

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Hot shots claim netball shootout at the MCG**

A flurry of flying netballs decided the winner of the “Great Netball Shootout” at the MCG on Saturday May 28, with three lucky participants winning a trip of a lifetime.

Since October, the National Sports Museum has played host to the Great Netball Shootout competition, with budding netballers attempting to shoot as many goals as possible in one minute for the chance to win the trip of a lifetime.

In excess of 100 participants attended the finals of the shootout at the MCG, with more than 4,300 goals shot during the course of the 2 hour event.

The shootout was claimed by Victorian youngster Sean Benkenstein (12) from New Gisborne.

The competition was sponsored by UGL Rail, an Australian company with a history that dates back over a century. UGL Rail covers the entire spectrum of rail transportation products and services throughout Australia and Asia, including the build and maintenance of locomotives, passenger cars, trams, freight wagons and rail signalling.

Each prize included a unique rail component – courtesy of Alstom Ltd, the local Gisborne superstar will fly via Air Austral and receive two return tickets on the High Speed Train (TGV) to La Rochelle with an opportunity to visit Alstom’s flagship train manufacturing facility, in addition to five nights’ accommodation.

Runners up prizes were awarded to Victorians Taylor Mawkes (11) from Brighton East who won a visit to the state-of-the-art rail train simulators in Hong Kong courtesy of Metro Trains Melbourne, and Hannah Rosenberg (12) from East Bentleigh who won a trip for two on the Ghan across central Australia courtesy of Skilled Group Ltd.

Netball legend Sharelle McMahon attended the finals and was delighted by the enthusiasm of the participants. “It was great to see the next generation of netballers out here testing their skills, I know firsthand how hard it is to shoot under pressure and I was impressed by their tenacity and the spirit in which they participated,” said McMahon.

“The National Sports Museum has been pleased to play a role in this exciting competition”, said NSM General Manager - Heritage and Tourism, Margaret Birtley.

“Our visitors have loved the opportunity to test their netball skills in the Netball Interactive Zone for the opportunity to win some great prizes,” Ms Birtley added.

Major sponsor UGL Rail, was proud to be part of such an imaginative event within the Australian Rail industry to expand the interest of young women in rail careers. Major prizes were provided courtesy of Alstom Ltd, Metro Trains Melbourne, and Skilled Group Ltd. Weekly prizes throughout the selection stage of the competition were provided by the Victorian Department of Transport.

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