

# The Sample Netball Centre

## 1 Introduction

ARPASS, in partnership with several local authorities and Netball New Zealand is seeking to commission a “Blueprint” for the provision of Netball Facilities in the Auckland region. This “Blueprint” will be focused on implementation of the Netball New Zealand draft National Netball Facilities Strategy in the Auckland region and building on the 2008 ARPASS commissioned Auckland Regional Netball Facilities Project. It will be an action plan to guide and drive development and investment into the future.

Netball is a growing which in Auckland and it is critical that sufficient quality courts are provided in a network across the Auckland region in a sustainable manner and accessible to the region's population of netball players.

The document sets out the background information on the Sample Netball Centre identified through the Regional and National studies identifies the current levels of use, potential future demand and a number of future options for the Centre have been identified.

The next step in developing the Regional Blueprint will be to consider these options and agree an Action Plan for the Centre based on meeting the need. Once all the Action Plans have been agreed these will be brought together to form a prioritised regional blueprint.

## 2 Overview of National Strategy

When reviewing facility requirements, it is important to understand the relationship between the activity that takes place at the Centre and the facilities to which the Centre has access to. The range of facilities will be driven by the activities that take place e.g. ‘if we do Y then we need X’.

The range of facilities should be developed on a network approach to fully utilise a wide range of facilities within the community, Figure 1. A Netball Centre is considered to be:

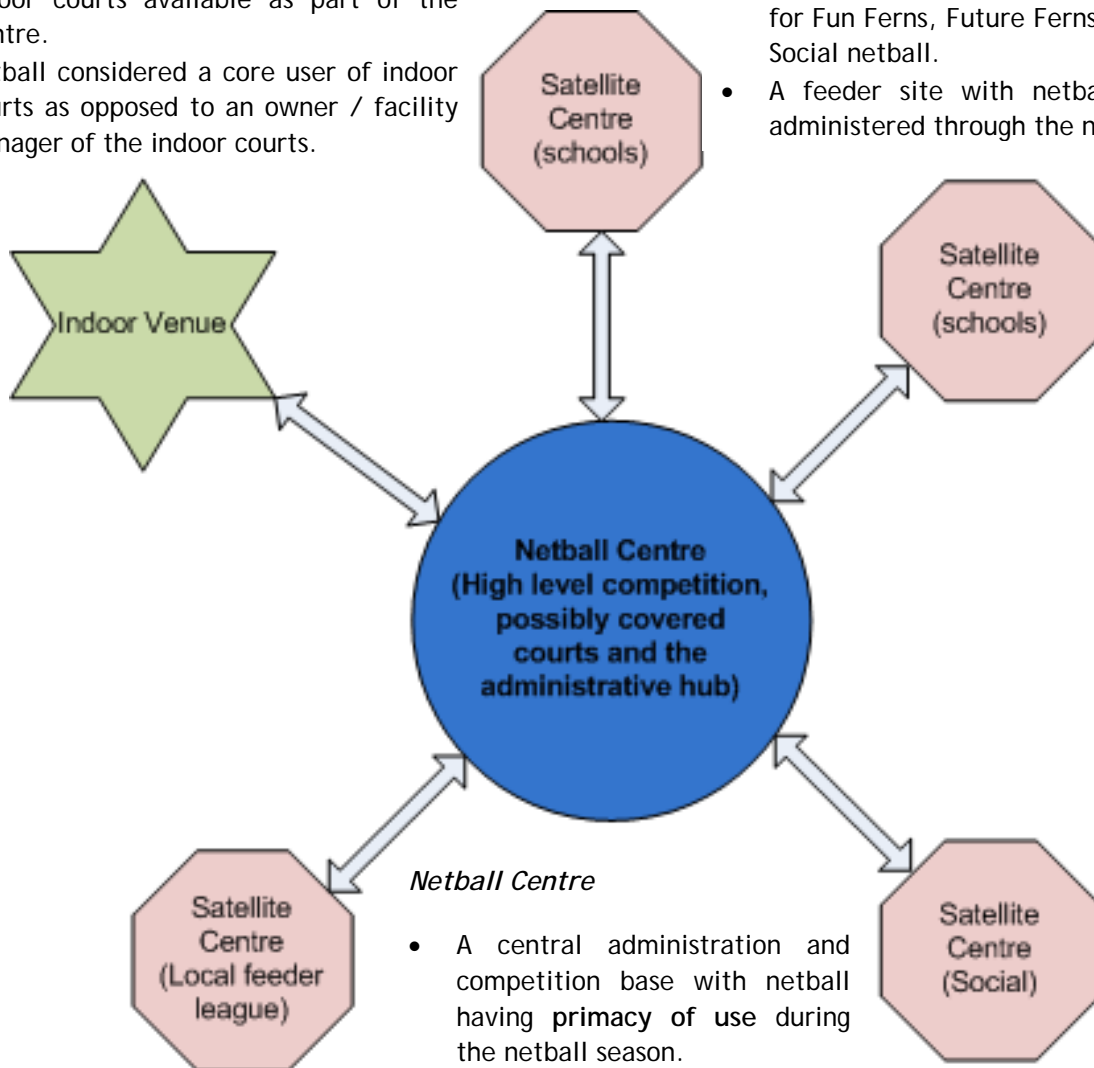
- A central administration and competition base, with netball having primacy of use during the netball season.
- A central netball venue supported by a cluster of other community facilities.
- Flexible to meet the local community needs and access to other netball facilities within the local community.
- Having access /use of indoor courts.

### Indoor Courts

- Multi sport venues (e.g. recreation Centre, school) with netball as one of the core user groups.
- Larger Centres may potentially have indoor courts available as part of the Centre.
- Netball considered a core user of indoor courts as opposed to an owner / facility manager of the indoor courts.

### Satellite Centre

- Community based courts (e.g. school or recreation Centre) providing opportunities for Fun Ferns, Future Ferns, Year 7 & 8, and Social netball.
- A feeder site with netball managed and administered through the netball Centre.



### Netball Centre

- A central administration and competition base with netball having primacy of use during the netball season.
- Venue for college and senior netball competition and training.
- Junior and social netball (for local community).

In considering the development of each Centre within the region this should be considered the range of possibilities, some of which will be more appropriate at some Centres than others. Developing satellite Centres should be done to meet an identified local need and care should be taken to ensure that there are resources available to manage them effectively.

### 3 Review of Current and Future Demand

#### Current teams

Centre	Senior	Secondary School	Intermediate Year 7-8	Future Ferns Year 4-6	Social	Summer	TOTAL TEAMS	Fun Ferns Year 1-3
Sample Netball Centre	55	85	60	57	90	10	357	570

#### Current Use

There are currently 16 netball courts. Typical usage includes:

- Monday 4 - 5pm Fun Ferns
- Monday 5 - 9pm Club training
- Tuesday 3.30 - 9pm Club training
- Wednesday 9am – 12 Mid week competition
- Wednesday 4 - 6pm Secondary School competition
- Wednesday 6 - 9pm Rep training
- Wednesday 3.30 - 9pm Club training
- Thursday 3.30 - 9pm Club training
- Friday 3:30 – 5:30pm Club training
- Saturday 8.30am – 12 Junior competition
- Saturday 12 - 4pm Senior / College Competition
- Saturday 10am, 12 - 2pm Premier Games.

In addition the Centre is used in the summer for:

- Tuesday 4 - 6pm Junior social netball
- Wednesday 6 - 9pm Senior / College Social netball
- Other days Social teams may practice

	Current Teams	Teams per 1,000 active pop
Sample Centre	314	9.3

\* Fun Ferns are calculated as 10 players per team, teams that play over the summer excluded.

#### Centre Utilisation

#### Facility Utilisation

Centre	Teams Per Court
Sample Centre	19.6
Netball North	16.3
Auckland Waitakere	26.7
Counties Manukau	12.7
National Average	13.6

While one solution does not fit all, analysis of the utilisation of a netball Centre indicates that a Centre operating with over 30 teams per court can be considered to be at or above capacity. While a Netball Centre fewer than 30 teams per court has potential spare capacity and could be more efficiently used through more flexible utilisation of the facility.

### Population change

Changing demographics have the potential to significantly impact on the numbers of people playing netball. When this is combined with an aging population, while there is projected to be a significant increase in participation in some areas, others are likely to see a decline in both the active population and participation.

### Population Projections

	2006	2011	2021	2031
Sample Centre Catchment Area	33,780	35,890	38,460	40,710

The catchment area has been defined as the Census Unit Areas of ...

### Future teams

	Current Teams	Projected Teams by 2021 (Change from 2010)	Projected Teams by 2031 (Change from 2010)
Sample Centre	314	358 (+44)	378 (+64)
Auckland Region Total	3,820	4,213 (+393)	4,421 (+601)
Auckland Region Total	12,516	12,655 (+139)	12,532 (+16)

## 4 Overview of Current Issues

The Centre is currently heavily utilised across the week with limited ability to meet all the local demand. The courts are slippery however it is highlighted that the Council is in the process of upgrading them.

The Centre identifies that the current clubroom and changing facilities is too small and does not meet the current demand.

The Centre does not currently have access to an indoor venue.

## 5 Future Challenges

It is estimated that by 2031 there will be demand for an additional 83 teams within the Sample Netball Centre catchment area due to population growth. On the basis of the current participation patterns, should this level of growth be achieved the Centre will be required to operate with an average of 27.1 teams per court.

Based on an estimated usage of 27.1 teams per court it is considered that additional capacity will be required to meet the demand. If the Centre were to operate at an average of 20 teams per courts, as identified in the national strategy, then a total of 24 courts may be required by 2031. This figure may be reduced should covered courts be available to increase the flexibility of use.

It is considered that the future priorities at the Sample Netball Centre could include:

The current courts are operating with 32.2 teams per courts, should it be possible to maintain this level of intensity at all courts available for netball a minimum of 31 courts is required by 2031.

**Short / Medium term**

- Developing satellite Centres at school sites within the catchment areas (securing access to a minimum of an additional 6 courts by 2031).
- Resurfacing of courts.

**Medium / Long Term**

- Developing two covered courts.
- Securing access to an appropriate indoor venue.