

LINDA VAGANA
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Linda left Massey High School in 1989.

She is currently the General Manager of the “Duffy Books in Homes” project supported by The Alan Duff Charitable Foundation. This charity provides over 100,000 New Zealand children with free books, three times a year.

But we are acknowledging Linda as a sportswoman.

At school Linda displayed outstanding leadership qualities, was a School Council representative and a Prefect. She was a leader in the Pacific Island Culture Group and her sports included netball, kilikiti, volleyball and athletics where she represented the school in shot put and discus at the national level. She played premier netball out of school and made the Auckland U-21 team while still at school.

Her netball achievements at the national level are outstanding, as the following shows.

- Won Gold for New Zealand at the World U-21 Championships in 1992.
- Played sixty-one tests for the Silver Ferns between 1992 and 2002.
- This included Silver Medals at the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur 1998 and in Manchester 2002.
- Silver medals at the World Games in 1993 and the World Championships in 1999.
- In 2003 she played for Samoa at the World Championships finishing sixth.
- Since 2004 she has moved to coaching Samoa who have competed in:

the World U-21 Tournament in Miami 2005
the Melbourne Commonwealth Games 2006
World Cup in Auckland 2007

Her services to netball were recognised nationally when she became a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2003.