

Female Coaches Forum 2012

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- Hear from experienced and successful coaches
- Come and chat about issues affecting female coaches
- Learn about resources and expertise that could be shared
- Discuss in focus groups possible different ways to better support female coaches

**Monday 27th
February 2012
6pm - 9pm
at Carlton Cornwall
Bowling Club, Newmarket**

FREE REGISTRATION
Wine, nibbles, tea and coffee
served on arrival

**To register or for more
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Guest Speaker - **Ruth Aiken** ONZM

Ruth Aitken recently retired after coaching the Silver Ferns for nearly 10 years. With two Commonwealth Gold Medals (2006 and 2010), the World Netball Championship title in 2003 and the inaugural World Fastnet series victory, Ruth has led the team during its most successful decade in history. In 2003, she was honoured with the country's highest acknowledgement for a coach – the Halberg Coach of the Year Award. In 2011 the Queen's Birthday honours list saw Ruth awarded the ONZM (Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit) for services to netball, and when she retired in October 2011, she did so as the most capped international netball coach in the world with 112 test matches to her credit.

Ruth is currently Netball New Zealand's Coaching Director, and still retains a position on the National Selection Panel. She lives in Paeroa and continues to assist Paeroa College netball teams.



Guest Speaker - **David White** DipTchg, BEd, MEdAdminLead

David's illustrious coaching career is the extension of a playing career that spanned 7 years at the top. She captained the Auckland Storm from 1994-2001 and for the entirety of this time White was a New Zealand Blackfern, captaining the national side in 1998. She began her coaching career in 2001, coaching Tangaroa College 1st XV until 2008. She has led two coaching campaigns with the Auckland Storm, coaching from 2002-2005 and then again from 2009 until present time. She has also coached on the international stage, in charge of the Samoan Women's rugby team at the 2005 World Cup in Canada. She has an extensive background in teaching for over 20 years and is currently the Deputy Principal at Tangaroa College.

Her accomplishments as a player followed by a seamless transition into a coaching career filled with success, highlights that her skills are truly world class.

Presentation - **Dr Kirsten Spencer** AUT

On the variation in behaviour and expectations of female and male coaches working with female athletes during training sessions. How are these differences in coaching behaviours influencing the athletes ability to achieve their potential? Is there a difference in the organisation and structure of the training sessions of male and female coaches, does this impact on decision making skill of the athlete? And what are the implications of coach gender on the athlete perceptions of coach leadership?