



ANNUAL REPORT
2019



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Note: No report received from Tuggeranong Panthers Volleyball Club.



President's Report

2019 was a fantastic year in many respects for Volleyball in our region. A number of our competitions grew, we had increased coach participation and school volleyball participation was a record.

Our Good Neighbour tournament was a huge success – occupying 4 full venues and seeing a large number of travelling teams. I visited various venues and was very impressed to hear of the enjoyment of the participants and spectators alike.

Our local competition, particularly in our recreational leagues continues to be very strong. During the year we saw the emergence of some capable groups of volleyballers at schools and clubs and we saw that reflected in the high level of competition standards. Our high school beach days have gone on to even greater growth. We are now setting up grass courts in parallel as overflow. We will consider other styles of competition to better accommodate this fantastic participation growth. In particular I note the ongoing commitment from board member Graeme Budd to this. Similarly, for our primary school events, with excellent leadership from Rachel Uren and support from various clubs we saw a great view of our future.

Our Canberra Heat teams continued their success. Our Men finished second after playing one of their best matches for the season and our Women finished fourth after beating a very skilled opposition. We had a full contingent of junior indoor players attend our local hosted nationals and some great success with our junior beach representatives as well.

Also, I note the number of new coaches we have – very pleasing to see and we will be working to improve our support and development of this group.

Our beach facility at Lyneham continued to be a source of great success for us. We were able to have our lighting repaired with the generous patronage of Steve Lugge and Drew Desmond. We also sought and received approval and funding for the ablution block installations. We have met some hurdles during our installation phase, but are working to ensure we are creating a safe and sustainable environment for all of our beach patrons. We have replenished and “turned over” the sand on the beach courts, initially disturbing some sand dust and that settled as expected. It was pleasing also to see an army of volunteers attend the Lyneham Beach Facility for a clean and tidy working bee in October.

Our financial plan is still in place, having taken advantage of retiring our debt and focusing on growth of numbers and participation rates.

This level of growth always brings new challenges and we worked hard to identify and rectify where possible. Our diligent referee community and our club presidents also started work with our board and office to improve our by-laws, identifying gaps in our approach that we will work together to improve. This is a natural part of our growth and I was impressed to see how all involved brought pragmatic points of view.

Our board has re-affirmed our driving principle of *“More people, doing more in volleyball, more often”*. Next year we aim to create a new 3-year and beyond plan to drive the outcomes for our community. We approached our local government agencies and the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA, to highlight the restrictions on our growth that the lack of indoor facilities or access to them is presenting. In particular the battle for time in school gymnasiums for clubs to train and grow. This was met with good acknowledgement and open discussion about the work the government is doing to help free up more court space for our indoor players.

We have seen great involvement with Volleyball Australia and some fantastic esprit-de-corp with the other state associations in building and growing sustainable volleyball.

2019 saw our community recognise the long-standing and ongoing services of Dean Turner OAM with a Lifetime Membership of Volleyball ACT. Congratulations Dean for all your commitment over many years.

As I write this and likely as you read it, we are in physical isolation from our community of volleyballers. Our sport is one of bringing people together... and unfortunately that isn't currently a safe thing to do. I have often remarked of my belief that gratitude is an integral aspect of sport and may underpin much of the positive mental health aspects our team sport generates. I have personally experienced this as a player and as an administrator. I cherish the time I've spent with people through volleyball and this virus hiatus has only highlighted even more how much I value that time. To each of you, thank you for the effort you put in – playing, coaching, officiating, administering, parenting, organising (even reading President's reports)... all of these things bring us together and will continue through and beyond this current break.

Dan Williams

President

Finance Report

Volleyball ACT's Financial Report for the year of 2019 was prepared by the Volleyball ACT office and partner Capital Advisory. The audit was completed by Hardwickes Partners.

Volleyball ACT trades on a calendar financial year. The 2019 operating year presented the association with unique challenges and opportunities. The key take outs of the Financial Report are summarised below

The 2019 Financial Report notes:

- For the first time in many years the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships (AJVC) were held in Canberra. This was great for our local families who all saved the travel expenses but created a decline in revenue of approximately \$150,000 as a result of not collecting these Athlete Contributions. Managing the cash flow of this change presented operating challenges.
- An increase in Grant Revenue was achieved. Active Canberra provided Volleyball ACT with a grant of \$73,000 to acquire an Ablution Block for the Lyneham Beach Facility. The block has been acquired and is being held in Hume, the project and installation will be completed pending approval from Icon Water and further work by Cardno and the plumbing contractor. Volleyball ACT will continue to work closely with the ACT Government to grow the sport and serve the community.
- Consistency in the Board and Staff of Volleyball ACT has contributed to strong financial performance in a changing environment.
- The smoke haze that blanketed Canberra in late 2019 has challenged the Association to consider policies related to Air Pollution, Member Health and refunds for postponed or cancelled competitions. This will be an area of focus for VACT in the future.
- Total Revenue has dropped by \$170k due to AJVC being held in Canberra and the Athlete Contributions not being collected.
- Gross Profit has dropped from \$140k (2018) to \$121k (2019) reflecting a drop of \$19k.
- An Operating Profit of \$17k was achieved in 2019.
- Office Expenses have increased in 2019 due to the purchase a new printer/copier from CSG Solutions.
- Legal expenses increased as professional advice was required for a debt related matter.
- The Lyneham Beach Facility depreciated \$72k in 2019. The Facility has a closing Net Book Value of \$688k.
- Volleyball ACT has a strong financial position. Underpinned by the equity in the Lyneham Beach Facility, cash in the bank and a small residual loan with large redraw function the association is well placed for the opportunities and challenges of the future.
- Chasing debtors is an ongoing challenge for the VACT office that takes valuable resources away from our core business. We urge all members to respect the VACT payment terms. If experiencing hardship please contact us for flexible terms.

We have a diverse and changing business model. Despite the financial implications of AJVC hosting and the impact that smoke had on the Summer Beach Competitions we are pleased that we can absorb difficulty and change.

The Player Support Committee was active again providing subsidies to our junior representative players and their families.

Again, Volleyball ACT, Canberra Heat and the Lyneham Beach Facility have been well supported by the ACT Government with important grants that are critical to our business.

Volleyball ACT closed the 2019 calendar year with cash position of \$140k and a net asset position of \$835k.

Adam Castle

Chief Executive Officer



CEO's Report

The year of 2019 confirms that the future of Volleyball in the ACT is bright indeed.

The year was certainly not without its challenges, but I know we can all agree that we have come out the other side stronger and more resilient as an Association. There is a great deal that we can celebrate across the whole of our sport.

Our core business continues to deliver great volleyball competitions for our community. We have seen participation maintained and, in some cases grow in many of our leagues which is a pleasing key performance indicator. I thank our Capital Volleyball League, Open League, Recreational League, and various Beach Leagues participants, I hope you have enjoyed your volleyball immensely.

Volleyball ACT has been represented exceptionally at the benchmark events for our sport by players, referees, and coaches. Our ACT delegations are growing year on year for Australian Junior Volleyball Championships (AJVC) and Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships (AJBVC). This is testament to the passion that exists within our community to develop, learn, and represent the ACT. I thank our community of players, families, coaches, and referees who make it all happen.

Our biggest ever delegation performed admirably at both AJVC and AJBVC with notable growth in the Women's Program - very encouraging for the future of our sport. We are fortunate to have a depth of great coaches who led the development and performance of our teams, I thank them for sharing their expertise and passion with our juniors.

In November we welcomed volleyballers from far and wide for the 54th Good Neighbour Volleyball Tournament with 131 teams taking part in the annual event which was one of the biggest to date.

Led by Coaches Les Young and Sue Jenkins, our Canberra Heat represented us very well in the Australian Volleyball League (AVL) Super League and Open Championships. The Heat Men claimed the Silver medal after a strong season and our Women went down in the Bronze medal match after another season of growth.

It was a pleasure to award Dean Turner OAM VACT Life Membership. I am sure everyone in our community knows Dean and the incredible contribution he has made and continues to make to Volleyball at many levels. Congratulations again and thank you Dean.

The Board of Volleyball ACT has led the association strongly throughout the year. I thank all our Board Members for the time, effort, and commitment they give to Volleyball in our community. Thank you to Christine Gates and Victor Amsteins - both work extremely hard for our community and while their work is not always seen I am consistently amazed by their dedication.

I must also thank the team at Active Canberra for their support of Volleyball ACT operations, projects, and teams. The grant support received from Active Canberra underpins our business, Canberra Heat, and the Lyneham Beach Facility.

Finally, I reserve a special thanks to our Club Presidents and their Committees for the tireless effort and passion they bring to our sport. I cannot thank you enough for everything you do for Volleyball in the ACT.

See you on court soon.

Adam Castle

Chief Executive Officer

Vision, Mission, Objectives

Our Vision

To be the leading State Volleyball Association in Australia.

Our Mission

To provide volleyball participants in the ACT with an engaging experience at all levels and in all forms of the sport by:

- Leading and developing players, coaches and officials.
- Building volleyball's sustainability and community profile.
- Attracting, satisfying and retaining more participants and partners.

Our Objectives

Objective I Strategically collaborate with VA and our members and partners.

Objective II Grow awareness, participation and new opportunities

Objective III Achieve consistent national success on the court.

Objective IV Build commercial diversity.

Objective V Infuse integrity in every aspect and level of volleyball in the ACT.

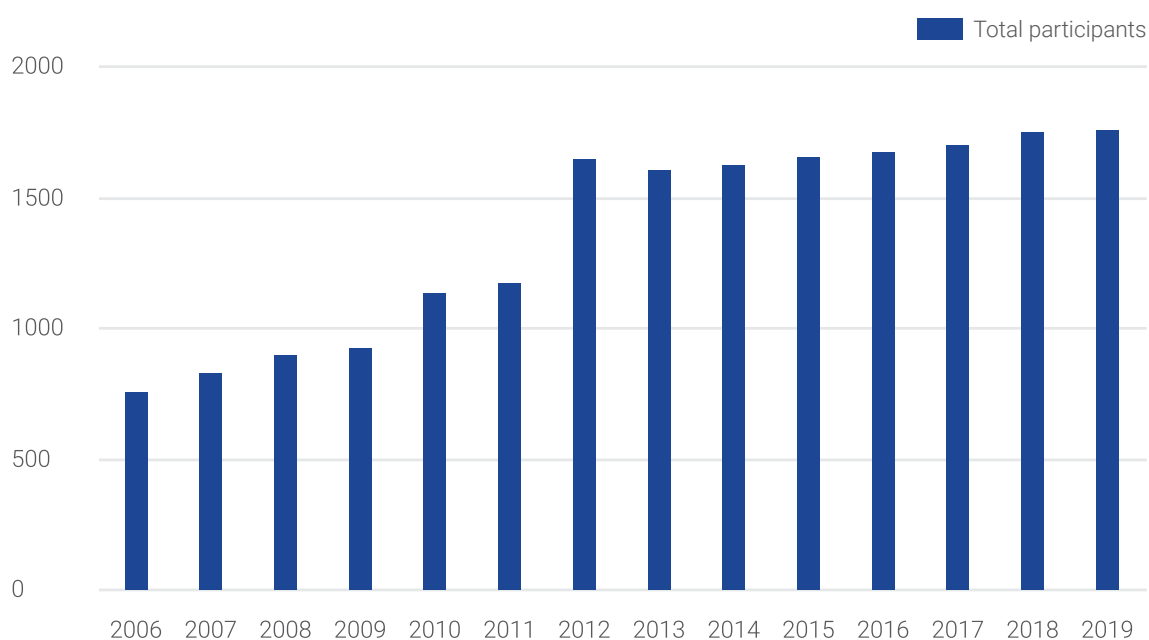


Membership & Participation

Volleyball ACT Life Members

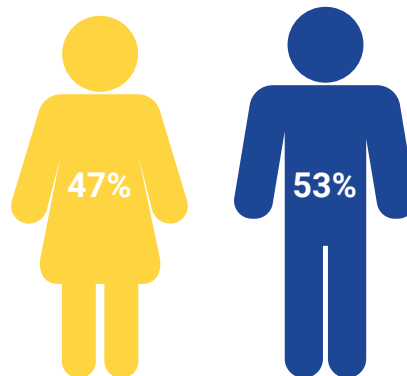
- Robert Foot (dec.)
- Gordon Duffus (dec.)
- David Flatt
- Graeme Cox
- Phil Borgeaud
- Sue Jenkins
- Victor Amsteins
- Dean Turner OAM

Participation History



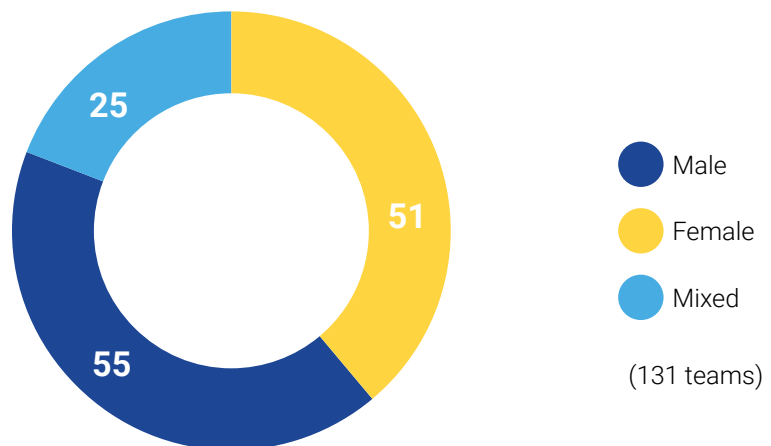
Volleyball ACT Membership

Gender



2019 Good Neighbour

Team Entries



Social Media



@VolleyballACT
1257 Followers
@Canberraheat
1709 Followers



@VolleyballACT
300 Followers

Administration

Volleyball ACT Board of Directors

President	Dan Williams	01/01/19 – 31/12/19
Director	Russell Borgeaud	01/01/19 – 31/12/19
Director	Jenny Barbour	01/01/19 – 31/12/19
Director	Graeme Budd	01/01/19 – 31/12/19
Director	Liz Mallet	13/06/19 – 31/12/19
Appointed Director	Cynthia Anderson	01/01/19 – 31/12/19
Appointed Director	Tim Hubbard	01/01/19 – 31/12/19

Volleyball ACT Staff

Chief Executive Officer	Adam Castle	01/01/19 – 31/12/19
Competitions and Events Manager	Christine Gates	01/01/19 – 31/12/19
Competitions Supervisor	Victor Amsteins	01/01/19 – 31/12/19
ACT Referees Commission Chair	Dean Turner OAM	01/01/19 – 31/12/19

Affiliated Clubs

ADFA VC President	Amy Davies	Storm VC President	David Reeson
ANU VC President	Laura O'Neill	Tuggeranong Panthers VC President	Sam Ockerby
Belconnen VC President	Sue Jenkins	Canberra Hornets VC President	Paul Sellick
Dragons VC President	Dean Turner OAM		



Referees Commission Report

2019 Progressing in steps

2019 may become known for transition with our officials. Several of our stalwart members who carried officiating in Canberra through tough times, took a break to focus on other life responsibilities. I will take this opportunity to thank them for their commitment; wish them a peaceful time with success in their family and finally say we look forward to seeing them around the court in the future.

Our cohort of referees is currently split between a small group of senior officials and an expanding group of younger officials. Whilst this is contributing to a greater band of officials to manage the local competitions, when it comes to National responsibilities our officials are within the playing ages and therefore unavailable. This will continue to be an issue for the association in the short term, but not unexpected as the rebuilding process is only two years in.

Eighty percent of matches were covered by appointed officials for Open and Recreational Leagues. These Leagues continue to provide a strong learning environment to our younger and less experienced officials. I wish to again thank the teams from these divisions of competition for their continued supportive nature, providing constructive feedback to VACT officials so that ongoing improvements to service levels are delivered to the competitions.

Mr Peter McCurdy was a very active member for VACT, representing the ACT volleyball community with enthusiasm and distinction. His activities and achievements over the last year included: AJVC and AVL representing VACT with honours, being awarded medal matches and ultimately, he was unfortunate to miss the cut as the last referee left off the list for AVL finals. Locally Peter focussed on refereeing undertaking roles as referee across both CVL Men's and Women's competitions; whilst also taking on the roles of second referee and scorer, with a focus on developing his personal attributes but also supporting newer referees to acclimatise and perform to a required level at CVL. These efforts were also repeated across the Open and Recreational competitions.

Peter volunteered for various international events Invictus Games, FIVB World Beach Tour, Arafura Games and FIVB Volleyball Nations League. At these events he represented the ACT volleyball community with skill and honour, learning about the variations of our sport; Para-Volley, Indoor Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. Peter clearly demonstrating the many options and pathways available to VACT officials.

2020 will begin with expanding the group of coordinators, this will balance out workloads as we seek to improve our service delivery to the volleyball community. Our existing young group will be an area of focus as we strive to move them into higher order skills, improving the quality of the game being played in Canberra. A key expectation for 2020 will be to provide a "Referee Manager" to VACT competitions, providing all our participants with a point of contact at the competition venue; allowing them to seek clarification or provide areas of concern.



Referees Commission Report

VACT Representative Officials 2019

Domestic Events			
Australian Beach Volleyball Tour	Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships	Australian Junior Volleyball Championships	Australian Volleyball League
Andrew Scotford (Technical Delegate)		Ben Vaughan (Delegate) Natasha Popple (U19 Girls Gold Medal match) Penelope Hucker Keryn Gabriel (part-time)	Rita Hsu Michael Fitzpatrick Peter McCurdy Ben Vaughan Liz Burdis Charlotte Van Gerwen Stephen Van Gerwen Max Arthur Jay Tregeagle

International Events		
Arafura Games	Volleyball Nations League	Beach Volleyball World Tour
Michael Fitzpatrick (Delegate) Andrew Scotford Peter McCurdy	Rita Hsu	Andrew Scotford Nam Pham Andrew Naef

Dean Turner OAM

Referees Commission Chair

Competition Manager's Report

Capital Volleyball League

In 2019, 21 teams contested the Capital Volleyball League (CVL). Through the season teams consistently pushed each other and improved week by week, raising the level of the competition yet again.

The Women's competition, the Volleyball Australia's Centre of Excellence (CoE) team debuted in the Premier division increasing the diversity of the competition and seeing fierce battles between all teams. The CoE eventually proved too strong on grand final day defeating an ever consistent Belconnen for the gold medal. In Division 1, Belconnen's consistency was rewarded with Belconnen Black taking out the honours.

In the Men's competitions, 2019 was an all Belconnen affair with the Premier team trouncing the CoE men, and Belconnen Gold being crowned as champions over Dragons in Division 1. As final reward for an impressive season across both genders, Belconnen were declared winners of the 2019 Club Championship trophy.

Open League

As in past years, Open League saw teams from various backgrounds participate including VACT affiliated clubs, schools, the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) and independent teams who returned for another year of competition at the Lyneham Hockey Centre.

A change in funding allocated to sports within ADFA and some schools lead to a reduction in the number of teams that contested the Open Leagues in 2019. We are hopeful of seeing an increase in numbers in the future and will maintain our links with these organisations.

The Junior Women's division did not run in the Spring competition due to the graduation of several teams to the Women's B division. Their rapid skill development during the Autumn competition meant they needed to be challenged by playing in a higher grade – a success for the division as player development is its' main objective. The division will run again in Autumn 2020.

Recreational League

2019 Recreational Leagues participation numbers remained largely stable with the exception of the decrease in ADFA teams as in the Open League competitions mentioned above. The majority of teams returned to participate and we look forward to welcoming them again in 2020.

Beach League

The popularity of beach volleyball continued this season with numbers again increasing from seasons past. In terms of overall growth, total entry numbers were up another 20% in 2018/19 when compared to season 2017/18 across three nights each week at the Lyneham Beach Sports Facility.

The pairs competition saw unprecedented growth with an increase of 56% from the previous season. Four divisions were contested (Premier Men, Premier Women, Open Men and Open Women) with the Open Women's division being split into three pools to accommodate the influx of female players wishing to play the pairs format. What is exceptionally pleasing is that many of the players in the Open Women's division were athletes from the 2018 AJVC ACT women's teams. It is fantastic to see these young players continuing their development on the sand complimenting their knowledge of the indoor game.

The Tuesday Fours competition remained strong. Three separate divisions were run for the first time in the competition's history. This was extremely encouraging with beach volleyball continuing to cement its' place on the ACT volleyball landscape.

Thursday Six on the Beach also maintained steady participant numbers with many teams from the inaugural season returning to play again. Many teams are now choosing to transition from the indoor Rec leagues to the beach competition which augers well for the future of beach volleyball in the Territory.

Christine Gates

Competitions and Events Manager



Events Overview

Good Neighbour Volleyball Tournament 23-24 November 2019

The 54th Good Neighbour Volleyball Tournament was held on 23 and 24 November 2019 across 4 venues (AIS, Lyneham Hockey Centre, National Netball Centre, and Australian National University), with 131 teams competing across 14 divisions.

For another year Good Neighbour retained its' title as Australia's largest and longest running club volleyball tournament and continued to be a highlight of the Australian volleyball calendar. Continuing to raise the standard and quality of the tournament remains a key focus and depending on venue availability we hope to continue building team numbers in future years, particularly from overseas.

2019 was the 54th successive year of the tournament, and the second consecutive year of record entry numbers for the tournament with the previous record of 129 entries in 2018 being eclipsed by the 2019 total of 131. The tournament continues to go from strength to strength with its' significance being recognised both domestically and internationally, with 2019 entrants travelling from as far as Papua New Guinea and the participation of the Australian Women's national team, the Volleyroos. The future of this Volleyball ACT flagship event remains bright and the 55th version of the tournament will be sure to be another memorable event for all who take part.

ACT Open Beach Volleyball Tournament 30-31 March 2019

The ACT Open Beach Volleyball Tournament took place at the Lyneham Beach Sports Facility on 30 and 31 March 2019. Affiliated with the greater Australian Beach Volleyball Tour, 44 teams in three divisions contested the tournament and included pairs teams from the ACT, Victoria, Queensland, NSW and the Volleyball Australia Centre of Excellence (CoE). Teams in Division 1 Men's and Women's categories played off for a prize pool of \$4000 with winners being:

Division 1 Men Sam Halley/Mateusz Zieba

Division 1 Women Ella Tromp/Anna Donlan

This was the first year that the event was run in its' current format and so, whilst being considered a success, there are still

improvements that can be made to lift the quality of this event even higher and to build for future tournaments. Thanks to Referee Delegate/draw master Darren Grimsey who assisted greatly to ensure the Open's success. Further to this thank you to the coaches and athletes from the CoE – without their efforts in the court preparation process it would not have been possible to deliver an event of this magnitude.

There is so much potential in an event like this – the level of support for this essentially “new” tournament from players nationally was both pleasing and unexpected. The best is yet to come for the ACT Beach Open!

Presentation Events

Due to venue unavailability, two separate presentation events were held on 18 October 2019.

A presentation lunch for Australian Junior Volleyball Championships and Australian Beach Volleyball Championships teams acknowledged the success of our junior players and included awarding MVP and Coach's awards for each team and the announcement of the Female and Male Junior Player the Year awards.

Female Junior Player of the Year Holly Uren

Male Junior Player of the Year Euan Rochford

The Capital Volleyball League presentation dinner celebrated the success of teams who contested the 2019 CVL season and included the announcement of the Coach and Referee of the Year awards, and the presentation of CVL medals for each division of the competition.

Awards of note that were presented as part of the night's proceedings included:

Coach of the Year Sue Jenkins

Referee of the Year Peter McCurdy

Further to this, whilst unable to attend the presentation, Dean Turner was acknowledged as receiving Volleyball ACT Life Membership in recognition of the many years of service he has contributed towards the growth of Volleyball in the ACT.

Christine Gates

Competitions and Events Manager

Competition Results

2018/19 Beach League		
Division	Winners	Runners Up
2018 Nov – Dec Prem Men Pairs	Lewkowicz/Thind	Gilzar
2018 Nov – Dec Open Men Pairs	Tornadoes	Le Snack v2
2018 Nov – Dec Prem Women Pairs	YTBG	ClayPohl
2018 Nov – Dec Open Women Pool A Pairs	Storm Twister	Blue Bottles
2018 Nov – Dec Open Women Pool B Pairs	Luso	Blockbusters
2018 Nov – Dec Open Women Pool C Pairs		
2018 Nov – Dec Div 1 Fours	Exploding Hitters	YMYD
2018 Nov – Dec Div 2/3 Fours	Kiss My Ace	Something
2018 Nov – Dec Six on the Beach	Sunbacon	Katelyn and the Rest
2019 Jan – Mar Prem Men Pairs	Borgeaud/Borgeaud	Steve's Team
2019 Jan – Mar Open Men Pairs	We Will Destroy Your Fortnite	Dragonball
2019 Jan – Mar Prem Women Pairs	Barbour/Magro	Stormies
2019 Jan – Mar Open Women Pairs	Dig This	Volley Qs
2019 Jan – Mar Div 1/2 Fours	Belconnen	Net Ninjas
2019 Jan – Mar Div 3 Fours	Sandy Cheddar	Block n Roll
2019 Jan – Mar Six on the Beach	Pontiac Bandits	Ham and Pineapple

2019 Autumn Open League		
Division	Winners	Runners Up
Men's A	Belconnen Gold	Panthers
Men's A Reserve	Storm Tempest	Belconnen
Men's B	ADFA Red	ANU
Women's A	Dragons Roar	Dragonettes
Women's A Reserve	Belconnen Gold	Belconnen Green
Women's B	Belconnen Green	Belconnen Gold
Junior Women	Belconnen	St Clare's Blue



Competition Results

2019 Autumn Recreational League		
Division	Winners	Runners Up
Tuesday Rec 1	Oishi	Dig Set Beer
Tuesday Rec 2	Hobble Horse	Mixed MOGS
Thursday Rec 2	Balls In	Crinkle Cut

2019 Capital Volleyball League		
Division	Winners	Runners Up
Premier Men	Belconnen	Centre of Excellence
Premier Women	Centre of Excellence	Belconnen
Division 1 Men	Belconnen Gold	Dragons
Division 1 Women	Belconnen Black	ANU

2019 Spring Open League		
Division	Winners	Runners Up
Men's A	Panthers	Belconnen Gold
Men's B	Dragons Green	Pilchards
Women's A	Dragonettes	Belconnen Gold
Women's A Reserve	ADFA White	Belconnen Gold
Women's B	St Clare's Blue	St Clare's Senior

2019 Spring Recreational League		
Division	Winners	Runners Up
Tuesday Rec 1/2	Crinkle Cut	Dino Mite
Thursday Rec 1	Dragons	Freddy and the Pork Swords
Thursday Rec 2	Gnomish Fury	5 Beers and 1 Cider

Representative Coaches & Referees

Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships (AJBVC)	
Male Coaches	Myles Roantree, Greg Ophel
Female Coaches	Elizabeth Burdis

Australian Junior Volleyball Championships (AJVC)	
Under 14 Women	Danusia Sipa Borgeaud (HC), Justin Pronin (AC)
Under 14 Men	Ben Hardy (HC), Justin Pronin (AC)
Under 15 Women Gold	Kim Magro (HC), Mitch Di Maria (AC)
Under 15 Women Blue	Annie Reeson (HC), Zoe Cross (AC)
Under 15 Men	Roger Rosser (HC), Greg Ophel (AC)
Under 17 Women Gold	Carla Magro (HC), Sarah Quilter (AC)
Under 17 Women Blue	Gabrielle Kalthofen (HC), Emily Hargreaves (AC)
Under 17 Men	Russell Borgeaud (HC), Michael Watson (AC)
Under 19 Women	Madeleine Clayden (HC), Jenny Budd (AC)
Under 19 Men	Graeme Budd (HC), Nicolas Borgeaud (AC)
Referees	Ben Vaughan, Natasha Popple, Penelope Hucker, Keryn Gabriel

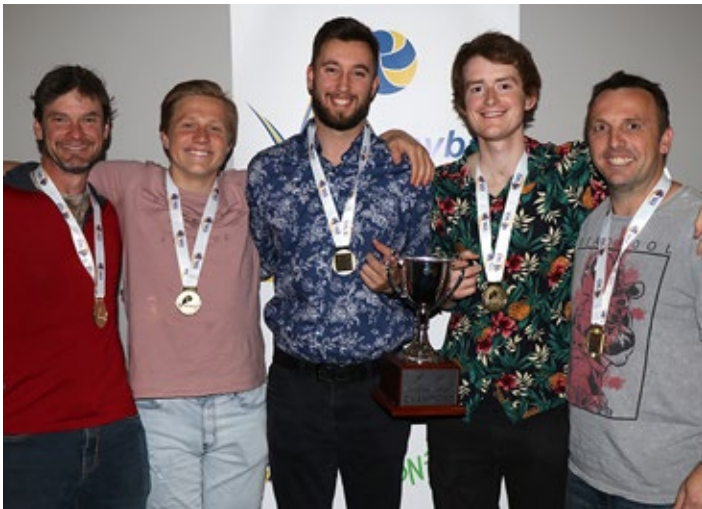
Australian Volleyball League (AVL) Super League and Open Championships	
Canberra Heat Men	Les Young, Russell Borgeaud, David Darcy, Michael Watson, Thomas Hodges
Canberra Heat Women	Sue Jenkins, Jenny Budd, Madeleine Clayden
Referees	Peter McCurdy, Michael Fitzpatrick, Rita Hsu, Charlotte Van Gerwen, Stephen Van Gerwen, Elizabeth Burdis, Max Arthur, Jay Tregeagle

National Representation	
Australian Senior National Team Volleyroos Women	Sue Jenkins, Russell Borgeaud
Australian Senior National Team Volleyroos Men	Andre Borgeaud
Australian Under 23 Men	Andre Borgeaud
Australian Youth Men	Andre Borgeaud, Graeme Budd, Christine Gates
Australian Junior Men	Les Young



2019 Volleyball ACT Awards

2019 Representative and CVL Awards	
Coach of the Year	Sue Jenkins
Referee of the Year	Peter McCurdy
Junior Player of the Year - Female	Holly Uren
Junior Player of the Year - Male	Euan Rochford
U14 Women MVP	Milla Greber
U14 Women Coaches Award	Layla Plätzen
U14 Men MVP	Owen Hardy
U14 Men Coaches Award	Daniel Carter
U15 Women Gold MVP	Amanda Uren
U15 Women Gold Coaches Award	Buffy Budd
U15 Women Blue MVP	Holly Phillips
U15 Women Blue Coaches Award	Nicole Grey
U15 Men MVP	Cian Crimmins
U15 Men Coaches Award	Markus Zarak
U17 Women Gold MVP	Kirby Smee
U17 Women Coaches Award	Gabrielle Reynolds
U17 Women Blue MVP	Natalie Moore
U17 Women Blue Coaches Award	Jemika Gilbert
U17 Men MVP	Ben Middleton
U17 Men Coaches Award	Austin Turnbull
U19 Women MVP	Kassidy Fox
U19 Women Coaches Award	Jessica Kalthofen
U19 Men MVP	Andy Toms
U19 Men Coaches Award	Chandler Leydon / Lars Koppen
CVL Premier Women Best and Fairest	Courtney Durston (ANU)
CVL Premier Men Best and Fairest	Simon Hone (Storm)
CVL Division 1 Women Best and Fairest	Holly Uren (Belconnen Black) Annie Reeson (Storm)
CVL Division 1 Men Best and Fairest	Mitch Di Maria (Belconnen Gold) Ben Middleton (Belconnen Gold)
CVL Club Championship	Belconnen
CVL Premier Women	VA Centre of Excellence
CVL Premier Men	Belconnen
CVL Div 1 Women	Belconnen Black
CVL Div 1 Men	Belconnen Gold



Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships

2019 "Volley by the Bay" Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championship

15th-18th April – Bunbury, Western Australia

Volleyball ACT travelled with 7 Women's and 2 Men's teams (22 athletes) to the Championships in Bunbury, WA.

Every team fought hard in tough, windy conditions during pool play, with some great competitive volleyball being played and some very close score-lines produced.

Both our Under 15 Women's and Men's teams took what they had learned in the pool play, and delivered in their Consolation Pool matches, going through undefeated and earning a prize pack each!

The play-off rounds were extremely challenging for our older teams, with our efforts going unrewarded.

Thank you to all the athletes and the support from families for the event. And the endless commitment and energy of Coaches Greg Ophel and Liz Burdis during the Championships.

Myles Roantree

2019 AJBVC Head Coach



2019 AJBVC Results

U15 Women

Ruby Archer, Jenna Sampson, Jacinta Tattersall and Amanda Uren Finished 5th in their pool with 2 wins and 3 losses. Won the Consolation Pool with 2 wins, to finish 9th overall.

U15 Men

Jay Tregeagle, James Wilkinson and Marcus Zarak Finished 5th in their pool with 1 win and 4 losses. Won the Consolation Pool with 2 wins, to finish 9th overall.

U16 Women

Lucy Aboud and Charlotte Van Gerwen Finished 4th in their pool with 1 win and 3 losses. Went down in the 1st Play-Off Round, to finish 9th overall.

U17 Women

Holly Uren and Lucia Zarak Finished 4th in their pool with 2 wins and 2 losses. Went down in the 1st Play-Off Round, to finish 9th overall.

Kassidy Fox and Kathryn Wilkinson Finished 5th in their pool with 4 losses. Went down in the final of the Consolation Pool to finish 14th overall.

Gabby Reynolds and Kirby Smee Finished 5th in their pool with 1 win and 4 losses. Went down in the 1st Round of Consolation, to finish 15th overall.

U18 Women

Jessica Kalthofen and Sofia Wilson Finished 4th in their pool with 2 wins and 3 losses. Went down in the 1st Play-Off Round, to finish 9th overall.

U19 Women

Grace Aboud and Zoe Tregeagle Finished 6th in their pool with 5 losses. Went down in the 1st Round of Consolation, to finish 11th overall.

U19 Men

Sam Flowerday and Gai Gai Finished 4th in their pool with 1 win and 3 losses. Went down in the 1st Play-Off Round, to finish 5th overall.

Representative Program Reports

Junior Women U14

This was the first year the Under 14's division was introduced for the AJVC. It was an interesting division that had a wide range of skill levels. The ACT Under 14 Girls' goal was to improve on their skills and get some exposure to a higher level of volleyball.

The team had a great attitude and always did their best in every situation.

One attribute that makes this team really stand out, was their 'never giving up' attitude.

We took off many sets against a range of teams. We even took off a set from the VIC Blue team losing the first set 5-25. It was a huge turn around and took a lot of grit and determination to fight back and win that next set.

We also finished our week on a win, against QLD White, which was a very good feeling for the entire team to finish on a high note.

As a team, our strongest skill was our tough serving. Many times during the competition we would go on a long serving run to get a string of points.

I am very proud of this team for their amazing efforts and great attitudes across the entire period of coaching them.

We would like to thank all the Under 15s staff, the parents, and everyone who helped out and supported the Under 14s team. A massive shout out to head coach of the Under 15s Gold, Kim Magro, who did so much for this team as well.

Overall, it was a successful and fun week of volleyball.

Danusia Sipa Borgeaud

Head Coach



Junior Women U15

Gold Team

After some early challenges with having only 2 coaches (Kim Magro and Annie Reeson) for 3 teams (2 x U15s and 1 x U14s) we were able to develop training plans that would ensure this large group of athletes with varying skills and experience all continued to develop and increase their own skills. Trainings were predominately combined until shortly before Nationals when additional coaches became available. Trainings focussed on fitness, skills and match play. When our additional coaches were appointed; Mitch Di Maria, Zoe Cross, Danusia Sipa Borgeaud and Justin Pronin, team specific tactics and goals were developed, and all coaches were able to prepare their teams for Nationals.

We joined the Under 14 Boys on Thursday nights for match play. This gave the girls an opportunity to run the systems we were playing in a safe and fun environment. I believe the combination of the male and female teams training with each other was beneficial to all involved, including coaches.

Credit must be given to these group of girls in the way they all worked with each other and approached their own development. The combined approach continued throughout the representative season and at Nationals.

We were privileged to have such an exciting and alert group of players, with all girls approaching trainings with eagerness, and both a motivation and readiness to learn.

Off the court, all 3 teams spent time working on the concept of "Growth Mind Set" and that was well received and valuable to all athletes in the preparation for Nationals.

All 3 teams travelled to Sydney to participate in the NSW State Cup. The girls' approach to training and inclusive attitudes were rewarded in NSW with a silver medal to the Under 14's team and a gold medal to the Under 15's Gold team. A big thank you to Andrew Blakey who arranged for a bus from Merici College, and was our driver so all 3 teams could travel as one group for the NSW tournament.

Another joint activity that was enjoyed immensely by the girls, siblings, parents and carers was our Jersey presentation. A great afternoon was had by all and a huge thank you to our 2 Volleyroos players (Jenny Tait and Lucy Ambagtsheer) that came along and presented them to all 3 teams.

The focus of the Under 15 Gold team was to be competitive whilst enjoying the experience of being an ACT representative player. Every player in this team continued to improve with every game and were competitive from the first game. Gold team finished first in their pool and crossed over into the playoff medal match pool. We were very unlucky not to make a medal match as all of our matches were of a very high standard. Reflecting on the statistics of the games we had a large number of kills and limited serve errors; overall we had a strong tournament and finished in the top 6.

A sincere and massive thank you to Mitch Di Maria who joined the team as the Assistant Coach. He brought so much positivity, knowledge, fun and a very loud voice from the bench. He was a delight to coach with.

From both Mitch and I, thank you to all the girls for the continued effort. It was our pleasure to coach and watch you develop your volleyball skills and knowledge. You did us proud. If this group of athletes continue to work hard and develop their skills with the same attributes they displayed this season they will be medal contenders in the coming years.

Captain Jacinta Tattersall and Vice Captain Zoe Mitchell provided strong leadership both on and off the court; well done girls.

Award recipients

MVP Amanda Uren

Coaches Award Buffy Budd

There are many people to thank, more than can be listed here, but particularly we would like to thank:

- All the girls from all 3 teams (Under 14s, 15s Blue and 15s Gold) for their sportsmanship, effort and enthusiasm to play volleyball.
- All parents, carers and siblings for transporting the girls to and from trainings and providing positive support and wonderful cheering throughout the tournament.
- Christine Gates and Volleyball ACT for providing continuous support and establishing AJVC coaches catchups with special guests.
- Under 14 Boys, Ben Hardy and Justin Pronin for weekly match play.
- Danusia Sipa Borgeaud for organising the Volleyroos players at our jersey presentation.
- Mitch Di Maria, Danusia Sipa Borgeaud, Justin Pronin, Annie Reeson and Zoe Cross for working so collaboratively to ensure the teams had good preparation and a great experience during the tournament.
- Sue Jenkins for her endless support and advice throughout the season and the tournament itself.

Kim Magro

Head Coach

Assistant Coach Mitch Di Maria



Blue Team

Whilst coaching the U15 Girls I remembered back to when I first started playing volleyball at their age. Falling in love with the game and wanting to get involved every way I could. Myself and my assistant coach Zoe Cross wanted to make sure that they all came out of their first junior nationals with this same feeling and desire to pursue the sport.

We had a very athletic and enthusiastic bunch of girls and the week of AJVC wasn't easy for us. We had some very tough opponents and challenging games which tested their skills and also their knowledge of the game. But after every result they were always asking questions and wanting to learn and improve their game, we simply couldn't wipe the smiles off their faces.

We want to say thank you to the parents and carers for their commitment to helping their daughter/s pursue volleyball. Thank you to VACT and everyone in the office making sure everything was ready to go. And finally, a thank you to Kim Magro for taking us under her wing and making sure the lead up and week ran smoother than we could've hoped for. Thank you, Kim.

It was a pleasure to teach these girls the fundamentals of the game and see their commitment to improvement every week. Our team was led by Isabelle Reid. We'd like to congratulate our Coaches Award recipient, Nicole Gray, and Best and Fairest, Holly Phillips.

It was a delight to watch these young women grow into great players and greater people.

Annie Reeson

Head Coach

Junior Women U17

Gold Team

We were privileged to have such an enthusiastic and eager group of girls that made up the Under 17 Women's squad for 2019. The majority of athletes in the group had previous experiences being in state teams, so we felt the skill level from the beginning was higher than other groups and previous years. We trained as a squad until final selections were made before the AJVC tournament. This allowed us to develop and establish consistent expectations for all athletes regardless of what team individual athletes were to be selected into for AJVC.

Our priorities for the preparation for AJVC was to develop athletes' skill sets to enable them to compete not just participate at AJVC, explicitly teach and implement the concepts of growth mindset in a volleyball context and to provide all athletes with a positive experience being a part of a state volleyball team. The girls were highly receptive to our expectations and they showed ownership and initiative to develop their expectations of each other and their coaches. Together we were able to construct an environment based upon respectful relationships and common understandings of expectations that allowed each athlete to grow as volleyball players, have confidence to take risks and learn and to compete in every match at AJVC.

We went to NSW State Cup still as a squad but had two set teams for the day. This allowed us to see player combinations and team dynamic before making final team selections and furthermore, was an opportunity for the athletes to put into practice what they had been working on and to take away future focus areas of their game. Both teams experienced winning and losing during the day. I feel it would be so valuable if there could be more opportunities during the AJVC preparation time for more match play with teams not based in the ACT.

As AJVC approached, we joined with the Under 19 Women's team to have match play during trainings. This was beneficial as it gave the girls opportunity to engage in more game like environments prior to competing at AJVC.

Thank you to Jenny and Maddie for your ongoing support from the very beginning and throughout the tournament.

The Under 17 Gold team, lead by Kirby Smee, were competitive throughout their campaign. We were proud to see their hard work during preparation displayed in their games. The girls showed grit and teamwork during the week especially in their late night 5 set matches and then backing up the next day with the same intensity. The girls came away with wins and loses throughout the week but regardless of the outcome they remained competitive in all matches. Both individually and as a team they showed improvement with their skills, understanding of the game and ability to compete in a competitive team environment. Well done girls!

I would like to give a big thankyou to Sarah for being so supportive throughout the season. She brought so much enthusiasm, knowledge and voice every training and every game. Thank you to Gab and Em also for your ongoing support and collaboration. With this collaborative team of coaches, we were able to have a positive preparation and tournament which allowed all athletes and both teams to achieve successes.

It was a pleasure working with you all.

Award recipients

MVP Kirby Smee

Coaches Award Gabby Reynolds

From both Sarah and I we would like to thank the girls for being such a great group of athletes to coach.

It was so rewarding seeing what you all achieved throughout the season. We hope to see you continue your volleyball journeys.

There are many others to thank but particularly we would like to thank these people:

- To Sue, thank you for your support and guidance throughout the season. Your presence during AJVC was invaluable and so very much appreciated.
- To Christine and the VACT office, thank you for endless support and for all the work that goes on behind the scenes to make it all happen.
- To parents and families, thank you for getting the girls to and from trainings and games, and for your ongoing support during the lead up and throughout AJVC.
- To all the other coaches, thank you for sharing your knowledge and being a great network of support throughout the whole season.

Carla Magro

Head Coach

Assistant Coach Sarah Quilter

Blue Team

Coaching the U17 Women's Blue team was an incredible experience for both Gabbi and I. As first time coaches we went into the Nationals competition with two things in mind, achieving individual goals for all of our girls while also giving all the girls a chance to play volleyball at a higher level.

During the Championships, we came very close to winning multiple games however just fell short. One game in particular was an amazing game for all the girls, with us taking the game to 5 sets which we hadn't done previously.

For a majority of the girls, it was the first time that they had gotten that close to winning a game at a Nationals competition. While we didn't manage to win a game, every player improved majorly from the first game to the last game, with all the players achieving their goals. During the week, the team also found time to support the other half of the U17s squad, the Gold team.

We are both extremely proud of the resilience that the girls showed throughout the Championships and want to thank each player for the hard work that they put into themselves and the team.

The leadership that was shown by our captains, on and off the court, was incredible to see. Our MVP and Coaches award could have gone to any player on our team, which made it extremely hard for us to choose just one which is a testament to just how much each girl put into the week.

We also had an amazing group of parents that supported us in all of our decisions, and we also wanted to give all the parents a massive thank you. We also wanted to give a huge thank you to Carla Magro and Sarah Quilter, the Gold team coaches, for all the help and support that you gave us throughout the entire season.

Team Jemima Hall, Lily Carter (VC), Jemika Gilbert (C), Charlotte Van Gerwen, Abigail Marceau, Nyssa Sampson, Isobel Madsen, Emily Quan, Natalie Moore, Anouk Schumann-Morin, Anne Hodgson.

MVP Natalie Moore

Coaches Award Jemika Gilbert

Emily Hargreaves

Assistant Coach

Head Coach Gabrielle Kalthofen



Junior Women U19

2019 was a year that showed a lot of potential for our future female volleyball athletes, with 3 of them later representing the Canberra Heat in the open division competition at Gold Coast.

The U19 Women's team was comprised of 10 athletes from an array of volleyball clubs within Canberra. The team's focus this year was to be aggressive in attack and defence. We worked hard on attacking the block and using it to our advantage, while working on our foot movement to cover tips.

At AJVC 2019 we relished the opportunity to play against teams we haven't had the opportunity to before. One of our opening games was against Thailand who pushed us hard in defence finding the tiniest hole. We stood up in attack by being aggressive and brave. After this we stepped up against Tasmania where we pushed through a gruelling long game. We showed through the rest of our tournament that we were always aggressive and ready to take the game on.

Our MVP for this year was Kassidy Fox who played every single point in the tournament as our solo setter. She worked hard to put up sets no matter where the pass went and focused on the team morale. Our most improved player for this year was Jessica Kalthofen. She worked hard on her aggression within her attack and transformed into a force to be reckoned with as a pass hitter/opposite.

I look forward to seeing these girls develop in years to come and to see where volleyball takes them.

Madeleine Clayden

Head Coach



Representative Program Reports

Junior Men U14

As a group, this was the first time all of these boys competed in the AJVC and their performance should be highly commended with several boys still eligible to play U14 in 2020.

Our first game was against QLD who had a very tall and imposing team. It's here I was exposed to the character of the team witnessing their boys' passion and intent to compete and play good volleyball. This competitive nature was repeated all week and which was super impressive, particularly as it this was their first major competition.

While the top QLD and VIC sides were a little too experienced for us, we boldly took sets off all the other teams and pushed them very hard. With Luca absent for most of the event with other sporting duties, David and Ekam did most of the setting, Joel and Daniel played mostly in the middle, Liam and Axel played mostly libero and Adrian, Shaun, Harry, and Owen played mostly outside.

I was very proud of the way the boys competed.

Every match they gave their best, giving a scare to more experienced teams on many occasions and showing their courage in the face of some strong attacks.

I know the boys have a strong future with many of them eligible for U14 in 2020.

Thank you to Justin for assisting, Kim and the U14, U15s girls coaches providing the opportunity to play scrimmage matches as this was extremely valuable.

Ben Hardy

Head Coach



Junior Men U15

With the event being held in the ACT this year, our experience of the week was quite different than when we travelled and spent so much time together. The team was made up with largely the same players and all but two were the correct age this year. There had been improvements in skills and understanding over the year and we were hoping to be more competitive in games. Unfortunately, we met a red hot NSW side in the first game and were obliterated. With our higher expectations so totally dashed in the first game, it took us some time to re-group. The VIC coach said after our game with them that he had watched us in that first game and was expecting to have an easy win but was very happy to have scraped in against us. A couple of key errors handed them the third and deciding set at the very end. But this gave us the sense that our week was back on track.

We were much more competitive after that but still couldn't maintain consistency for a whole set. We would win a great point then make a simple error. Our game against QLD was not as one-sided as our first game but not close. All our other games we were competing and not relying on errors from the opposition. Our last game against SA was disappointing. We had worked our way into a winning position in each set, but inexperience and pressure induced skill errors meant we lost another close one in the third set.

It was great working with Greg - he was able to communicate his knowledge with the boys effectively.

Highlights

We were very happy with the number of points we were able to win off our own bat. The boys were clearly more skilful and knowledgeable and able to take instruction from their coaches.

Another highlight was the way we fought our way back into the week after the heavy defeat of the first game.

It was pleasing to realise that two of our youngest players were amongst our best.

Recommendations for the Future

We are still choosing our rep teams from a very small pool of athletes. We need more kids playing and having volleyball as their first sport. Living in the ACT means we are always competing with other sports for athletes because our kids are able to play multiple sports. I would love to help organise a primary school competition.

MVP

Cian Crimmins was outstanding all week. He was our most penetrating server, our best setter and our most effective outside hitter.

Coaches Award

This award went to one of our youngest players, Markus Zarak. He was a back court setter and did his absolute best to follow his coaches instructions in challenging circumstances at times. There wasn't one moment when he wasn't trying his absolute best on the court.

Roger Rosser

Head Coach



Representative Program Reports

Junior Men U17

The U17 Men's team were a fantastic group of young men, who were a pleasure to coach. We were a bit slow to get them organised as it took us a while to settle on the team's coaching staff. Once that was settled the boys responded exceptionally well, trained hard and got the most out of every session. It was a pleasure to see how they worked together and supported each other in a positive way.

Our goals were improving our play and enjoying our Volleyball at the highest level.

We were fortunate to have a group where many players could fulfil multiple roles and were happy to do so. Their flexibility in this regard was a testament to their commitment to their team.

The highlights for the week were the team's improvement in play, their positive team culture and a great win against Victoria.

For most of the boys this was their first ever win at an AJVC event.

Team

- Sam Harding – Captain
- Jacob Butt
- Cameron Desjardins
- Kai Jeong-Reuss
- Finlay Lester
- Lachlan McFarland
- Ben Middleton
- Roy Prosser
- Euan Rochford
- Danyal Sangi
- Austin Turnbull
- Dan Wang

Every one of our team members stood out for their commitment and their improvement.

Team Awards

Ben Middleton as MVP – played as a Setter or a Passer-Hitter both equally effectively.

Austin Turnbull received the Coaches' Award, not only for his excellent play but his quiet, level-headed approach within the team helped keep others calm under pressure.

I would like to thank all the players and parents for their support, particularly Cate Turnbull for performing the Team Manager's role so enthusiastically. Also, I thank Dave Rochford and Jason Turnbull for regularly helping at trainings.

I thank the VACT office for their encouragement and support from beginning to end. The long days that Christine puts in at the tournament are amazing. She brings positive energy every day.

The team couldn't have existed without the commitment and devotion of Michael "Bags" Watson. He organised the squad before we had a coach and performed the role when I couldn't be there. He is a positive role model to these young men.

Russell Borgeaud

Head Coach



Junior Men U19

The ACT Boys U19 squad assembled at trials full of hope and expectation. AJVC announced it was the last time an U19s division would run (and the last time CoE would exist in its current form). This partly contributed to a large number of interstate CoE players trying out and keen to represent the ACT and the group looked scary good. However, other states were non-too pleased with this situation and forced nearly all of them back to their states of origin. Despite this, when you have Lorenzo in your squad, you are still a genuine threat to win. This threat was demonstrated when the team won the NSW State Cup as part of our AJVC preparations.

Unfortunately, Lorenzo became unavailable close to the tournament and our winning focus had to change to simply doing our best, enjoying each other's company and being as competitive as possible.

Our first match at AJVC was against SA and the boys had a real crack. They bravely swung hard in attack and defended with great enthusiasm. Chandler Leydon in particular pass hit extremely well during the match. He was a great player for us all week. We ended up losing in the 4th set despite playing better than them for large chunks of the match. Our achilles heal for the game (and for the whole Tournament) was serving.

Our matches against QLD, NSW, WA and VIC Blue showed glimpses of what we were capable of but the combination of inconsistent serving and playing against far more experienced players made for tough matches.

The highlight of the week was our epic 5 set win over VIC White.

In front of family and friends, the boys toughed it out playing brave volleyball. Importantly, Liam Smith got his mojo back in this game and was dominant through the middle in important points. That said, the boys were down 11-7 in the 5th looking down a heartbreaking loss, when they simply refused to lose. They didn't miss a serve, defended desperately and swung bravely when it was their turn.

Overall, I think the team performed well and individually improved over the week. Noah Budd improved his setting over the week and even had the odd kill. Ben Davis stepped up as our opposite (while usually a middle) and accounted himself really well. Captain Andy Toms came into the tournament under a serious ankle injury cloud. However, as his ankle improved throughout the week, we were able to move him from libero to pass hit. His pipe hitting in our final match was outstanding. Sean Barratt at times utilised his outstanding vertical leap and his passing was very important. Tommy Muir was crucial in keeping the boys' positive attitude in tough times and was terrific when called upon to libero. Charlie Prucha was in his first major tournament. He was nervous on his first match but soon demonstrated his middle skills that have been on show for Belconnen. Riley Hawke was another positive influence on the team's morale and improved his passing throughout the week. Lars Koppen was our most consistent player. Despite his size, he had the most blocks and was the most consistent hitter.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the excellent work done by our assistant coach, Nic Borgeaud. I literally lost my voice during the week and Nic took over without any issue. His detailed and insightful tips to the players, during points and at time outs clearly demonstrates his readiness to head coach.

Graeme Budd

Head Coach

Assistant coach Nic Borgeaud



Representative Program Reports

AVL Canberra Heat Men

Canberra Heat Men began life as the Canberra Cobras in 1998, then renamed to Canberra Chiefs in 1999 before becoming the Canberra Heat in 2002. The club began with solid performances on the back of a solid, national team heavy, playing roster; however, in the mid to late 2000's, Heat Men were unable to sustain medal results. In 2009, the Canberra Heat Volleyball Academy was formed with immediate impact; a Bronze medal in 2010 with the youngest team in the league, and then taking the championship in 2011.

Since 2013, Canberra Heat has always medalled; including the championship in 2015. 2019 was no exception; narrowly missing out on the gold in a hard fought, five set, nail biter.

This sustained performance has been maintained despite some regular roster changes as players move in and out of international professional contracts and prioritise other life events; however, the culture of the club remains true and continues to provide the foundation for success.

With a late confirmation of the league format, and with many key players involved with various national team duties (playing and coaching staff), the pre-season was not as well structured as normal. Notwithstanding, the team came together and secured the first away round against the Perth Steel, and used the main season, and Good Neighbour (securing the Gold), to continue to build.

Prior to the AVL finals, Heat fielded a Division 1 team in the VA AVL Volleyball Championship. This was a great experience for Heat's developing player base and a testimony of the depth able to be developed even within a small 'state' on the back of a good, inclusive, culture and the dedication of a broad range of volunteer coaches and support staff; as well as the support from Volleyball ACT staff and board.

Heat will now re-focus on the 2020 campaign, with another national championship in sight; but more importantly influencing the development of some great young Australians in the process.

Heat AVL Squad

- Billy Greber
- Andy Toms
- Nicolas Borgeaud
- Harry Clayden
- Cameron Steer
- Lorenzo Patelesio-Pope
- Andre Borgeaud
- Kevin Phang
- Deua Berry
- Simon Hone
- Sam Flowerday
- Dylan Lucchesi
- Travis Passier
- Kieran Ackhurst
- Jack Connell
- Oliver Clayton
- Lewis Jupp
- Samuel Halley
- Thomas Hodges
- Isaiah Burns
- Les Young (Head Coach)
- Russell Borgeaud (Assistant Coach)
- Michael Watson (2nd Assistant Coach)

Heat Div 1 Squad

- Roy Prosser
- Andy Toms
- Michael Watson
- Harry Clayden
- Noah Budd
- Justin Pronin
- Chander Leydon
- Armaan Thind
- Ben Middleton
- Dylan Lucchesi
- Jackson Jolly
- Oliver Clayton
- Lewis Jupp
- Mitchell Di Maria
- Euan Rochford
- Chris Hodges
- Isaiah Burns
- Jake Lewkowicz
- Lars Koppen
- Russell Borgeaud (Head Coach)
- David Darcy (Assistant Coach)
- Thomas Hodges (2nd Assistant Coach)

Les Young

Head Coach



AVL Canberra Heat Women

The 2018 Bronze medal campaign had an overwhelmingly positive impact, with unprecedented numbers (50) attending trials this season and the renewed self-belief of the Super League team - both fantastic to see! The Super League and Open Championship teams each made great gains over the course of their campaigns yet experienced quite different seasons and acquired very different insights and learnings. A very productive season for all, with a Bronze medal for the Open Championship team a wonderful highlight.

A change in the AVL format this season saw the major competition, AVL Super League, revert to a pseudo home and away series (plus finals) involving 6 teams, with only one team permitted per State. This ensured a high quality competition that was conducted over a compact 5-week season. Heat travelled to Perth, and then played 3 home rounds (Vic, SA & NSW) before travelling to Brisbane and after a two week break to the Gold Coast for the finals.

We had a formidable team, looking to back up last season's success with another podium finish. Volleyroos Danusia Sipa Borgeaud and Jenny Tait joined a core group of returning players from last season and this experience was complimented with youth, with the inclusion of 4 players training at the VA Centre of Excellence. The team gelled well, trained hard and took a lot of confidence into the season. Heat's general level of play far exceeded that of last season yet we finished the round games in 4th position, defeating WA and UTSSU, splitting matches with Adelaide Storm and defeated by Melbourne Vipers and QLD Pirates. Despite our ranking, we were confident we had the game to defeat top placed QLD Pirates in the semi-final, having only narrowly lost a tough 5 set match in the last of the round games. Unfortunately, we were not able to produce our best volleyball at the critical times and after a promising first set, lost in 4. In the Bronze medal match against Adelaide Storm, Heat played some inspired volleyball to lead 2-1 but couldn't close it out, going down in 5 sets. This was a particularly difficult loss for us. Insights gained will however strengthen the resolve for next year's assault.

An additional squad of 20 players was also selected for the Australian Open Volleyball Championships, a 3-day tournament played immediately prior to the Super League finals. It was extremely beneficial to have had this squad training for an extended period as it provided great development opportunities for many of Heat's younger players. Improvement was rapid as they trained with older, more experienced players and alongside the Super League team.

The team selected for the Open Championships was well balanced; 5 players having played AVL in previous years blended with 9 talented juniors. The primary focus was development and affording the experience of playing representative volleyball at a senior level. The Open Championships provided a positive learning environment for our players, who all enjoyed a healthy amount of court time. Our level of play fluctuated but the experience gained across the 5 matches was invaluable. Heat had wins over QLD Pirates Black and the Tasmanian Echidnas and tight tussles against QLD Pirates Maroon, Sydney Amazons and UTSSU. The last matches of round robin play, in what was a very even competition, decided final standings. Heat were elated, and a little surprised, to have finished third, securing the Bronze medal.

It was a mammoth season for the coaches, coaching both teams in tandem. Special thanks to Jenny Budd for her tireless efforts in both roles, Assistant Coach with Super League and Head Coach of the Open Championship team. Thanks also to Maddie Clayden for taking on additional responsibilities when resources were stretched during the finals/Open Championships. I commend all the players for their commitment throughout the season, their appetite to keep pushing each other to new heights and the support they provided to one another. Thanks also to VACT staff Adam Castle and Christine Gates for their continued support and picking up many of the administrative pieces (along with Les Young) throughout the campaign. Canberra Heat also acknowledges and greatly appreciates the support of the ACT Government.

Sue Jenkins
Head Coach

Teams

Super League

Georgia Niedermeier (C), Danusia Sipa Borgeaud (C), Tessa Barbour, Leila Basic, Georgia Clayden, Jamie Clayden, Lauren Cox, Courtney Durston, Khiani Dodd, Kiara Olsson, Matisse Sipa Borgeaud, Jenny Tait and Kimberley Vogel.

Open Championships

Madeleine Clayden (C), Lucy Aboud, Tara Acton, Katrina Button, Jaiha Birkett, Charlotte Di Maria, Kassidy Fox, Emily Hargreaves, Zebedee Job-Bliss, Jessica Kalthofen, Taylor Mamukic, Clara Morrison, Kirby Smee, Emma Stanton.

Coaches Sue Jenkins and Jenny Budd

Results

AVL Super League	
v WA Steel	3-1; 25-23, 25-20, 20-25, 25-18 3-1; 25-21, 25-20, 23-25, 25-20
v Melbourne Vipers	0-3; 23-25, 20-25, 22-25 1-3; 25-22, 23-25, 21-25, 21-25
v Adelaide Storm	3-0; 25-19, 25-21, 25-22 0-3; 23-25, 21-25, 24-26
v UTSSU Shield	3-1; 25-20, 25-13, 17-25, 25-10 3-1; 25-19, 24-26, 25-20, 27-25
v QLD Pirates	1-3; 25-23, 16-25, 19-25, 20-25 2-3; 25-21, 23-25, 25-17, 15-25, 12-15
Semi-final	
v QLD Pirates	1-3; 25-19, 18-25, 18-25, 24-26
Bronze Medal Match	
v Adelaide Storm	2-3; 21-25, 25-18, 25-20, 23-25, 9-15
Overall result	4th

Australian Open Volleyball Championships	
v QLD Pirates Maroon	0-3; 24-26, 17-25, 22-25
v UTSSU Open	2-3; 17-25, 25-15, 23-25, 25-22, 12-15
v Sydney Amazons	1-3; 25-22, 19-25, 19-25, 26-28
v QLD Pirates Black	3-1; 29-27, 17-25, 25-16, 25-18
v Tas Echidnas	3-1; 25-18, 21-25, 25-18, 25-17
Overall result	Bronze Medal



ADFA Patriots Volleyball Club

Introduction

The Patriots Volleyball Club maintains its culture in encouraging volleyball from all levels, from our friendly social competition to the competitive level. The club continues to be an avenue to allow trainee officers and other members of defence to participate with the general public. The primary object for the Patriots Volleyball club for 2020 is to provide increased community engagement through the playing opportunities provided by VACT.

Club Values

- Agility
- Commitment
- Excellence

2019 ADFAVC Committee Positions

President Amy Davies

Vice President Jace Stallard

Men's Captain Phillip Davies

Women's Captain Adelaide McClean

Socials Captain Jane Spooner

President's Summary

For the 2019 competition, ADFAVC consisted of one women's team and three men's teams. All teams demonstrated teamwork, excellent sportsmanship and dedication for both season. Unfortunately, due to funding cuts, ADFA could no longer play in the recreational league which we competed in every year prior. However, due to the high level of motivation within the trainee body ADFA was able to set up its own internal competition which saw over 60 cadets compete. ADFAVC will continue to deliver commitment and a high level of effort into the 2020 season. Which I believe will be a year of exceptional achievement and progress from our continually developing teams.

Looking ahead, ADFAVC continues to emphasise development with our skill level and teamwork. We will also prioritise extra involvement in volleyball tournaments such as Unigames in order to further develop our player's individual skills. Lastly to improve team cohesion men and women have begun training together, this will hopefully encourage positive growth in our club's culture as well as promote teamwork between teams.

The ADFAVC is unique and we will continue to develop our culture in the academy which will be inspired by our determination to succeed as well as our dedication to the sport.

2019 Results

2019 AUTUMN COMPETITION

Men's A	Men's B		Women's A
ADFA Black	ADFA Red	ADFA White	ADFA White
9 th	Gold	4 th	9 th

2019 SPRING COMPETITION

Men's A	Men's B	Women's A
ADFA Black	ADFA Red	ADFA White
9 th	7 th	Silver

Chatura Attanayake

President



Club Reports

ANU Volleyball Club

The Australian National University Volleyball Club (ANUVC) had another successful year in 2019! In the Capital Volleyball League (CVL), despite a large loss in players due to injury in the back half of the year, the Women's Premier team was able to secure third place and the Women's Division 1 team had a nail-biting loss to take the silver medal. Both of the Men's teams at ANUVC did well to make it into the finals but were not able to take home a medal. Once again ANUVC entered a very competitive team into the Open League competition who played consistently well throughout.

ANUVC would like to congratulate all of its players on another excellent season where we saw immense improvement across the board.

ANU sent a men's beach volleyball team to the Division 1 Australian University Championships who put in an exceptional effort as the first men's team in many years. Despite the difficult terrain, the team played well but did not place. While at University level in Canberra Intervarsity competition the ANU team has continued its long running losing streak against UC, but hopefully 2020 will be ANU's year.

ANUVC welcomed back Jenny Budd as the head coach for the Women's program and had a new Men's coach with Steven Duzevich. Our beginner's program was lead by Hamish Richardson who guided new players into the volleyball world. The Club would like to thank all the wonderful coaching staff that put in a lot of time and effort to help train all our teams, and help out with the coaching of the beginners/ introductory volleyball program across the course of the year. We would also like to thank all the players who were involved in the social and fundraising events during the year.

Moving forward into 2020 ANUVC will work to establish a larger scale beginners program and also hope to see all the club teams continue to improve and be successful under the guidance of our head coaches for 2020, Jenny Budd and Thomas Martin.

Administration 2019

President Laura O'Neill

Vice President Madeleine Clayden, Tatjana Pohl

Treasurer Oliver Clayton

Secretary Hamish Richardson

Oliver Clayton

Treasurer



Belconnen Volleyball Club

2019 Belconnen highlights include the sustained growth of our junior programs, CVL triumphs (CVL Champion Club), unprecedented ACT and National team representation and underpinning these, the inspiring dedication of the club's coaches. Belconnen also enjoys a position of current financial stability.

It has been fantastic to witness the growing numbers in the junior Belconnen programs (W & M). While playing numbers have been strong in the junior women's program in the last few years, this year saw an explosion of growth in the junior men's program that resulted in 3 additional teams entering Open League. A major feature of the year has been the progression of the junior players, with teams moving to higher level divisions from Autumn to Spring seasons and many players successfully making the transition to CVL. A great example being that two of the gold medal winning CVL Premier Men's team were players 15 years of age. Junior players also embraced the sand, with many players competing in the beach volleyball competitions before and/or after the indoor season, completing a great year round program.

The expansion of both junior programs pose training time/venue/coach questions for the club in 2020 and beyond. Answering those questions and planning for continued growth will be a key and immediate focus for the club.

Belconnen entered 21 teams in Open League across the Autumn and Spring seasons, an increase of 4 teams on last year. A successful year, with teams not only progressing to higher divisions from Autumn to Spring but also medalling in all but one division across both seasons (4G, 6S, 3B). A fantastic effort!

CVL presented a number of challenges across the season, with the Premier Women in particular facing player availability concerns for most of the season. However, it proved to be one of the club's most successful campaigns with 3G, 1S and 1B medals across the 4 divisions, Belconnen claiming the CVL Champion Club trophy. The Premier Men produced an upset win over the highly favoured Centre of Excellence team to claim Gold in an emotionally charged battle.

Both Men's Div 1 teams were in the medals, claiming Gold and Bronze. The Premier Women struggled early in the season but finished strongly to top the ladder by season's end. They fell to a strong Centre of Excellence team in the final finishing with Silver.

Div 1 (Black) played an epic final, coming back from 2 sets to nil down to take the match and the Gold in 5 tight sets. A great fighting effort! On an individual level, Holly Uren was awarded 'Best and Fairest' in Div 1 Women and Ben Middleton and Mitch Di Maria were joint winners in Div 1 Men. Fitting recognition of their great performances over the course of the season.

An impressive contingent of 54 junior Belconnen players were selected to represent the ACT at the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships across Beach and Indoor (8 players playing in both). This is an unprecedented number and fantastic acknowledgement of both the hard work of the players and the great work that the coaches are doing in the junior development space. A personal thanks to our committed group of coaches, Kim Magro, Phil Borgeaud, Carla Magro, Matisse Sipa Borgeaud, Russell Borgeaud, David Rochford, Caleb Hodgson, Matt Richards, Ben Hardy, Nic Borgeaud, Michael Watson and Matt Blowes. Belconnen players Holy Uren and Euan Rochford were awarded the Junior Player of the Year (female and male respectively) for performances across indoor, beach, club and representative volleyball - very well deserved!

At the senior level, 12 players were selected to Canberra Heat teams representing the ACT in the Australian Volleyball League Super League and Open Championship teams assisting the Super League Men to Silver and the Open Champs Women to Bronze. In addition, 8 players (Danusia Sipa Borgeaud, Lucy Ambagtsheer, James Weir, Jaiha Birkett, Holly Uren, Mackenzie Gibb, Euan Rochford and Roy Prosser) represented Australia in senior/ junior international competitions.

Belconnen finished the year with several teams competing in the Good Neighbour Tournament and this once again provided a fun, competitive and fitting end to our club volleyball year.

A challenging but highly successful year. The club is generally in a sound position, although attention is needed in areas of governance and planning for growth, to ensure that Belconnen remains a strong and viable club. Player and team development are definitely club strengths, attributed to the coaches who have been the primary support in the club achieving its many and lofty goals.

National Representation

Danusia Sipa Borgeaud (Volleyroos, National U23), Lucy Ambagtsheer (Volleyroos, National U23), James Weir (Volleyroos), Jaiha Birkett (National Junior), Holly Uren (National Junior), Mackenzie Gibb (National Junior), Euan Rochford (National Youth), Roy Prosser (National Youth).
Andre Borgeaud (National pre-Youth HC), Russell Borgeaud (Volleyroos W AC), Sue Jenkins (Volleyroos W AC).

Professional contracts

James Weir (TV Rottenburg - German Premier Div), Jordan Power (Linköping - Swedish 1st Div).

ACT Representation

Canberra Heat

Women: Super League Georgia Niedermeier (C), Danusia Sipa Borgeaud (C), Leila Basic, Matisse Sipa Borgeaud. **Open Champs** Jaiha Birkett.

Men: Super League Andre Borgeaud (C), Nic Borgeaud, Kevin Phang, Cameron Steer.

Open Champs Michael Watson, Ben Middleton, Euan Rochford.

Coaches Sue Jenkins (W), Russell Borgeaud (M), Michael Watson (M).

Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships

U15W Ruby Archer, Jenna Sampson, Jacinta Tattersall, Amanda Uren.

U15M Jay Tregeagle, James Wilkinson.

U17W Holly Uren, Kathryn Wilkinson.

Australian Junior Volleyball Championships

U14W Zoe Harris (C), Sachi Ballat, Madison Blakey, Milla Greber, Layla Plätzen.

U14M Daniel Carter, Owen Hardy, Adrian Kiwialo, Ekam Uppal, Axel Wade.

U15W: Gold Jacinta Tattersall (C), Ruby Archer, Buffy Budd, Maisy Develin, Bridie Hallinan, Zoe Mitchell, Jenna Sampson, Amanda Uren, Wendy Yuan. **Blue** Isabelle Reed (C), Mia Ballat, Nicole Gray, Jessica Pine, Caitlin Weaver.

U15M Jay Tregeagle (C), Cian Crimmins, Huxley Jensen, Charlie Skinner, Finn Taylor, James Wilkinson.

U17W: Gold Allana Benson, Mei Doan Herlihy, Tyla Hardy, Jorja Munday, Holly Uren, Kathryn Wilkinson. **Blue** Lily Carter, Anne Hodgson, Isabel Madsen, Abigail Marceau, Natalie Moore, Nyssa Sampson.

U17M Cameron Desjardins, Ben Middleton, Roy Prosser, Euan Rochford, Dayal Sangi, Austin Turnbull.

U19W Jaiha Birkett, Georgia Carter, Jorja Cockburn, Mackenzie Gibb.

U19M Chandler Leydon, Charlie Prucha.

MVPs Milla Greber (U14W), Owen Hardy (U14M), Amanda Uren (U15W), Cian Crimmins (U15M), Natalie Moore (U17W Blue), Ben Middleton (U17M).

Coaches Awards Layla Plätzen (U14W), Daniel Carter (U14M), Buffy Budd (U15W Gold), Nicole Gray (U15W Blue), Austin Turnbull (U17M), Chandler Leydon (U19M).

Coaches Danusia Sipa Borgeaud (U14W HC), Kim Magro (U15W Gold HC), Mitchell Di Maria (U15W Gold AC), Carla Magro (U17W Blue HC), Sarah Quilter (U17W Blue AC), Russell Borgeaud (U17M HC), Michael Watkins (U17M AC), Nic Borgeaud (U19M AC), Sue Jenkins (Mentor Coach W).

ACT Awards

Coach of the Year Sue Jenkins

Junior Player of the Year (W) Holly Uren

Junior Player of the Year (M) Euan Rochford

Domestic Leagues

Capital Volleyball League (CVL)

Women Premier (Silver), Div 1 (Gold & 6th).

Men Premier (Gold), Div 1 (Gold & Bronze).

CVL Best and Fairest Holly Uren (Div 1 W), Ben Middleton & Mitch Di Maria (Div 1 M).

CVL Champion Club Belconnen

Open League

Autumn

Women A Grade (Bronze), A Res (Gold & Silver), B Grade (Gold & Silver), Junior (Gold).

Men A Grade (Gold & 4th), A Res (Silver), B Grade (Bronze & 5th).

Spring

Women A Grade (Silver & place & place), A Reserve (Silver & place), B Grade (4th).

Men A Grade (Silver), B Grade (Bronze, 10th & 11th).

Belconnen MVPs

CVL Women Leila Basic (Premier), Holly Uren (Div 1 Black), Allana Benson (Div 1 Green).

CVL Men Nic Borgeaud (Premier), Michael Watson (Div 1 Gold), Austin Turnbull (Div 1 Green).

OL Women: A Grade Natalie Moore (Gold), Jenna Sampson (Green), Ruby Archer (Black).

A Res Isabelle Reid (Gold), Jessica Pine (Green).

OL Men: A Grade Gareth Richards. **B Grade** Caleb Hodgson (Black), Owen Hardy (Green), Cian Crimmins (Lions).

Sue Jenkins

President (Acting)



Club Reports

Dragons Volleyball Club

Club Executive

Dean Turner OAM (President), Robyn McCurdy (Secretary), Sarah McAulay (Treasurer), Natasha Popple, Keryn Gabriel.

National and International Representative Members

National teams

Kieran Ackhurst, Myles Roantree.

Overseas contracts

Gai Gai, Anissa McKenzie, Jason Laffer.

Australian Volleyball League

Emily Hargreaves, Zebedee Job-Bliss, Charli Di Maria, Taylor Mamukic, Emma Stanton, Jessica Kalthofen, Clara Morrison, Tara Acton, Lucy Aboud, Kieran Ackhurst, Andrew Toms, Lewis Jupp, Justin Pronin, Jackson Jolly.

UniSport Nationals Division 2

Tara Kalembe, Emily Kalthofen, Emily Hargreaves, Charli Di Maria, Taylor Mamukic, Emma Stanton, Zebedee Job-Bliss, Tara Acton, Gabrielle Slookee.

UniSport Nationals Division 1

Tara Kalembe, Emily Kalthofen, Charli Di Maria, Taylor Mamukic, Emma Stanton, Zebedee Job-Bliss, Tara Acton, Gabrielle Slookee.

Australian Junior Volleyball Championships

Grace Aboud, Jessica Kalthofen, Gabrielle Reynolds, Lucy Aboud, Nora Lin, Amy Redmond, Lana Dexter, Jemima Hall, Charlotte Van Gerwen, Andrew Toms, Lachlan McFarland, Ben Davis.

Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships

Charlotte Van Gerwen, Lucy Aboud, Gabby Reynolds, Jessica Kalthofen, Grace Aboud, Sam Flowerday, Gai Gai.

Representative Coaches

Greg Ophel, Myles Roantree, Nam Pham, Andrew Naef, Emily Hargreaves, Gabrielle Kalthofen, Justin Pronin, Les Young, David Darcy.

Representative Referees

Natasha Popple, Ben Vaughan, Keryn Gabriel, Peter McCurdy, Michael Fitzpatrick.

Competition Teams

CVL, Open Leagues 20 teams

Merici College 11 teams

UC Summer competition 16 teams

In addition teams participated in NSW regional competitions such as Cootamundra Beach, Canberra Cups, Wests Cup and NSW State Cups.

Teams in VACT Competitions

Dragons 20; Merici 11

Dragons Summer Competition (2018/19)

16 teams

UniSport Games

1 team across 2 divisions

90% of players in the Autumn season returned for the Spring season

16% of Capital Volleyball League players participated in Open or Recreational competitions

ACT Dragons Volleyball Club (inc. University of Canberra Volleyball Club) endured a year of challenges due to limited availability of training venues across north Canberra. Our Open and Recreational League numbers dropped in the Autumn season due to this inability to train. Capital Volleyball League achievements reduced in 2019, although remaining competitive the late start to training and various disruptions encountered led to reduced performance. Dragons fielded teams in all Open League competitions securing successes.

Away from the court the Club continued to focus on stability financially and secured several minor partnerships. The pursuit of opportunities with schools and community engagements (e.g. Gungahlin Sports Gala) provided information around the needs of potential participants and how they may engage with the sport of Volleyball.

The lack of a “home venue” is costing us dearly; losing players due to training instability for all members, and an inability to promote activities of the Volleyball Club to the community.

The Men’s Program suffered being unable to secure an ongoing coach; whilst those whom filled this role did a solid job, the churn led to the teams underperforming throughout the season. Nam Pham and Andrew Naef continued with the Women’s Program, taking up the extra challenge of a UC team participating in UniSports Division 2 and subsequently Division 1 competitions. This activity builds on the player pathways within the club; many of the players in the UniSport program went on to win the Bronze medal at the National Club Championship.

The Club boasts a strong representation of players in VACT Recreational competitions; the next step to assist the Club is to have the players identify Dragons as their home club. In addition, Dragons teams or members participated in Volleyball events across the region and beyond including Cootamundra, Albury, Melbourne, Wollongong, Sydney, Penrith, Gold Coast and Brisbane.

Traditional club awards allocated to volunteers whom contribute their time to help our club continued. Coach of the Year Nam Pham, whose efforts included leading teams to gold medals at UniSports and continuing to build an extensive ACT based player program. Dragon Heart, is someone who represents the values and enthusiasm for volleyball our club takes pride in, this year the recipient was Andrew Naef who has links to high school, college, University, club and National competitive teams; bringing home gold medals with each representative team.

Looking to 2020 ACT Dragons will continue to advocate for indoor training facilities; expand our schools programs taking in several schools in North Canberra and Gungahlin; continue with our Light Volley program seeking to increase participation and we will introduce a junior league, again seeking to build on the participation base for volleyball in Canberra.

Dean Turner OAM

President



Storm Volleyball Club

The year started strongly for Storm VC where an unprecedented number of members joined the committee to inject new life and drive into the Club.

We had a number of objectives and initiatives we wanted to undertake and were pleased with the outcomes. The most notable was the birth of the Storm Volleyball Academy (SVA).



The Academy was led by Annie Reeson with assistance from Riley Hawke. The SVA coaches made contact with the local high schools - Stromlo, Melrose, Deakin and Telopea - and visited each school multiple times in a "come and try" style session. From this effort SVA was able to recruit 18 new junior members to the Club and most importantly, to the sport. Three SVA members went on to being selected in various AJVC teams.

The Committee also mapped out a plan to revitalise the website, incorporated an advertising campaign to garner new adult members and completed a uniform audit. We also produced merchandise for club members in the form of "hoodies".

The Club Treasurer this year was Pen Hucker. Her work behind the scenes needs to be acknowledged particularly in her efforts and success to retrieve a large amount of money from aged debtors. A truly remarkable effort.

Clubs don't operate without coaches and so thanks needs to go to the women's head coach, Luis Ruez and the men's head coach, Liz Burdis who was also supported by Jack Connell.

Storm VC's presence in the CVL competition yielded two bronze medals; Premier Men and Women's Division One. A great effort from both squads who were both unlucky not to be playing off for higher honours.

At the VACT presentation evening, two Storm players were recognised for their efforts throughout the Season. Annie Reeson was awarded the CVL Div 1 Women "Best and Fairest" and Simon Hone received the "Best and Fairest" for the CVL Premier Men's competition.

An opportunity presented itself towards the end of the season to form a sporting partnership with the Canberra Royals Rugby Union Club. The move was communicated to club members of Storm VC and a vote was conducted to decide whether to remain as Storm VC or begin a new entity involving Royals Rugby. Out of the 24 members eligible to vote, only one member voted to continue as Storm VC with the other 23 voting to start a new club.

At the end of the 2019 Storm VC year, the committee consisted of:

President Dave Reeson

Vice President John Amsteins

Secretary Colette Neumann

Treasurer Pen Hucker

Public Officer Carmen Tregeagle

General Annie Reeson, Riley Hawke

AJVC

- David Brennen U15
- Jay Berman U16
- Holly Phillips U15
- Sam Harding U17
- Daniel Wang U17
- Emily Quan U17
- Sean Barratt U19
- Riley Hawke U19
- Noah Budd U19
- Lars Koppen U19
- Kat Button U19
- Christine Scales U19
- Annie Reeson (U15 Blue Women Coach) & (CVL Div 1 Women Best and Fairest)
- Zoe Cross (U15 Blue Women Coach)
- Simon Hone (CVL Premier Men Best and Fairest)

AJBVC

- Zoe Tregeagle U19
- Annie Reeson and Zoe Cross U21
- Armaan Thind U21

Dave Reeson

President



Club Reports

Hornets Volleyball Club

Hornets Volleyball worked hard this year to support a CVL Womens team, and increasing school Girls and Boys team support in beach and indoor.

Club numbers saw a slight increase with additional junior players from Campbell High School. This boost was due to a greater support role being provided at the school by PE teachers, Justin Pronin and Ian Mongan.

The club prioritised supporting the training and development of teams. As a result the club continued to reduce non-competition activities. With the lack of active volunteers the club will need to review viability going forward.

As a club, we look to continue to develop and improve the services being provided to players at all levels while continuing to promote volleyball to the general public.

We look forward to an exciting and challenging year in 2020.

Paul Sellick

President



Financial Statements



Annual Financial Report

ACT Volleyball Incorporated
ABN 23 055 746 628

For the Year Ended
31 December 2019



STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

ACT Volleyball Incorporated for the year ended 31 December 2019		2019	2018
	Nota	\$s	\$s
Revenue			
Competition and Tournament Fee Revenue		260,036	301,801
Athlete Contribution Revenue		95,036	215,108
Member Registration Revenue		50,004	58,477
Other Operating Revenue		24,410	28,593
Total Revenue		430,485	603,980
Less: Cost of Sales			
ACT Team Expenses		111,615	229,647
Competition and Tournament Expenses		162,064	180,711
AVF Levies and Insurance Expenses		35,242	53,340
Total Cost of Sales		308,921	463,697
GROSS PROFIT / (LOSS)		121,564	140,283
Plus: Other Income			
Grant Revenue		150,885	85,970
Other Revenue		349	8,490
Total Other Income		151,034	94,460
Less: Operating Expenses			
Employee Benefits Expenses			
Salaries and Allowances		168,133	158,855
Superannuation		15,453	14,792
Leave Entitlements		2,260	(1,816)
Other Employee Benefits		1,897	1,279
Total Employee Benefits Expenses		187,545	173,110
Administration Expenses			
Information Technology and Communications		7,670	8,902
Accounting, Audit and Legal		16,430	13,811
Office Rent		4,028	2,987
Doubtful Debts Expense		2,600	909
Office Expenses		6,883	1,641
Bank Fees and Other Charges		793	1,820
Other Administration Expenses		2000	625
Total Administration Expenses		40,384	30,695
Beach Facility Expenses			
Repairs and Maintenance		11,368	9,036
Project Expenses		13,579	0
Utilities		2,641	0
Total Beach Facility Expenses		27,579	9,036
Total Operating Expenses		255,508	212,842
OPERATING PROFIT / (LOSS)		17,090	21,901
Non-Operating Expenses			
Depreciation Expenses	2	76,669	74,502
Interest Expenses		995	2,502
Total Non-Operating Expenses		77,664	77,004
NET PROFIT / (LOSS)		(60,574)	(55,103)

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes. There may be minor rounding differences above.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ACT Volleyball Incorporated
as at 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 \$s	2018 \$s
ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank			
Cash at Bank		139,951	146,730
Cash on Hand		1,046	1,046
Total Cash on Hand and at Bank		140,997	147,776
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable		20,149	25,399
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts		(7,094)	(4,494)
Prepayments		1,493	2,553
Work in Progress – Capital Grant		63,000	0
Total Current Assets		77,548	23,458
Fixed Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment at Cost	2	1,017,574	1,017,574
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	2	(326,877)	(250,208)
Total Fixed Assets		690,697	767,366
TOTAL ASSETS		909,242	938,600
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Statutory Payables		12,881	13,515
Supplier Payables		14,595	9,641
Credit Card Payable		15,360	1,284
Employee Payables		4,113	3,769
Income in Advance – Grants		10,620	0
Employee Leave Entitlements		13,357	11,096
Total Current Liabilities		70,925	28,188
Long-Term Liabilities			
Beach Facility Loan		3,030	3,454
Total Long-Term Liabilities		3,030	14,550
TOTAL LIABILITIES		73,955	42,739
NET ASSETS		835,287	895,861
EQUITY			
Retained Surpluses		(127,786)	(67,211)
Asset Revaluation Reserve		963,072	963,072
TOTAL EQUITY		835,287	895,861

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes. There may be minor rounding differences above.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

ACT Volleyball Incorporated
for the year ended 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 \$s	2018 \$s
EQUITY			
Opening Equity Balance @ 1 January:			
Retained Surpluses		(67,211)	(12,108)
Asset Revaluation Reserve		963,072	963,072
Plus: Current Year Net Profit / (Loss)		(60,574)	(55,103)
Closing Equity Balance @ 31 December		835,287	895,861

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes. There may be minor rounding differences above.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

ACT Volleyball Incorporated
for the year ended 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 \$e	2018 \$e
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from Activities		599,639	751,197
Payments to Suppliers		(543,343)	(776,592)
Interest Received		349	735
Other Cash Received		0	9,195
Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities		56,645	(15,465)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payments for Plant and Equipment		(63,000)	0
Total Cash Flows from Investing Activities		(63,000)	0
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Repayment of Loans		(424)	(123,804)
Total Cash Flows from Financing Activities		(424)	(123,804)
NET CASH FLOWS		(6,779)	(139,269)
Cash Balances			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		147,776	287,045
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		140,997	147,776
Net change in cash for period		(6,779)	(139,269)

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes. There may be minor rounding differences above.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Statement of Significant Policies

This financial report has been prepared on the basis that the association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial reports. This financial report is therefore a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Association Incorporation Act (ACT) 1991 of the ACT and to meet the needs of the Committee and members.

This financial report has been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the Committee has determined are appropriate to meet the needs of Volleyball ACT and members. Such accounting policies are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated.

This financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets. The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of this report are as follows:

1.1 Fixed Assets – Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment assets are carried at cost (being the initial purchase or development price of the asset) less, where applicable, any subsequent and accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line or diminishing value basis over the estimated useful life of property, plant and equipment. The depreciation method and useful life of assets is reviewed regularly to ensure they are still appropriate.

Increases in the carrying amount arising from revaluation of property, plant and equipment are credited to a revaluation reserve in equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against fair value reserves directly in equity. All other decreases are charged to the profit and loss.

1.2. Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

1.3. Cash on Hand and at Bank

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, demand deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts.

1.4. Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables and other receivables are recognised at the nominal transaction value, without taking into account the time value of money, less any provision for impairment. Trade receivables are based on normal credit terms and do not bear interest.

1.5. Supplier and Other Payables

Trade creditors and other payables are recognised at the nominal transaction value without taking into account the time value of money. Accounts payable are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest.

1.6. Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Grant revenue is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt. If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

Sales revenue is recognised at the point of sale. Amounts disclosed are net of returns and discounts. Other revenue and income is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

All income is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

1.7 Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

1.8. Income Tax

The Association is exempt for income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

2. Fixed Assets

2019	Beach Facility & Equipment	Indoor Equipment	Legacy Assets	Office Furniture & Equipment	Total
Opening Gross Value at Cost	980,168	3,000	28,893	5,513	1,017,574
Plus: Purchases	0	0	0	0	0
Plus: Revaluations	0	0	0	0	0
Less: Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
Closing Gross Value	980,168	3,000	28,893	5,513	1,017,574
Opening Accumulated Depreciation	219,802	1,492	26,385	2,530	250,208
Plus: Current Year Depreciation Expense	72,080	600	2,508	1,501	76,669
Less: Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
Closing Accumulated Depreciation	291,881	2,092	28,893	4,031	326,877
Closing Net Book Value	688,307	908	0	1,482	690,697

There may be minor rounding differences above.

2018	Beach Facility & Equipment	Indoor Equipment	Legacy Assets	Office Furniture & Equipment	Total
Opening Gross Value at Cost	980,168	3,000	28,893	5,513	1,017,574
Plus: Purchases	0	0	0	0	0
Plus: Revaluations	0	0	0	0	0
Less: Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
Closing Gross Value	980,168	3,000	28,893	5,513	1,017,574
Opening Accumulated Depreciation	147,742	891	26,044	1,029	175,706
Plus: Current Year Depreciation Expense	72,080	600	341	1,501	74,602
Less: Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
Closing Accumulated Depreciation	219,802	1,492	26,385	2,530	250,208
Closing Net Book Value	760,367	1,508	2,508	2,983	767,366

There may be minor rounding differences above.

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

ACT Volleyball Incorporated
for the year ended 31 December 2019

The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee this financial report:

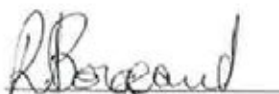
1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of ACT Volleyball Incorporated as at 31 December 2019 and its performance for the 12 months ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that ACT Volleyball Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Name of President:


Dan Williams

Name of Director:


Russ Borgeaud

Dated:

29-5-20

Independent Audit Report to the members of ACT Volleyball Incorporated

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of act volleyball incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements and the committee report.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2019 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with *Associations Incorporation Act (ACT) 1991*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the Association in meeting the requirements of the *Associations Incorporations Act (ACT) 1991*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Association and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the Association. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

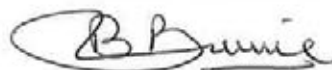
As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



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