



INF Service Award 2017

**Citation for Kereyn Smith, MNZM
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One of New Zealand's most experienced and high-achieving sports administrators, Kereyn Smith has left a bold imprint across many codes but most noticeably, netball. During her 11 years on the Board of Netball New Zealand, including six as Chair, closely followed by her five-year term as INF Vice-President, Kereyn was involved at a time of significant change for netball. In her time with INF, Kereyn was involved with the delivery of many international events, including World Netball Championships, World Youth Cups, and the exciting new concept of the FastNet World Netball Series (now the FAST5 Netball World Series). She was also instrumental in driving the restructure of the International Federation of Netball Associations to its current status (INF) as well as developing umpiring, coaching and marketing panels.

A key leader at the IFNA Congress Meetings in 2007, 2009 and 2011, Kereyn's resourcefulness has helped netball communities around the world take the initiative in pushing the sport to new levels, and empowering its associated personnel. With Netball New Zealand, Kereyn helped guide the transformation of the code from amateur to semi-professional status. A leading advocate for increasing the profile and participation of women in sport, Kereyn was the first female in the 100-year history of the New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC) to be appointed to the CEO role and her influence has reverberated far and wide while winning international acclaim for this work.

Kereyn has an exemplary track record in organisational growth and development backed by strong leadership and advocacy skills, strategic expertise and commercial acumen from which INF has been a major beneficiary.