

Taumaunu has had a long and distinguished career in Netball as a player, coach and administrator.

Selected in the Silver Ferns as an 18-year-old, Taumaunu went on to forge an outstanding 10-year international career. Captaining the Silver Ferns in her last three years, Taumaunu played 77 tests, winning a world title in 1987 while being acclaimed as one of the outstanding defenders of her generation.

When offshore appointments were a rarity, Taumaunu was appointed National Performance Director of England Netball in 1998 and held this position until she returned to New Zealand in 2003.

Taumaunu was the Silver Ferns head coach from 2011 – 2015 during which time she continued to undertake a range of administrative roles in high performance and strategic planning for the national body.

Since 2016, Taumaunu has been Director of High Performance for the Central Zone as well as leading the NNZ team responsible for developing the Pacific Sporting Partnership in conjunction with NZ Rugby and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

More recently, Taumaunu has been responsible for establishing a coaching qualification framework, designed to fast-track coaches who have experience of high-performance sport through their participation as players.

Taumaunu's knowledge and experience have been recognised both nationally and internationally, she is currently a member of the WN Rules Advisory Panel and is also a member of the Board of Directors of High Performance Sport NZ.

Taumaunu received the NNZ Service Award in 2009. She was made a Member of the British Empire (MBE) in 1992 and an Officer of the NZ Order of Merit (ONZM) in 2016 for her services to Netball while also being inducted into the NZ Sports Hall of Fame in 1996 and the Māori Sports Hall of Fame in 2007.

Taumaunu's impact has been enormous not just in New Zealand but around the globe especillay highlighted by her time as National Performance Director of England Netball that helped shape a system and a generation of players. A deep thinker and strategist of the game Taumaunu's uncompromising style saw her become a World Champion as a player in 1987 and have a connection in some capacity at 10 Netball World Cups dating back to 1983.