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## VWA Junior Working Group Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item		Notes	Action
1	Attendance & Apologies	<p><b>Chairperson</b> Karen Wickham (KW)</p> <p><b>Members</b> Kenrick Armitage (KA) via Zoom, Will Dundas (WD) via Zoom, Jess Grigio (JG) via Zoom, Alex McLennan (AM), Robyn Kuhl (RK)</p> <p><b>Support Officers</b> Millie Monaghan (MM), Paris Rond (PR)</p>	
2	Apologies	Alex Neindorf (AN), Rory Read (RR)	
3	Acknowledgement of Country		
4	Minutes from Previous Meeting	9 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023	
5	Business Arising	<p>5.1 VWA Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VWA new staff and restructure:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Competitions Manager: Karyn Murray</li> <li>○ Marketing and Communications Manager: Leah Clayton</li> <li>○ Administration and Support Officer: Susan Mustor</li> <li>○ Split of Pathways and Competitions                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pathways: Jackie &amp; Jordan</li> <li>▪ Competitions: Karyn, Alex &amp; Millie</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Due to this split, Jordan will no longer be an EO of this group. The role will be shared by Millie and Alex, depending on the topics of the agenda.</p>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vacant Junior Working Group Roles – Parent, Primary School Reps</li> <li>• WD will be stepping down from the Junior Working Group after this meeting</li> </ul>	
		5.2 Coaching and Refereeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bulk Uploads from Schools since October 2023:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oct 23: Hale School, 4x L1 Referee Courses</li> <li>○ Feb 24: Harrisdale SHS, 18x L1 Coach and 27x L1 Referee Courses</li> <li>○ Mar 24: Yule Brook College, 6x L1 Coaching Courses</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
		5.3 Competitions Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TA High Schools Beach Cup Term 1 Review 105 teams in total. 77 4-a side and 28 Pairs across City Beach and Inner City Beach. Overall successful event.</li> </ul>	
		5.4 SSWA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alex to provide SSWA Update. <u>Senior High School Country Week</u> June 24-28. Event will be at HBF Stadium and UWA Rec Centre. Support from VWA is greatly appreciated and there are opportunities for referees. Peter Smith will be on long service leave, AM likely coordinating. AM requested assistance with Referee Chairs for UWA venue. Aquinas may have provided last year, and a possible option again. WD and RK suggested Gold Netball Centre. WD/RK also suggest Bendat has had extra chairs moved to HBF, and could be taken to UWA. <u>District High Schools Country Week</u> 16-19 September. Coaching clinic to be held again on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Feedback from last year good and students and teachers appreciate the clinic. <u>SSWA Volleyball Interstate Team</u></li> </ul>	<p>AM to ask Gold Netball Centre about chairs.</p> <p>PR to coordinate Coaching Clinic for DHS Country Week</p>

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			<p>Team travel 1-7 June, SSA Volleyball will be held in Sydney, NSW. Apart from Boys Manager Carmen, all other tour officials are returning from 2023.</p> <p><u>SSWA Champion Schools 2024</u>                  Two new regions and two new coordinators*:                  North Coast – Peter Fitzgerald (Greenwood College)                  North East – Vacant                  South Coast &amp; South East – Justine Ross (Woodvale SC)                  *North – Ryan Penno (St James ACS)                  *Peel – Geoff Hayes (John Tonkin College)</p> <p>South regional carnivals have exploded in numbers, hence the split of Peel. Peel regional games will be held at the MARC. JG and AM mention difficulties with booking the MARC, confusion about total number of volleyball courts available.</p> <p>Currently 1 new Junior School (Kolbe) / 9 Senior schools nominated. Nominations close on Friday 3 May for the Senior Comp and Friday 17 Mar for the Junior Comp. Regions will be collapsed if nomination numbers are too small.</p> <p>AM will be approaching Gilmore College and Greenwood College for Referees as well as clubs that were contacted last year. Would love Rossmoyne to consider being involved in a carnival.</p> <p><u>Champions of Champions Cup</u>                  July 26. Winners of each region, Junior and Senior will come together at Warwick. Event run by SSWA office, AM to lead.</p> <p><u>Teachers Games</u>                  1-3 October in Mandurah, coordinated by Robyn Brierley. Sports programme still TBC, but Volleyball and Indoor Beach Volleyball will be a part of the programme. RK informed that Port Kennedy Indoor Beach</p>	
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			closed in November 2023. Alternate suggested venue by RK/JG was Mandurah Indoor Beach.	AM to confirm alternate venue for Indoor Beach Volleyball.
6	Kids, Junior & School Volley	6.1 School Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Associations – IGSSA, ACC, PSA PSA/IGSSA/ACC competitions wrapping up for Term 1. PSA &amp; IGSSA difficulties getting referees, strong recommendation for students to upskill as referees to fill gaps. PSA had 88 teams in Term 1, IGSSA had 23 divisions, roughly 185 teams.</li> <li>Regional visits At last meeting, spoke of visiting the Wheatbelt region, which did not go ahead. VWA visited Christmas and Cocos Island in early March, coach was Shelby Maher. Planning for visits to Tom Price in early-June and Kalgoorlie in mid-June.</li> <li>Teacher PDs Two Teacher PDs were held in January (Introductory and Intermediate). Participant numbers were low, feedback was that it is too difficult to attend at the start of the year. Next PD scheduled for April 12 (Intermediate) and April 15 (South West but unlikely to proceed due to lack of venue).</li> <li>Australian Volleyball Schools Cup 12 WA Schools attended with a total of 41 teams which is a good turnout. WA schools took home medals. KA mentions that AVSC is difficult for schools, particularly with accommodation options. With the dates for AVSC in 2024 being one week later (Dec 8-14) than usual, KA also mentions it may be more difficult for private schools as they</li> </ul>	

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		would have already finished for the year. In turn, may be easier for public schools as it falls in their last week.							
				<b>No. of Schools</b>		<b>No. Clinic Sessions</b>		<b>No. of Participants</b>	
				<b>2024 to Feb</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>2024 to Feb</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>2024 to Feb</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>
		Sporting Schools - Primary		13	56	136	924	1074	6795
		Sporting Schools - Secondary		7	12	71	311	428	1034
		Non-Sporting Schools -Primary		0	0	0	0	0	0
		Non-Sporting Schools - Secondary		1	14	15	84	101	600
		Regional Schools (Regional Visits)		0	7	0	35	0	716
		School Holiday Clinics (Uni & Centre led)		2	6	6	11	104	258
		<b>Total</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>1365</b>	<b>1707</b>	<b>9403</b>
		Term 1 clinics has primarily been Sporting Schools Primary School bookings, with Term 2 and 3 heavier with High School clinic bookings.							

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		<p>holidays, or kids/juniors are already engaged in term programs and may want a break in the holidays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upcoming South West Development Camp</li> </ul> <p>JG received feedback surrounding the South West camp, mainly that the cost is high. Other suggestions for the camp are to rename, such as changing 'Development' to 'Pathway', and changing 'Camp' to 'Clinic' or 'Session'. 'Camp' often has connotations that it is all day/overnight. KA suggested the camp has an invitation aspect to make it appear more exclusive/limited to those athletes on the pathway. Further feedback was the travel hinderance for potential participants, e.g., JG received comments that it was too difficult for participants to get themselves to the Murray Aquatic and Leisure Centre (MARC) due to lack of public transport, and participants are unable to rely on parents for a ride. Further suggestions were to move Camp/Session dates to within school term, however possible issues were raised with venue availabilities and clashes with other weekend sports (ie WAVL) and other school sport commitments.</p>	<p>JG to present feedback to Pathways team.</p>
	6.5 Participation Camps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peel Participation Camp/Regional Camps</li> <li>Uptake of more club-based participation camps</li> </ul> <p>JG sent a survey to Mandurah Volleyball Association members and received feedback regarding juniors. The feedback centered heavily around juniors, and it was listed as a high priority (KW notes this is similar in other regions). Despite juniors being a focus, WAVJL teams were not listed as a priority in the data. Many juniors are already playing WAVL and/or socially. For junior programs, the court space and time is a struggle.</p>	

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7	Competitions	7.1 WAVJL (May-August)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WAVJL update</li> </ul> <p>Junior League sets will go to 21 points, with the goal of trying to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> set completed. A Chief Referee will be introduced at WAVL and WAVJL based on feedback (feedback being reports of low quality refereeing). Level 1 Referees will be paid per match. Level 2 Associate and Level 3's paid honorarium. Level 2 State Referees will be paid per hour. A few Casual positions will be available for Level 1's and Level 2A's, but these individuals must commit all season and will be subject to the Referee Selection Policy. Nominations close Thursday (28 March) for teams. Currently, ~45 teams have nominated consisting of 2 schools and 3 clubs. There has been a drop in numbers. KA acknowledges this drop has been reflected in Penrhos, with number of students in Year 7/8 interested in WAVJL dropping. Year 10-12 students are already involved at a WAVL level and therefore not participating in WAVJL.</p>	
		7.2 WA Schools Cup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools Cup 2024             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Venues &amp; Dates (No Loftus)</li> <li>○ State by State Comparison</li> <li>○ VWA Staff Presence</li> <li>○ 9/10 Duty Requirement</li> <li>○ Online Referee Workshop for Students</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Planning is underway for the WA Schools Cup. Dates are confirmed as Friday August 16 for Year 11-12 &amp; All-Abilities Divisions, Mon-Wed August 19-21 for Year 7-10 divisions and Honours Finals on Saturday 31 August. This is the normal date for Year 11-12s, but a change from Thurs/Fri to Mon-Wed for Year 7-10 to ensure Warwick Stadium was available as a venue. Warwick was noted as a key venue due to the number of courts and growth of competition. Finals were pushed back one more week than usual</p>	

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		<p>in order to coincide with the first AVSL Home Round, as feedback was that the crossover of events generated an excellent atmosphere. Main venues will be Warwick Stadium and HBF Joondalup, with courts also booked at Gold Netball Centre, Lords Recreation Centre and potentially Bendat Basketball Centre. Nominations will be opening much earlier (June 1) and will be open for one month (until July 1). VWA staff will be present at the venues for 2024. Research was conducted to compare the other States and their High School Cups, mainly centered around their pricing, duties and membership requirements (refer to handout). With the transition to duties for Year 9/10 students, they will require education. One idea was an online referee workshop for students and teachers. KA and WD agree the theory behind the workshop is good, but logistically difficult. It is always good to offer the opportunity regardless. Referring to handout, WD notes that comparing to QLD, they have more staffing and better quality refereeing in order to run a bigger High Schools Cup. QLD often has enough referees to provide at HSC, but have it written in their Handbook about self duties just in case. RK mentions that WA has more registered referees than QLD, but we cannot service duties due to referee's often working full time. WD mentions that QLD schools often view HSC as a "school trip" as it is held on the Gold Coast, and is a much bigger deal. KA raises the difficulty of staffing costs with use of multiple venues, as cost of relief teachers in place for supervising teachers (alongside transport costs) is large. RK notes this is where the importance of advocating for a large venue with 10+ courts comes into play. The only available venue of a decent size in Perth metro is Warwick Stadium. Local Government's are opening indoor venues but are much smaller (4 courts only). This stresses the importance of intra/inter sport collaboration in order to advocate for larger venues.</p>	<p>PR to collect 2023 feedback results from Pathways and review.</p> <p>PR to finalise 2024 Handbook.</p>
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		7.3 Kids & Junior Volley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kids Volley Competition on June 29<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> <p>This will be a trial as there is no competitions in this age group currently. VWA did trial a Primary Schools Cup several years ago.</p>	
8	Any Other Business	8.1 AOB	<p>Any other business?</p> <p>AM mentions Mandurah ARC and confusion with court availability. JG states that ARC only have 4 sets of available volleyball poles but could have 6 courts if poles are borrowed from elsewhere. Unsure if poles from elsewhere would fit at the ARC.</p> <p>South West Schools Cup scheduled 13 June.</p> <p>RK notes with WD stepping down, Ray Gilling and Max Wason no longer contributing to the group and current vacancies, finding other members should be top priority – suggestions welcome. Need for parent members emphasized. Would also be keen to having Southern Cross VC involvement due to their large Kids &amp; Junior volleyball portfolio. RK requests KA for assistance in finding parent representatives.</p> <p>AM notes that schools have asked where interested students can continue to play volleyball, such as a list of clubs that can be easily passed on to</p>	<p>AM to confirm actual number of courts available for use at Mandurah ARC.</p> <p>PR to follow up with Brad Barclay regarding SW Schools Cup.</p> <p>KA to ask interested parents to join Group. PR to forward Terms of Reference to KA to pass to parents. PR to follow up with Howard Yung from Southern Cross as possible representative.</p>

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		<p>schools. RK/KW/PR note there are the Kids &amp; Junior volley flyers as the 'Where to next' option.</p> <p>AM also enquires about volleyball as an inclusion sport. RK/PR note that the Schools Cup has an All-Abilities Division, introduced in 2023 (had no registrations). VWA is also including a clause in Handbooks about participation of gender diverse and non-binary athletes after a question was raised from a teacher about participation of a non-binary student. Volleyball Australia is currently working on Trans and Gender Diverse project with Proud 2 Play. WA's Shaun Barnett is sitting on VA's Working Group for this.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7:09pm.</p>	<p>PR to pass AM flyer samples.</p> <p>AM to send SSWA Gender Diverse Policy.</p>
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