



Volleyball
ACT



Annual Report

2021



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President's Report

What a year.

The 2021 year began with a lot of unknowns again, not knowing how or when we could resume to full operations and provide the competitions and events that the volleyball community expects. Excitedly we were able to return to full service at the start of this year and held some great competitions that were enjoyed by all. Unfortunately, Covid cut short our competitions, and for the safety of all involved, tough but appropriate decisions were made to cancel the Spring Open League and the Capital Volleyball League. For the second year in a row, we were unable to come together as a community and celebrate our sport and hold our annual awards dinner. Though we are already working towards being able to hold a larger awards event, later in 2022.

The renewed focus on our Beach facility enjoyed some great success this year with the introduction of the first ACT beach series with five of 9 events delivered in 2021, this addition to our calendar provided new opportunities for our community to continue to experience beach volleyball in new and fun ways. It was wonderful to see the ACT beach open achieve a 3-star points ranking which saw more interstate and athletes at the event than ever before. With live-streamed games, the atmosphere of the event was fantastic showcasing what is great about the sport. The increase in participation in our beach competitions was a pleasing result and provides a good base to continue to grow the game in the warmer months. For the die-hards of the beach, keep an eye out for a winter competition coming soon.

We continue to invest in the facility to provide a better experience for the whole community, with the addition of new signage, an operational food van, and before the next season opens a fully operational ablution block.

Pleasingly our favourite volleyball event, and one the whole Australian community enjoys, we were able to hold our 56th Annual Good Neighbour tournament in trying circumstances with reduced venue capacity another successful tournament was held with many old and new faces on the courts enjoying what is the longest-running national volleyball event.

For the second year due to the pandemic, the Australian indoor representative seasons were cancelled. This included the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships and the Australian Volleyball League.

Although disappointing not to send a team to the championships, we see continued growth in juniors playing our sport and we continue to support the future of our game. Pleasing we were able to send a team of junior athletes who competed in the Australia Junior Beach Championships earlier in the year, with all athletes gaining some valuable experiences.

Operationally there were significant changes for Volleyball ACT, with Nic Kaiser settling into the CEO role, we welcome him back to our community providing his vast experience not only with volleyball but with his valuable knowledge in sports management, we are very grateful to have him leading our team. We continue to invest in the growth of the business welcoming both Peter McCurdy and David Pease to the operational team assisting Nic. The addition of these two individuals has seen our game move forward in a very positive direction. We look forward to the further contributions this team will make to the future of our sport in the ACT. The effort and the commitment this team provided to our community this last year were exceptional and we thank them for their efforts and congratulate them for their results and achievements.

The VACT board also had many changes this year with the retirement of Dan Williams, I thank Dan for his personal and professional commitment to Volleyball in the ACT, not only as an outstanding administrator of the game but also for his outstanding leadership of our business through the most challenging of times. He truly has made the game and our community better, and we will continue to see him around the courts.

We also saw the retirement of Liz Mallet whose contributions to Volleyball and the board have been nothing but exemplary. Her custodianship and professionalism during her time have continued to see the improvement of our game for all in the community.

Russell Borgeaud has contributed an enormous amount of energy, expertise, and commitment to Volleyball in the ACT. Like the true professional he is, after 10 years of stewardship he stood down from his role as director of the Volleyball ACT board where he held many roles. His excellence is a standard we continue to work towards for the betterment of our community. Thank you, Russ, your professionalism, guidance, knowledge, and candour will be missed. Volleyball ACT thanks you for your contribution to our sport. You have made the sport of Volleyball better not only in the ACT but in Australia. We look forward to your continued success in the game.

President's Report

We welcomed new members to the board with the election of Tessa Barbour, and the appointment of Max Arthur.

Their commitment to our game and the development of it in the community is a strong focus and I thank them for their valuable contributions and look forward to working with them, and the rest of the board to develop the next strategic plan for the ACT community.

I want to thank the ACT Government and Minister Yvette Berry for her continued support of our game, and we look forward to her continued support, as a key priority for us is the development of an appropriate indoor sports facility to accommodate our growth and our community.

I would like to thank all the board members for their incredible efforts and contribution to Volleyball in the ACT, in a very challenging year. To all the staff in the office thank you for your continued dedication to the game, we look forward to the continued success. To all the volunteers, referees, coaches, parents, carers, and players, you continue to create a wonderful community where inclusion, good sportsmanship, and the good values of competitiveness continue to thrive in our game. As we continue to work together it is fantastic to see the sport continue to grow and see you all enjoying the great things this game provides.

See you around the courts.

Cheers

Tim Hubbard

President, Volleyball ACT



Finance Report

The 2021 Audit was conducted by Hardwicks Partners, with the Volleyball ACT Financial Report prepared by Capital Advisory group accountant with assistance from the VACT office.

Volleyball ACT trades on a calendar financial year. 2021 was again a very challenging a different year financially for the organisation, we were able to invest some previous finances into growing staffing level. This came with its own risk once the extended ACT Covid lockdown. We again had disrupted competitions and representative teams with both being impacted halfway through, throwing planned budgets and expenditures into chaos. At the operational level we were reliant on Covid funding provided by the ACT Government to ensure staffing levels and normal operations were delivered. While some major growth in team numbers and changes to business practices provided solid return on investments.

While the VACT Net position looks healthy with a 14% growth, almost a third of this includes the credit amount held over from the 2021 Autumn season. While expected Ablution Block costs will also impact this amount early in 2022. VACT will be impacted significantly in 2022 due to changes in requirements around the Ablution block, with major works and compliance measures increasing the projects costs over three times the original expected expenditure.

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

Nic Kaiser PLY
Chief Executive Officer

The 2020 Financial Report notes

- A number of new assets were added including:
 - A Food Van at the Beach Volleyball Centre
 - Office Equipment
 - Two new beach volleyball courts
 - Current Assets now include the Ablution block, it sits as a Work in progress due to the facility awaiting certification hence the \$74,000 increase in Work in Progress – Capital Grant
- We had a 30% reduction in liabilities and growth in Net Assets to \$896,970
- Our end Net profit was at 14% of total revenue*
- Cash position had its smallest change in a number of years with only a \$6,000 growth
- A Total of \$40,000 in ACT Government COVID support funding was received during the financial year
- Clubs and Team were provided a total of \$49,669 in COVID Refunds
- A number of Credits from the COVID impact seasons are held for reimbursement at the start of the 2022 indoor season*

CEO Report

The past 12 months have been jam-packed, of particular highlight in each area has been:

Athlete Achievement

Volleyball ACT athletes had a mixed year with our Beach Volleyball teams able to compete at the Australian Junior and Youth Volleyball Championships in Feb and April respectively. We had a number of teams perform admirably thanks to the volunteer coaches Liz Burdis, Marko Zarak, Greg Ophel, Annie Reeson, and Zoe Tregeagle who worked tirelessly to help the athletes train and perform in the lead up to the championship.

Our indoor state team programs had record numbers of athletes trials for our Youth and Junior age group teams. Unfortunately, a Sydney Covid lockdown in July and further ACT and additional state lockdown and restrictions lead to the cancellation of both the national Junior and Youth Championships in 2021.

Canberra Heat men's and women's teams also had a very disrupted year, the women's team was well into preparations, competing in the Spring Open League Men's Division 1 for some much-needed match practice. The Men's team was also hard at work with several scrimmage matches against AVA, NSW, and QLD teams. Lockdown again impacted AVL with the season canceled for a second consecutive year. Our men's team did enter Good Neighbour 2021 finishing with a Gold medal in men's Honours. Appreciation goes to Sue Jenkins and Ben Hardy for the management and coaching of the teams in 2021.

Internationally was a quieter year with numerous tournaments impacted by the global pandemic, ACT was represented by James Weir who played in the Australian men's Indoor team at the 2021 VNL, and Asian Championships.

While Performance Analyst Hugh Nguyen was instrumental in assisting the Men's Beach teams through the Tokyo qualification rounds.

Participation

Membership numbers and participants in our sport grew significantly in 2021, our Autumn Open League increased by over 30% with Monday and Tuesday nights reaching venue capacity.

CVL was well represented across all local clubs with 2nd year club Royals able to field a premier women's team for the first time. While it was also great to support the national pathway program with three AVA teams competing this year.

The ACT lockdown had a huge impact with both our Spring Open League and CVL being canceled in mid-August. With ACT venue and capacity restrictions in place for a significant period of time, we were unable to restart either league.

In a pleasing turn, we were able to hold the 57th Good Neighbour tournament in late November. The tournament hosted 109 teams with 307 across five venues. We welcomed the Queanbeyan PCYC as a new venue for Good Neighbour competitions and were also able to trial a new online tournament scheduling and results system that was well received.

In our Beach Volleyball Leagues, the October to December season had a fantastic turnout with 112 teams. With men women and mixed pairs and four a side social volleyball divisions.

School events were again packed with large numbers of eager young athletes, our 2021 ACT school Beach event was again the largest ACT school sporting event with well over 400 students in attendance. While the college beach day had over 300 students participate. In the indoor space, we were able to hold the North and Southside zone events and finals day at Lyneham with only the ACT College Cup impacted by the ACT lockdown.



CEO Report

Lyneham Beach Facility

Our Beach Facility at Lyneham was a major project in 2021, with usage and the age of the venue calling for some much-needed upgrades. In September 2021 VACT was able to reorientate the layout of the Beach Volleyball courts and installed two additional courts, upgrading the facility to 8 full-sized beach volleyball courts. The 2021 Beach season also saw the introduction of a food van at the venue, with coffee, drinks, snacks, and hot food available to facility users this addition is sure to provide an improved experience for everyone.



Branding & Funding

Across the year we have managed to complete many funding and branding objectives, notably working on a brand blueprint which has assisted in clear messaging through our social and digital media. We increased our social media presence by over 40% with growth in Facebook follows and the introduction of our VACT Instagram, page @volleyball_act. We were able to Live Stream ACT Open games for men's and Women's Division 1 matches, and CVL matches for Premier Men and Women were both Live Streamed and live-scored through the season.

In March our uniform supplier OntheGo Sport entered redundancy and we took EOI for new providers. We are pleased that we were able to enter a 4-year agreement with Joust Volley to provide uniforms for our state indoor, AVL, and beach volleyball teams. Our MOU also extended to the use of Joust Volley's overarching company Australian Volleyball Warehouse to provide equipment and additional provision for VACT.

Good Governance & Capability

The VACT Board continued to update our policies relating to Member Protection Policy, Child Safety, Child Protection, and Harassment and Bullying as we work to ensure VACT implements best practices regarding all aspects of our operations.

VACT has always worked towards equal representation on our board and we are pleased to say at the 2021 AGM we finished with a 50% representation of women on the board.

We welcomed two new Board members: Max Arthur and Tess Barbour; each of who brings experience, connections, and counsel that complement existing Board members. While Tim Hubbard moved from an independent director's role to an elected director. Tim also took on the responsibilities as President when Dan Williams step away. Dan came onto the Volleyball ACT Board in 2016, having been a player, coach, club committee member, and passionate volleyball supporter. During his time on the Board many of you may not have seen the effort and commitment that Dan brought to his role, his leadership and capacity to drive others were welcomed and appreciated by the Board and staff at VACT.

I would also like to thank Liz Mallet and Russ Borgeaud who stepped off the board at the 2021 AGM. Liz contributed over 4 years as a director and her insight and guidance will be missed. Russ Borgeaud stepped down as Vice President and off the VACT board as his 10-year tenure came to an end. With a decade of service to the VACT board, words simply cannot sum up the impact and input Russ has had on the Volleyball ACT community as a whole. As a collective, the board thoroughly deserves thanks and acknowledgment for their contribution. My admiration for their willingness to make time to help is unending.

CEO Report

Staff, Partnerships, Supporters & Volunteers

2021 saw some massive changes at VACT with New Staff members, staffing growth, and restructuring. In April, we farewelled Christine Gates. On behalf of the VACT members, we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the time, effort, and service to Volleyball ACT over the past 7 years. Speaking to the local community and VACT members it is clear that Christine did a great job often above and beyond the scope of her work and that Christine will be missed by our local Volleyball community.

The Volleyball ACT office was restructured to bring in an additional staff member with David Pease joining us as Event and Logistics Manager, overseeing the state teams, AVL ACT Beach Series, and all major events. While we welcomed local expert Peter McCurdy to the Competitions & Club Engagement Co-Ordinator role. The 2021 AGM also welcomes two new life members to the VACT family, Jenny Budd & Greg Ophel.

Without the input of every one of the partners, supporters, volunteers and members of the wider VACT community we could not deliver such quality services and my thanks go out to everyone involved, especially staff members Christine Gates, Dave Pease, Peter McCurdy, and the ever-young Victor Amsteins. Along with our UC interns in 2021.



To each of our Clubs and club committees, match day coaches, court supervisors, parents, cheer squads and athletes Thank you for making our competitions the best they can be.

Our sponsors, both cash and in-kind (which are equally important to us), for your support and contributions - we wouldn't be here if you weren't. To all the schools, commercial facilities, and sport-specific facilities who very generously allow us the use of their training facilities, court space, and resources; we couldn't do what we do without you.

This year has been a huge step forward for the organisation and all our partners, friends, supporters and most importantly the participants we serve, the growth, achievements, and community building that has taken place are inspiring. Thank you all.

Nic Kaiser PLY

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 Volleyball Australia 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 community diversity.

OBJECTIVE V

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



Membership & Participation

Life Members

- Robert Foot (dec.)
- Gordon Duffus (dec.)
- David Flatt
- Graeme Cox
- Phil Borgeaud
- Sue Jenkins
- Victor Amsteins
- Dean Turner OAM
- Les Young
- Russel Borgeaud
- Jenny Budd
- Greg Ophel

Memberships

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEMALES	MALES	TOTAL
Full active	793	733	1526
Program Participants	570	555	1125
Event Participants	514	630	1144
School Delivered Programs	300	300	600
School Managed Competitions	500	400	900

Membership & Participation

Memberships

GENDER BREAKDOWN



47.5%
male



52%
female

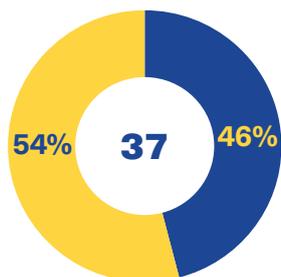


0.5%
nonbinary

ACT Open 2021

TEAM ENTRIES

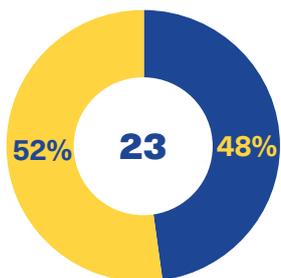
DIVISION 1



20 Womens

17 Mens

DIVISION 2

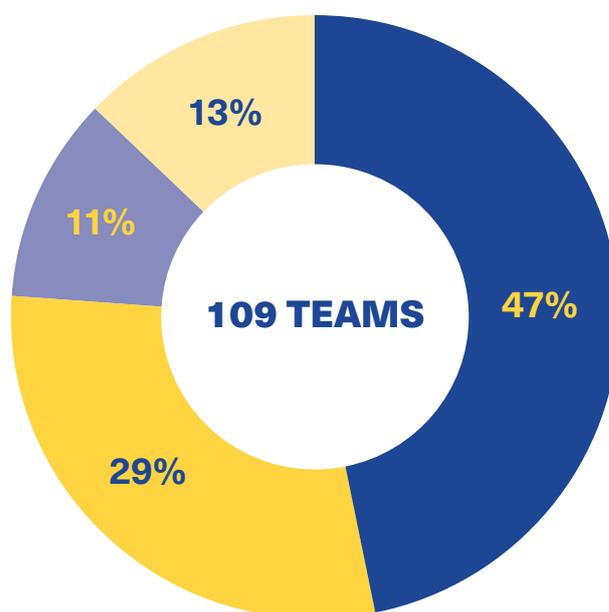


11 Womens

12 Mens

Good Neighbour 2021

TEAM ENTRIES



51 Mens

32 Womens

12 Junior

14 Rec teams

Social Media

FOLLOWERS



1896



403



232

Administration

Volleyball ACT Board

President	Dan Williams	01/01/2021- 03/06/2021
President	Tim Hubbard	03/06/2021 -31/12/2021
Vice President	Russ Borgeaud	01/01/2021- 03/06/2021
Vice President	Carmen Tregeagle	03/06/2021 – 31/12/2021
Director	Graeme Budd	01/01/2021-31/12/2021
Director	Max Arthur	03/06/2021 – 31/12/2021
Director	Tess Barbour	03/06/2021 – 31/12/2021
Director	Carmen Tregeagle	01/01/2021- 03/06/2021
Director	Liz Mallet	01/01/2021- 03/06/2021
Independent Director	Cynthia Anderson	01/01/2021-31/12/2021
Independent Director	Tim Hubbard	01/01/2021- 03/06/2021

Volleyball ACT Staff

Chief Executive Officer	Nic Kaiser PLY	16/2/2021- 31/12/2021
Competitions Manger	Christine Gates	01/01/2021 - 16/04/2021
Events & Logistics Manager	David Pease	17/05/2021 - 31/12/2021
Competition & Club Engagement Coordinator	Peter McCurdy	17/05/2021 -31/12/2021
Court Supervisor	Victor Amsteins	01/01/2021-31/12/2021

Affiliated Clubs

ADFA Patriots	President – Marvin Ramirez
ANU Volleyball Club	President – Oliver Clayton
Belconnen Volleyball Club	President – Sue Jenkins
Dragons Volleyball Club	President – Dean Turner OAM
Royals Volleyball Club	President – David Reeson

Referees Commission

Report

2021 – The year that could have been

2021 was a year offering so much potential, however it was once again heavily impacted by COVID-19 and several Volleyball Australia events cancelled due to border closers. The ACT Refereeing community banded together to support our local competitions, both on the Beach and Indoor season with most of the games covered by appointed officials.

The Autumn Indoor Open and Recreation Leagues were well serviced by a large contingency of Level 1 referees and supported by a small number of senior officials, this hard work allowed a select few to progress onto Level 2 and start officiating in the Capital Volleyball League (CVL). With these additional referees VACT was able to supply both 1st and 2nd Referees on almost every match, this provided VACT with the ability to set a high standard of officiating and maintain this level until once again COVID-19 ended the season early.

The 2021 Referee of the Year was awarded to Garth Rider for his strong volunteerism and high work ethic, supporting VACT across all our competitions. Starting the year on the Beach officiating in the weekly competition and numerous VACT tournaments, his tireless efforts and reliability were a feature in everything he undertook. He then moved into the VACT Indoor Season offering his services on each night of the week, often called upon to cover games at short notice due to other referees being unavailable. It was a natural progression for him to start officiating in the CVL competition held on the weekends, often officiating multiple games as a 1st and 2nd Referee always maintaining a high level of professionalism.

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 three years in.

2022 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.

Peter McCurdy
Referee Coordinator



Competitions Report

Capital Volleyball League

The 2021 Season started strong with 28 teams competing across the Premier and Reserve divisions in the Capital Volleyball League (CVL), with ANU (6 teams), AVA (3 teams), Belconnen (7 teams), Royals (6 teams) and UC Stars (6 teams).

The Premier Men's competition was dominated by Royals and AVA, with the Premier Women's competition seeing AVA Green undefeated and closely followed by AVA Black and ANU Phoenix. In the Men's Reserve competition, we had Royals Blue undefeated with Belconnen Green and Gold equal second. The Women's Reserve competition was remarkably close with all clubs competing for top spot just before the season was paused due to the ACT COVID Lockdown period.

It was decided the Capital Volleyball League would be cancelled and no club would be awarded the 2021 Club Championships trophy.



Open League

The 2021 Autumn Indoor season commenced in March with a record number of entries totalling 111 teams across the three nights of competition.

Some people attributed this increase to the COVID Lockdown and everyone watching "Haikyū" on Netflix. Whatever the reason it was great to be back playing indoor volleyball again, however the good news did not end there with another increase in team entries for the Spring Indoor season with 123 teams.

With all this good news what could go wrong I hear you say, well COVID was back and the ACT went into lockdown again ending such a promising season early.

The Autumn results and the finishing ladder positions for the Spring season are on page 12.



Competitions Report

Beach League

Despite COVID lockdowns the number of entries in the 2020/21 Beach season were strong with 48 pairs entering the Monday and Tuesday night competitions.

The Grand Final results had Watson/Passier defeating Jupp/Attrill in the Premier Men and Sipa Borgeaud/Basic defeating Durston/Vogel in the Premier Women's competition.

Over the Winter break the Lyneham Beach Sports Facility underwent a face-lift, with two additional courts being added, the purchase of a food van and a toilet block being installed. Due to complications the plumbing was not finished, fingers are crossed it will be up and running in 2022.

The 2021 Summer competition commenced in early November and like the indoor season, the increase in numbers were significant with 45 teams on Monday night, 27 teams on Tuesday night and 33 teams on Wednesday night in a new Mixed fours competition. The Monday night competition required an extra division and the introduction of a Mixed Pairs division, Tuesday night increased to three divisions and Wednesday night we had three divisions utilising all the eight courts at the facility.

The results for the Summer season are on page 13.

Peter McCurdy

Competition and Club Logistics Co-ordinator



Competition Results

2021 Autumn Indoor Results

DIVISIONS	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Men's A	Dragons Blue	Belconnen Green	Belconnen Gold
Men's B	Dragons Silver	Dragons Green	Royals White
Men's C	Belconnen Gold	ANU Smoke	Belconnen Servers
Women's A	Flamingos	Kiss My Ace	Belconnen Gold
Women's B	ANU Flicker	Merici Gold	ADFA Spice
Women's C	ANU Flare	ANU Spark	Royals Blue
Junior Women	Merici Turner	Royals Blue	Belconnen Gold
Recreational 1	Line Me Up	Interracial Sets	Silver Seagulls
Recreational 2	Mint Silver	Hobblehorse	Group Therapy

2021 Spring Ladder Standings

DIVISIONS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Men's A	Panthers	Dragons Blue	Belconnen Gold
Men's B	Royals White	Diggers	UC Stars
Men's C	Dragons Green	Belconnen Gold	Belconnen Setters
Junior Men	Belconnen Blockers	Belconnen Setters	Dragons Green
Women's A	Misfits	Flamingos	Belconnen Gold
Women's B	Dragons Black	ADFA Spice	ANU Flare
Women's C	Merici White	Belconnen Gold	Belconnen White
Junior Women	Merici Turner	Merici Bronze	Merici Black
Recreational 1	Purr Kill	Mint Gold	Hot Chicken
Recreational 2	Group Therapy	Hobblehorse	Porkalicious

Competition Results

2021 Summer Beach Results

DIVISIONS	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Men's Division 1	Attrill/Gerber	Desmond/Boyce	Morrison/Phang
Men's Division 2	Tregeagle/Peng	Murray/Godden	Tkaczuk/Exell
Men's Division 3	Edvardsson/Witthford	New/Warfield	Thomson/Etherington
Mixed Pairs	Watson/Durston	Boyce/Burdis	Zarak/Zarak
Women's Division 1	Zarak/Doan Herlihy	Tyrrel/Williams	Singer/Al Abed
Women's Division 2	Tregeagle/Mason	Quan/Quan	Sampson/Phillips
Women's Division 3	Brothers/Azad	Bauer/Males	Spensberger/Ronzano
Mixed Division 1	That's a Lame Nam(e)	Vertically Challenged	Sandy Cheddar
Mixed Division 2	Quaranteam	Pancake at the Disco	Sets on the Beach
Mixed Division 3	Gladys Bere-block-ian	Sandy Feet	Lego Blocks

Capital Volleyball League 2021

PREMIER MEN	PREMIER WOMEN	RESERVE MEN	RESERVE WOMEN
Royals	AVA Green	Royals Blue	Belconnen Black
AVA	AVA Black	Belconnen Green	ANU Gold
Belconnen	ANU Phoenix	Belconnen Gold	Royals White
UC Stars	Belconnen	Royals White	ANU Blue
ANU Phoenix	UC Stars Blue	ANU Gold	UC Stars White
	UC Stars Green	UC Stars	UC Stars Black
	Royals	ANU Blue	Belconnen Green
			Royals Blue
			Belconnen White

Events Report

Despite the ongoing challenges of operating in a COVID-impacted environment, the local events and touring teams' programmes both demonstrated promising resilience and strength during 2021.

Touring Teams

During 2021 Volleyball ACT (VACT) sent away representative teams to the Australian Youth Beach Volleyball Championships (AYBVC) in Coolangatta. Squad selections and arrangements were made for a team to travel to Bendigo for the Australian Youth Volleyball Championships (AYVC) and to the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships (AJVC) in Sydney, but these events were cancelled due to COVID.

Despite the cancellations there was great interest by our youth athletes who still undertook training leading in to the scheduled competitions. With the growth in youth registrations with VACT the level of interest was not unsurprising but still a very positive sign as to the potential for further development in the pathways for our younger athletes.



Local Events

GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Fortunately, we were still able to run our annual Good Neighbour tournament. The 56th occurrence of the tournament was undertaken over the weekend of the 27th and 28th of November 2021.

A notable change this year, again due to COVID restrictions, was the loss of the AIS as a venue and the resulting incorporation of the PCYC facility in Queanbeyan as well as Brindabella Christian College as alternative venues. With the use of other previously used venues (Lyneham Hockey Centre, National Netball Centre, ANU) the competition was successfully run with a positive response from all involved.



It was pleasing to note the stability in participation numbers even during the pandemic period. The event entailed competition from 134 teams across 14 divisions. This level of participation was very pleasing considering that most teams were only from the ACT and Sydney. We are hopeful that in the coming years, as the pandemic recedes, an even more diverse range of representation (domestic and international) will add to the already great strength of the competition.

From the trends we have been seeing we are hopeful that numbers will increase over the next few years with the aim of approaching the 200 team level. This will obviously require the re-implementation of the AIS as a venue but the initial signs in that regard are positive.



Events Report

BEACH EVENTS

A new initiative in 2021 was the establishment of a summer beach volleyball series of one day tournaments. The overall composition of this series was 8 individual events as well as the ACT Open. During 2021 we held 5 of these events. Competitive opportunities were provided for Division 1 and Division 2 level players for both men and women at each of the events. Across these 5, one-day, events, we had approximately 125 teams competing. These events were also sanctioned by Volleyball Australia as 3-star events for division 1, and 2 star events for division 2. They were therefore an attractive option for many teams from outside of the ACT as an opportunity to gain valuable ranking points.



The feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive regarding the venue, atmosphere, organisation, and level of competition.

The events were further enhanced by the availability of the new 'food truck', the banners surrounding each court and the provision of music across the venue by "DJ Sam". Unfortunately, the toilet block was not able to be utilised during the beach season but hopefully this will be resolved for the 2022 season and will be a great asset going forward.

David Pease
Event Manager



Youth Beach Volleyball Championships

On behalf of all the ACT Australian Youth Beach Volleyball Championship (AYBVC) coaches we would like to congratulate all of our beach volleyball athletes on an excellent 5 days in Coolangatta.

We took away 13 teams which was an increase from 8 teams (16 athletes) last year. Of the 31 athletes this year, 22 were taking part in their first beach volleyball nationals.

I am very excited to say that we had 28 wins over the tournament which was an incredible effort particularly with the large number of new players. Sadly, once again, we fell just short of playing in the medal matches.

Our top result came from the U16 girls (Amanda Uren and Emily Benson) who won 3 of their 5 pool matches to make the round of 12. The girls had an excellent win over VIC in that match 21-16, 21-10, before falling short in the quarter finals. Sadly they never quite bounced back from that loss to finish 8th overall out of 17 teams.

Also playing finals was our top seeded U17 girls pair (Ruby Archer and Jacinta Tattersall) who won 3 out of 4 pool matches to also make the round of 12. We had some heartbreak in our round of 12 match going down to QLD 11-21, 21-17, 14-16. The girls did bounce back to win the last two matches to finish 9th out of 20 teams.

In the two weeks prior to nationals we lost two players, one to injury and one to illness. We had some good results come from the new pairings, and before I go into more detail we need to thank both Lucy Aboud and Carter Forrester for stepping in last minute to be part of our ACT squad.

In the U17 boys competition Ethan Rayner and Carter Forrester were one win away from making the quarter finals, which is not a bad effort from two athletes that met for the first time on Sunday. The boys did win their playoff to finish 9th overall.

The U18 girls also had a late change which saw Charlotte van Gerwen playing with Lucy Aboud. Similarly, the girls needed one more win during the pool play to have progressed through to the round of 12. They did an excellent job in the consolation pool though, winning 3 out of 4 games, and thanks to the other results, finished 13th overall.

For me, one of my highlights of the tournament was actually our U18 boys, Lowan Scott and Ryan Watson, and the progress they made over the tournament. Both of these boys were representing VACT for the first time (indoor or beach) and were playing against a lot of experienced players. In their early games they were struggling to adjust to the pace of this division, by the end they were defending very well and at their best were playing excellent volleyball. Unfortunately they still lack consistency, but I hope this pair continue playing and pushing forward because their best points were so good to watch.

Probably the biggest improvement of the tournament was the U15 boys, Elijah Boyle, Atticus Fittler and Nuhad Azad. They had a bit of a rough start, but by the end they were all jump serving and setting up some attacks and winning points. Fingers crossed they'll all be back to have another go at the U15 boys division again next year.

We had two U15 girls teams play, and they both got a win in the pool play, before playing off against each other in the cross-over games. Gabi Dahms, Leyla Papp, Christina Hunter and Sienna Dy-Mortimer ended up with the win over Riona Azad, Gorochana Babu, Alex Brothers & Sophie Weaver. Both Greg and Annie were impressed with the way the girls went about their games and their progress over the tournament.

Jenna Sampson and Holly Phillips paired up in the U17 women along with Angelina Hunter and Caitlin Weaver. Both pairs unfortunately struggled in the pool play, but they both created opportunities. Jenna and Holly got off to good starts in a number of sets but weren't able to finish it out, while Angelina and Caitlin won some big, big points but couldn't quite find the consistency needed to win their pool games. On day 3 they both broke through for a win and started to play with some confidence.

In the U16 boys we had Markus Zarak and Nicholas Carswell take the court. It took them a couple of games to adjust to the level but the highlight was watching them not only adjust but really going after points and see both of them putting some really big hits into the sand. The boys finished with two wins, and if it wasn't for those slow starts, could have had a couple more.

Youth Beach Volleyball Championships

Our last couple of teams were in the U17 boys where we had Zed Wilson and Jackson Murray who were so close and became the pair that seemed to enjoy stressing out the coaches, with 6 of their 13 sets being decided by 3 points or less, unfortunately we came out on the wrong side of those sets more often than the right side. They did however win their play-offs to finish 11th. Brodie Hawke and Lucas Godden had an unusual preparation, originally selected as the train-on players in the U17 and U16 respectively, and finding out they were going on the last day to enter after a withdrawal they did have a broken preparation, and I have to admit probably the two smallest players in the U17s playing together, that said, they won a few excellent sets by the end and finished 13th out of 14.

A quick message from our squad captains:

Thanks to our knowledgeable coaches and hard work at training, ACT have played competitively against the majority of teams at this year's nationals. Great work ACT! – Zed Wilson

Well done everyone. The high standard of all games made me feel proud of everybody's accomplishments this tournament and proud to be representing the ACT. This week proved that playing against the ACT is not an easy win. No matter the final outcome of the game, we put up a good fight for every point, but most of all, we enjoyed ourselves. – Ruby Archer

The highlights from the tournament were:

1. How much the overall level of our teams have improved.
2. How hard our teams were prepared to work, regardless of what the scoreboard showed, we fought for every point and frustrated even more teams than we beat.
3. How respectful our players were.
4. Probably the most important one, how much our players appeared to enjoy playing the game.

I would like to thank the other coaches (Marko Zarak, Annie Reeson, Greg Ophel and Zoe Tregeagle) not just for their hard work this tournament, but everything that you did to help these athletes to get here. Thank you to Carmen Tregeagle and Nic Kaiser for their support. We also need to say thank you to all the parents that offered support not just during the tournament, but in the lead up. Thank you to the train on players, and everyone that came down to play games against us.

Finally, Charlotte, Lucy, Ryan, Lowan, Ruby, Jacinta, Angelina, Caitlin, Jenna, Holly, Zed, Jackson, Ethan, Carter, Brodie, Lucas, Amanda, Emily, Markus, Nick, Gabi, Leyla, Christina, Sienna, Eli, Atticus, Nuhad, Gorochana, Riona, Alex and Sophie, thank you for letting us be part of your beach volleyball journey and for going all in at this tournament!

Liz Burdis

Head Coach



OzSpike Junior Volleyball

OzSpike started the 2021 year with our regular training sessions, coaching around 250 students each week across a number of primary and high schools in Canberra.

In addition to our regular weekly sessions, OzSpike ran Sporting Schools sessions at 8 north and southside primary and secondary schools, with around 600 students learning to play on grass, sand and indoor surfaces.

We had a few new coaches (athletes from the Australian Volleyball Academy) starting the year and the students enjoyed the enthusiasm these coaches brought to the sessions. We continue to build the relationship between the young volleyball players in schools and the elite athletes in the AVA and Canberra Heat teams.

In previous years we have organised opportunities for young players to be involved in AVA and Canberra Heat home games (playing mini exhibition matches before home games or as ball kids) which introduces the children and their families to high-level volleyball. Unfortunately Covid disrupted these opportunities in 2021 but we hope to again give the young players an opportunity to be involved later in 2022.

With the help of Volleyroos Mikaela Stevens and Caitlin Tipping, OzSpike Junior Volleyball and VACT also supported the Canberra Girls Get Active Day in March. With over 300 people attending despite terrible weather, it was a fantastic day to be part of.

One of the highlights in 2021 was having the opportunity to run sessions for students at The Woden School. Coaching students who have intellectual, sensory, physical or behavioural disabilities was a new experience for our coaches and one they enjoyed greatly and learnt a lot from.

Unfortunately the Covid outbreak and lockdown in Term 3 meant we were unable to run our Junior Volleyball tournaments or to return to schools for the remainder of the year however we were able to run some after school beach volleyball sessions at Lyneham as an alternative which the children enjoyed.





Annual Financial Report

Australian Capital Territory Volleyball
ABN 23 055 746 628

For the Year Ended
31 December 2021

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

ACT Volleyball Incorporated for the year ended 31 December 2021		2021	2020
	Note	\$s	\$s
Revenue			
Competition and Tournament Fee Revenue		384,531	225,543
Athlete Contribution Revenue		74,435	17,900
Member Registration Revenue		63,702	37,599
Other Operating Revenue		41,444	18,519
Total Revenue		564,112	299,561
Less: Cost of Sales			
ACT Team Expenses		59,295	13,721
Competition and Tournament Expenses		138,593	123,088
AVF Levies and Insurance Expenses		14,827	26,738
Covid-19 Refunds		49,669	-
Total Cost of Sales		262,384	163,547
GROSS PROFIT		301,728	136,014
Plus: Other Income			
Grant Revenue		95,602	72,757
Other Revenue		12	371
ATO Cashflow Boost		-	50,384
ATO JobKeeper Payment		-	39,000
ACT Covid Business Grant		40,000	-
Total Other Income		135,614	162,512
Less: Operating Expenses			
Employee Benefits Expenses			
Salaries and Allowances		179,756	182,579
Superannuation		17,268	14,996
Leave Entitlements		(901)	(5,994)
Other Employee Benefits		-	275
Total Employee Benefits Expenses		196,123	191,856
Administration Expenses			
Information Technology and Communications		8,083	7,725
Accounting, Audit and Legal		16,273	13,329
Office Rent		6,228	4,457
Doubtful Debts Expense		325	3,676
Office Expenses		16,374	6,201
Bank Fees and Other Charges		1,188	794
Other Administration Expenses		-	1,328
Total Administration Expenses		48,471	37,510
Beach Facility Expenses			
Repairs and Maintenance		31,793	2,525
Project Expenses		4,981	5,587
Utilities		2,968	2,792
Total Beach Facility Expenses		39,742	10,904
Total Operating Expenses		284,336	240,270
OPERATING PROFIT		153,006	58,256
Non-Operating Expenses			
Depreciation Expenses	2	73,507	73,554
Interest Expenses		157	2,361
Total Non-Operating Expenses		73,664	75,915
NET PROFIT		79,342	(17,659)

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 2021

	Note	2021 \$s	2020 \$s
ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank			
Cash at Bank		227,382	221,430
Total Cash on Hand and at Bank		227,382	221,430
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable		2,775	16,846
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts		-	(4,026)
Prepayments		6,297	1,519
Deposits		20,000	-
Total Current Assets		29,072	14,339
Fixed Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment at Cost	2	1,012,570	988,681
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	2	(445,044)	(371,538)
Work in Progress – Capital Grant		137,339	63,000
Total Fixed Assets		704,865	680,143
TOTAL ASSETS		961,319	915,912
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Statutory Payables		11,358	14,591
Supplier Payables		27,126	5,541
Credit Card Payable		2,033	1,154
Superannuation Payable		9,980	3,744
Income in Advance – Grants		-	58,000
Employee Leave Entitlements - Current		11,068	7,363
Total Current Liabilities		61,565	90,393
Long-Term Liabilities			
Beach Facility Loan		2,505	3,006
Employee Leave Entitlements – Non Current		279	4,885
Total Long-Term Liabilities		2,784	7,891
TOTAL LIABILITIES		64,349	98,284
NET ASSETS		896,970	817,628
EQUITY			
Retained Surpluses		896,970	817,628
TOTAL EQUITY		896,970	817,628

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 2021

	Note	2021 \$s	2020 \$s
EQUITY			
Opening Equity Balance @ 1 January:			
Retained Surpluses		817,628	835,287
Plus: Current Year Net Profit / (Loss)		79,342	(17,659)
Closing Equity Balance @ 31 December		896,970	817,628

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 2021

	Note	2021 \$s	2020 \$s
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from Activities		611,758	419,933
Payments to Suppliers		(547,089)	(429,231)
Interest Received		12	371
Other Cash Received		40,000	89,384
Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities		104,681	80,457
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Other cash items from investing activities		(98,228)	-
Total Cash Flows from Investing Activities		(98,228)	-
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Repayment of Loans		(501)	(24)
Total Cash Flows from Financing Activities		(501)	(24)
NET CASH FLOWS		5,952	80,433
Cash Balances			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		221,430	140,997
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		227,382	221,430
Net change in cash for period		5,952	80,433

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.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the Association Incorporation Act (ACT), the basis of accounting specified by all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of Accounting Standards AASB 101 : Presentation of Financial Statements , AASB 108 : Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors , AASB 1031 : Materiality and AASB 1054 : Australian Additional Disclosures .
AASB 1054.9A.

The association has concluded that the requirements set out in AASB 10 and AASB 128 are not applicable as the initial assessment on its interests in other entities indicated that it does not have any subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures. Hence, the financial statements comply with all the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards.

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.

When the association receives operating grant revenue, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15.

When both these conditions are satisfied, the association:

- identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant - recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement;
- recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the association:

- recognises the asset received in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (eg, AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138);
- recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer); and
- recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

If a contract liability is recognised as a related amount above, the association recognises income in profit or loss when or as it satisfies its obligations under the contract.

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

2021	Beach Facility & Equipment	Indoor Equipment	Office Furniture & Equipment	Total
Opening Gross Value at Cost	980,168	3,000	5,513	988,681
Plus: Purchases	21,990	0	1,899	23,889
Plus: Revaluations	0	0	0	0
Less: Disposals	0	0	0	0
Closing Gross Value	1,002,158	3,000	7,412	1,012,570
Opening Accumulated Depreciation	363,921	2,693	4,924	371,538
Plus: Current Year Depreciation Expense	72,398	286	823	73,507
Less: Disposals	0	0	0	0
Closing Accumulated Depreciation	436,319	2,978	5,747	445,044
Closing Net Book Value	565,839	22	1,665	567,526

There may be minor rounding differences above.

2020	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	28,893	0	28,893
Closing Gross Value	980,168	3,000	0	5,513	988,681
Opening Accumulated Depreciation	291,861	2,092	28,893	4,031	297,984
Plus: Current Year Depreciation Expense	72,060	601	0	893	73,554
Less: Disposals	0	0	28,893	0	0
Closing Accumulated Depreciation	363,921	2,693	0	4,924	371,538
Closing Net Book Value	616,247	307	0	589	617,143

There may be minor rounding differences above.

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

ACT Volleyball Incorporated
for the year ended 31 December 2021

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 2021 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: 
Tim Hubbard

Name of Director: 
Carmen Tregeagle

Dated: 19/11/2022

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