Allocation of the Award

The Awards 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 RNA.

8. The Awards

Specific details for each award, including, background, purpose, eligibility criteria and nomination process for each award are set at Appendix A.

9. Appendix A

• RNA - Hall of Fame

Purpose

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

Eligibility Personal Criteria

Nominees would be considered icons of netball particularly within RNA. Only nominees of the highest personal standard of sportsmanship will be considered.

General Classification

The primary requirement for selection 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 RNA.

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 Awards Panel to determine “exceptional circumstances” into the Hall of Fame.

Recognition

Presentations will be made to the successful recipient(s) at the RNA Annual Awards Night. RNA will provide each recipient with a framed copy of the citation and accompanying photograph.

Citation and Photograph

The citation and photograph will be displayed appropriately at RNA Headquarters in Heffron Park.

Functions

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

- RNA Annual Awards Night.
- NSW Gala Dinner.

• **Randwick Netball - Life Membership Award**

Purpose

Life Membership is the highest Award available to recognise the exceptional contribution of individuals to RNA. 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 RNA 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 RNA 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 RNA.

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 RNA.

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

- RNA 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:

- RNA Annual Awards Night.
- NNSW Gala Dinner.

• The Patricia Martin - Service Award

Background

Pat Martin was fondly known as the long-serving Secretary of RNA and was deeply respected for her passionate association with South Sydney Juniors Netball.

A committed defender during her playing days, Pat was often found on the receiving end of the umpire's whistle for spirited challenges that occasionally strayed into "contact" or "obstruction." As an administrator, she carried that same tenacity into her role—always steadfast, always protective—particularly when it came to her strong advocacy for Randwick Council. Pat cultivated an exceptional rapport with Council representatives and was tireless in her efforts to support Randwick Netball. Whenever maintenance or assistance was needed, she unfailingly knew the right person to call.

Thanks to Pat's dedication and the relationships she nurtured, Randwick Netball continues to enjoy a strong and enduring partnership with Randwick Council.

Pat served as Secretary during one of the Association's most prestigious eras, a time when RNA proudly produced five Australian representatives and secured numerous Netball NSW titles, including State Championships. Under her stewardship, the Association grew from three Saturday afternoon competitions into the thriving competition we recognise today.

Pat Martin's legacy is woven deeply into the fabric of Randwick Netball, marked by loyalty, hard work, and an unwavering commitment to the sport and community she loved.

Purpose

This award is provided to individuals in recognition of their significant contribution to the development of netball at RNA 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 RNA 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 RNA

• The Carol Bunton Administrator of the Year Award

Carol quite literally *eats and sleeps* netball—and has done so for more than 50 years. Her connection to the sport began with her family. Carol's father was one of three Randwick Rugby Club dads who, despite only having daughters—seven between them—were regularly contributing to boys' rugby. Recognising the need for girls' sporting opportunities, they proposed to the club board that girls' sport be sponsored. From this initiative, the Randwick Rugby Girls' Basketball Club (now known as netball) was formed in 1964 with three teams. Success came immediately: *Randwick Rugby 1*, coached by Jim Briggs, won the New South Wales Inter-District "A" Grade competition in its inaugural year.

In the early years, NSW competitions were played at Moore Park. As the sport expanded, the name changed from basketball to netball, and District Associations were established to support the growing community. Randwick Rugby became a foundation club in the newly created Randwick Netball Association and continued to expand over the next five decades. From its modest beginning of three teams in 1964, the club grew to 73 teams and 700 players, umpires, coaches, and administrators by 2020.

Carol's family played a pivotal role in the club's formation—her father helped establish girls' team sport in the area, and her mother served as the club's first Treasurer. Carol herself has been a foundational presence from the beginning: a player, coach, umpire, and administrator for over half a century.

Her contribution to netball extends well beyond club level. Carol has served on the RNA Executive for 50 years, during which time she also played for and coached State and State Age representative teams, and officiated at State League level as an umpire.

In recognition of her extraordinary service and dedication, Carol was awarded Life Membership, and in 2000 she received the prestigious Australian Sport Medal. Carol was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) on 10 June 2024 for service to sport, particularly netball.

Carol's lifelong commitment has helped shape the history, culture, and success of Randwick Netball, leaving a legacy that will continue to influence generations of players and volunteers.

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

Nominees 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 proud member of the RNA, Carole first represented New South Wales from 1959 to 1971 and earned selection in the Australian team in 1970. After retiring as an athlete, she transitioned seamlessly into coaching, where she made a significant and lasting impact across all elite levels of the game.

In recognition of her outstanding service to the administration of netball, Carole was awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2000. She later served as a selector for the NSW Swifts, contributing to their success in claiming the inaugural 2008 ANZ Championship. Carole's exceptional contribution to netball was further acknowledged when she 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

- 1970: Named in the Australian Squad
- 1989–1992: Australian Team Satellite Coach
- 2002–2008: Australian Selector – Opens, 17/U, and 19/U

Carole's dedication as a player, coach, selector, and administrator has left an enduring legacy at every level of the sport. She is celebrated not only for her achievements but also for the immense influence she has had on generations of athletes and the broader netball community.

In 2017, Netball NSW launched the “*Carole Skyes Memorial Trophy*” which is contested between the NSW Swifts and Giants every time they play a competitive fixture.

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 include, 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 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

Nominees 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 Clare Hicks Umpire of the Year Award

Clare Hicks is a valued life member and patron of Randwick Netball association since 1993, who has had a long and distinguished career in netball. Clare has been 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.
- 2018 – Patron RNA.

Clare was a NSW state player and vice-captain from 1949-51, she held many executive roles within CRNA as Umpire Convenor, Junior Convenor 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.

Eligible umpires should be contributing to umpire athlete development or community within RNA.

Nomination Process

Nominees 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 served as an Executive member of the Randwick Netball Association for more than 49 years, contributing across numerous roles, including that of Senior Vice President. Her extraordinary commitment to the sport has been recognised through Life Membership of RNA, the Australian Sports Medal (awarded in 2000), and the Netball NSW Anne Clark Service Award. Most notably, Fran was honoured with the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) on 26 January 2023 for her exceptional service to netball. In 2025 Fran was made a patron of RNA.

In the early years, Fran's dedication was evident in her hands-on work running the canteen. She also initiated the operation of the BBQ fundraiser, helping to raise money for representative teams and significantly reducing levies for players and their families.

Fran's involvement extended well beyond administration. She coached her club teams and served as a manager for both State and State Age Championship teams. As a C Grade Umpire, she was a familiar and energetic presence on the courts every Saturday. Her umpiring experience also included State League, local carnivals, and State and State Age Championships.

A favourite among players, officials, and members, Fran is widely respected for her warmth, dedication, and unwavering support of the netball community. In addition to her many roles, she was the Manager of Metro League teams and also served as an RNA bench official, further demonstrating the breadth of her contribution.

Fran's nearly five decades of service have helped shape the culture and success of RNA, leaving a legacy that will endure for generations.

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 person's 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 Rules of Netball Umpires Exam.
- Holding, as a minimum Bench Officials Accreditation.
- Attendance at and completion of the Bench Officials workshop.

Nomination Process

Nominees of the award may be nominated by any member of RNA including and not limiting it to coach, umpire, player, manager, 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 key member of the Australian Netball Team from 1986 to 1994, serving as Vice-Captain from 1989 to 1994. She represented Australia at the 1990 Commonwealth Games, where netball featured as a demonstration sport, and played a crucial role in the 1991 World Championship victory, where Australia famously defeated New Zealand by a single goal. Sue's remarkable court vision and ability to create attacking opportunities earned her the enduring nickname "The General."

From 1985 to 1996, Sue was a member of the NSW Netball Team, serving as State Captain for seven years—a record that remains unmatched as she is still the most capped NSW Captain in history. Under her leadership, the NSW team achieved extraordinary success, winning eight consecutive National Championships.

Sue's exceptional skill, leadership, and contribution to netball have been recognised through some of the sport's highest honours. In 1991, she was awarded the Order of Australia, and in 2001, she was inducted into the NSW Hall of Champions. Sue's legacy is defined not only by her achievements but by her influence as a leader, competitor, and inspiration to generations of netballers.

Nance Kenny

Inducted into the Netball NSW Hall of Fame in 2011 as a General Classification member, Nance Kenny OAM (awarded 9 June 1980) holds the unique honour of joining her daughter, Sue, as the first mother–daughter duo to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

With more than 50 years of administrative experience at association, state, national, and international levels, Nance is widely regarded as one of the most influential figures in the development of netball in Australia.

Nance served as Vice President of RNA for 35 years (1971–2006) and contributed extensively to Netball NSW through her involvement in numerous sub-committees, including Selection, Finance, National Affairs, and Building. Alongside these substantial commitments, she was also a long-standing member of the Netball NSW Executive, holding roles such as Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Liaison Officer, and Director of Finance over an extraordinary 50-year period.

Her influence extended far beyond NSW. Nance served two terms on the International Federation of Netball Associations (IFNA): first from 1963–1967 and again from 1987–1991. She also played key roles on many Netball Australia committees, contributing to publications, selections, finance, appeals, and served on the World Tournament Organising Committees in both 1967 and 1991. Nance's exceptional service has been recognised through numerous honours, including:

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| • Order of Australia Medal (1980) | • Netball Australia Service Award (1975) |
| • Life Membership, Netball NSW (1966) | • Australia Day Service Award (1998) |
| • Life Membership, Randwick Netball Association (1983) | • Special Recognition Award, NSW Sports Federation (2000) |

Nance Kenny's lifelong commitment and leadership have helped shape netball at every level, leaving an enduring legacy for generations of players, officials, and administrators.

Purpose

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

Eligibility Criteria

All eligible players must be a current registered member of an affiliated Association. All eligible players must compete in the Premier League competition for the given year.

Award/Medal

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

• The Grace McDonald – Metro League Player of the Year

Grace McDonald's involvement in netball began in 1946 after she left the Navy. She first played with the YWCA and, through her strong performances, earned selection in the 1955 NSW Rest Team. After taking time away to raise her family, Grace returned to the sport in 1966, this time contributing off the court as State Secretary.

Between 1966 and 1970, Grace not only resumed umpiring but also held several key administrative positions, serving as State Secretary from 1966 to 1968 and Junior Vice-President from 1969 to 1970. During these years she worked across numerous committees, demonstrating remarkable versatility in managing a wide range of responsibilities. Among her most significant contributions was her work on the Building Committee, which oversaw the planning and construction of the New South Wales Netball Headquarters—an unprecedented achievement for women's sport—now known as the Anne Clarke Centre.

Grace's meticulous attention to detail and her genuine care for others earned her widespread respect within the State body. She played an important role on the committees that coordinated National Tournaments hosted by the NSW Netball Association in 1966, 1972, and 1978, the latter marking the Golden Jubilee Year for netball in Australia. In 1966–67 she served as a State Delegate to the National Council, and in 1976 she was appointed Manageress of the NSW Night State Team. Her dedication also extended internationally; in 1974 she travelled to Papua New Guinea with a selected team for a touring and coaching program.

In 1971, Grace was elected President of the Randwick Netball Association. Under her leadership, the Association advanced from operating out of a tent to securing its own Headquarters in 1980. Tragedy struck in 1986 when the building was vandalised and destroyed by fire, resulting in the loss of all Association archives. Undeterred, Grace led the effort to rebuild, negotiating with Randwick Municipal Council (now Randwick City Council) for a new facility. The new building was officially opened in 1987 by Mr Michael Cleary, then NSW Minister for Sport.

In recognition of her outstanding service and unwavering commitment to the sport, Grace was awarded Life Membership of the Randwick Netball Association in 1981.

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 RNA. All eligible players must compete in the Metro League competition for the given year.
- All eligible players must be positively representing RNA brand and association both on and off the court.

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 RNA.

• The Maureen Munce Senior Representative Player of the Year

Maureen Munce OAM (awarded 26 January 2023), a RNA Life Member and recipient of the Australian Sports Medal, has dedicated more than 50 years to the Association in roles spanning representative player, coach, manager, volunteer and executive committee member. Throughout this time, she has made an exceptional and lasting contribution to netball, including:

- Representative Player at Inter-District and State Championships.
- Insurance Officer, Minute Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Senior Vice President for the Randwick Netball Association from 1969 to the present.
- Coach, Manager and Umpire for numerous State Age and State Championship teams over many years.
- Committee Service, supporting City and Country Associations and schools with representative team selections, as well as contributing to coaching and umpiring clinics.
- Administrative Representative for Randwick at the 1991 World Netball Championships.
- Key involvement with the Sydney Electricity Hotshots team—which included Randwick players alongside elite athletes from other Associations—and which went on to win the Prime Minister's Cup.

Maureen's long-standing service, leadership, and dedication have made her an invaluable member of the Randwick Netball community and a respected figure within the wider netball landscape.

Purpose & Eligibility Criteria

To determine and acknowledge the player that has made a significant contribution to the RNA 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

Marcia Ella-Duncan OAM is a trailblazer in Australian sport and one of the nation's most influential netball figures. She represented New South Wales with distinction in both the 21/U (1981–1983) and Opens (1984–1987) State Teams, securing four Championship titles across her state career.

A gifted midcourter, Ella-Duncan made her international debut for Australia against New Zealand in Christchurch in May 1986 and went on to play 18 Tests. Her international achievements include winning a silver medal at the 1987 Netball World Cup in Glasgow. She also holds the historic distinction of being the first Indigenous athlete awarded a scholarship to the Australian Institute of Sport.

Born and raised in Sydney, Ella-Duncan is a proud descendant of the Yuin nation of the NSW far south coast. Her netball journey began at nine years old with the La Perouse Netball Club, where she played alongside teammates five years her senior—an early sign of her exceptional ability.

Throughout her career and beyond, she has been widely recognised for her contributions to sport and the community. She received the Medal of the Order of Australia in 1988 for her service to netball and was inducted into the Netball Australia Hall of Fame in 2015.

Ella-Duncan continues to unite her passion for sport with her commitment to advocating for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. A member of Netball Australia's Working Group responsible for developing a Reconciliation Action Plan, she has been a visionary leader dedicated to increasing Indigenous participation in netball and inspiring young people—especially girls—to lead active, empowered and 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 dedicated more than 45 years to the RNA, serving in numerous Executive roles including President, Junior Vice-President, Junior Convener and Publicity Officer. She was also a founding member of the TNT Netball Club. In recognition of her exceptional service, she was awarded Life Membership of the Association as well as the Australian Sports Medal in 2000.

In addition to coaching many club teams, Lorraine gave countless hours to the Association. She coached numerous State Age and State Championship representative teams and, when not coaching, she willingly stepped into the role of manager. She had a genuine passion for working with young players, nurturing their development and celebrating their successes both on and off the court.

Lorraine also served on the Umpires' Committee, known for her immaculate whites as she moved around the courts supporting young umpires on Saturdays. Her commitment extended even further, umpiring full days at Sunday carnivals as well as at State and State Age Championships.

Lorraine's dedication, leadership and warmth left a lasting legacy within the Randwick Netball community and among the many athletes and officials she mentored over decades.

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 Medal is determined by the RNA President at their sole discretion and is designed to acknowledge and show appreciation for any member of RNA community for their above and beyond contribution to RNA during the playing season.

Selection Process

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

Award

The award will be an engraved trophy that is held for one year & certificate and awarded at the RNA Annual Awards night.

• Marie Kelly - Club of the Year

Marie Kelly OAM devoted more than four decades to the RNA, serving 41 years on the committee and holding the position of President for 15 of those years. She continues her longstanding connection as Patron of the Association. From its early days, Marie played a central role in shaping the success and growth of Randwick Netball. Together with Anne Clarke and Grace McDonald, she introduced junior netball at Raleigh Park—an initiative that laid the foundation for the thriving junior programs that exist today.

Marie contributed extensively as a representative coach, selector and manager at State League level. She is also a Life Member of the Randwick Rugby Netball Club, where she served as President for 15 years while also coaching and selecting across many teams.

Marie's commitment to school sport began in 1978 when she was elected as the NSW Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) Netball Coach, a role she held from 1978–82, then again from 1984 and 1991. Her impact on school sport has been significant and wide-ranging. She received the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 and the Australian School Service Award in 2001 for her contributions to netball, track and field and her service during the 1988 Pacific School Games as Billeting Coordinator. A Life Member of the NSW PSSA, she served as Vice President, Executive Member and State Coach from 1978–1991. As Regional Sports Organiser for Sydney East from 1986–1990, she oversaw one of the four metropolitan regions, providing sporting opportunities to thousands of students.

At Netball NSW, Marie continued her exemplary service as a member of the Historical and Archiving Panel (2015–2020), a State Camp Coach (1982–84) and State Team Manager (1982–1986).

Throughout her career, Marie has been recognised for her leadership, integrity and fairness. Her legacy is defined not only by her remarkable contribution to netball and school sport, but by the grace and dignity with which she has led and inspired others.

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.

- 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.
- contribution to the association and athlete development.
- complaint management and resolution.

Award

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