

Tuesday, 23rd July 2024, 6:00 pm

VWA Junior Working Group Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item		Notes	Action
1	Attendance & Apologies	<p>Chairperson Karen Wickham (KW)</p> <p>Members Rory Read (RR), Kenrick Armitage (KA), Alex McLennan (AM), Carol Hodgen (CH), Darren Guild (DG)</p> <p>Support Officers Alex Neindorf (AN), Paris Rond (PR)</p>	
2	Apologies	Millie Monaghan (MM), Jess Grigio (JG)	
3	Acknowledgement of Country		
4	Minutes from Previous Meeting	26 th March 2024	
5	Business Arising	5.1 VWA Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome: Carol Hodgen and Darren Guild Vacant Junior Working Group Roles – Primary School Reps
		5.2 Coaching & Refereeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulk Uploads from Schools since March 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St James Anglican School – 34x L1 Coach Courses & 39x L1 Referee Courses
		5.3 Competitions Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South West High Schools Cup review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 teams from 8 schools Successful inaugural event, will run again next year

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ South West Sports Centre was a good location, but only having four courts will limit potential growth. Competition structure would have to change to allow more teams. ○ Discussions around a Great Southern or Midwest equivalent. Would like to run Great Southern comp in the same week (mid Term 2), but there already exists a cluster competition at that time. The idea would be to deliver the Great Southern event on the Tuesday, then the South West on the Thursday. ○ Midwest schools have a high level of interest in volleyball but have no association in the region. 	
		5.4 SSWA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alex to provide SSWA Update. ● Country Week Senior High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Week 11 Term Two ○ Over two venues – HBF Stadium and UWA. Time restrictions and size of competition meant two venues were required. ○ 44 Girls teams and 44 Boys teams (1 less boy's team and 3 more girl's teams compared to 2023). ○ 49 schools out of 54 involved in 2024 – 1 more compared to 2023 ○ A-F grades (Boys) and A-E (Girls) ○ Considering Hub situation for the future, e.g., at Warwick for the amount of courts, but this would disrupt teams being able to watch other sports at the same venue ● District High Schools Country Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 16-19 September ○ Coaching clinic Sep 16 ○ Currently 10 teams from 7 schools – up three teams from 2023 ○ Graeme Hadley is the Sport Coordinator 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interstate Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Travelled 1-7 June to Sydney ○ Boys – 5th / Girls – 6th. Final rankings do not indicate how close many of the games were. ○ Injury to Tour Leader that required immediate flight home before the last day • Champion Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Juniors (Yr 7-9), 147 teams from 33 schools (83 girls / 64 boys) ○ Seniors (Yr 10-12), 200 teams from 54 schools (74 girls / 126 boys) ○ Champions of Champions – Friday 26 July, 10 schools. Still searching for umpires for the day • Teachers Games <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1-3 October in Mandurah (2nd week of holidays, hopefully does not clash with ATAR marking, allowing more secondary school teachers to participate) ○ Coordinated by Robyn Brierly ○ Volleyball will be Thursday Oct 3rd in the morning. ○ No beach volleyball this year due to venue closing down ○ Request to promote the event 	
6	Kids, Junior & School Volley	6.1 School Engagement	School Associations – IGSSA, ACC, PSA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update since last meeting Regional visits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albany/Denmark: Term 2 with assistance from Reds Volleyball Club for the school clinics, Desiree Tan delivered the school holiday clinics • Tom Price: July 15-17 with Steve Page delivering junior clinic and Teacher PD 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midwest: Desiree Tan visited Kalbarri District High School in week 10 as they had a Term 2 Sporting Schools grant to fund the visit. Was able to visit Northampton District High School and Geraldton Grammar School whilst in the region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AM suggesting SSWA is able to assist with a volleyball competition/delivery in the Midwest, particularly as SSWA is aware that it is popular with secondary schools in the region. Kalgoorlie: upcoming in mid-August, PR, Dani Francis and Kirsten Tyson to visit the region, school clinics are being organized. <p>Teacher PDs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April Intermediate PD – 4 participants July ATAR PD – 6 participants Overall general decrease in PD attendants compared to 2023 School holiday dates for PDs are less favourable – teachers unlikely to want to give their holidays up Better to put PDs during school term, as teachers who believe a PD is beneficial to them are more likely to ask to attend <p>School Volley & Perth Steel Term 3 Promotion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools that book School Volley clinics in Term 3 go into the draw of either attending a Perth Steel training, or having Steel players visit their school Primary schools can be selected to walk out with Steel at AVSL home rounds 	<p>AM to discuss further options regarding SSWA/VWA collaboration in the Midwest with KW/PR.</p> <p>KA and RR to assist PR with good date options for Teacher PDs in 2025.</p>
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			No. of Schools		No. Clinic Sessions		No. of Participants								
			2024 to Jun	2023 Total	2024 to Jun	2023 Total	2024 to Jun	2023 Total							
			Sporting Schools - Primary	28	56	349	924	2269	6795						
			Sporting Schools - Secondary	13	12	111	311	699	1034						
			Non-Sporting Schools -Primary	1	0	1	0	48	0						
			Non-Sporting Schools - Secondary	7	14	42	84	225	600						
			Regional Schools (Regional Visits)	11	7	44	35	765	716						
			School Holiday Clinics (Uni & Centre led)	3	6	10	11	194	258						
			Total	63	95	557	1365	4200	9403						
		6.2 Kids Volley	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Term 2 2024</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>No. of Programs</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No. of Registrations</td> <td>225</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>						Term 2 2024		No. of Programs	20	No. of Registrations	225	
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6.4 VWA Kids and Junior Holiday Clinics	Date	Program	Participants	Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wording change from camp to clinic based on feedback last meeting • There are lots of volleyball options for kids now hence why numbers at school holiday clinics are declining • CH notes it is expensive compared to some other sports/school holiday events • Parents will also be looking for certain things when comparing school holiday options, e.g., is the coach capable with younger children, familiar with rules around visiting the toilet in public spaces – marketing of the clinics will likely need to shift to give parents confidence that their children are safe • Alternatively, change the session times down from two hours to 45-60 minutes. Primary school aged students struggle to maintain engagement for two hours, reducing times also encourage parents to stay rather than drop and leave.
	4 & 5 April	Indoor (Perth)	32	The Rise	
	8 & 9 April	Indoor (Peel)	Cancelled	Murray Aquatic & Leisure Centre	
	1 & 2 July	Indoor (Albany)	12	Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre	
	3 & 4 July	Indoor (Denmark)	6	Denmark Recreation Centre	
	4 & 5 July	Indoor (Perth)	28	The Rise	

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7	Competitions	7.1 WAVJL (May-August)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior League teams down two overall which continues trend from last year where WAVL rose and WAVJL dropped <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 10-12 moving into the senior competition for competitive games ○ More consistency in venue and game times ○ Parents and kids want value for time, particularly for Friday nights • Main issues this year include travel distance due to venue availability, forfeits and the 2-week final structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agreed on true North and South divisions so that during finals teams don't have to travel. ○ Places to play securing more 4 court venues such as Cockburn ○ Looking at club/school derbies, to be held in their own venues ○ Holding a meeting prior to the season inviting clubs and schools to discuss fixtures (similar to the Teacher Meeting for Schools Cup) • Junior League/WAVL crossover events good. Difficult to facilitate when JL coaches are players • RR: Schools/parents are all about notice. Anything that helps with as much notice is preferred. • Exposure Events unable to have TBC as times, making it difficult to release information early 	AN to review 2-week final structure
		7.2 WA Schools Cup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Meeting held Thursday, 18 July – was very productive • 290 teams across 47 schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Now at 283 from 47 ○ Regional participation including Albany SHS, Merredin College, Northam SHS, Narrogin SHS Clontarf Academy 	

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		7.3 Kids & Junior Volley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids Volley Competition on June 29 did not go ahead • CH: if parents already have prior Saturday commitments, hard to add something else • An option to keep same time at usual Kids Volley sessions, but all at one venue for mini games • Noting Kids & Junior Volley Coordinator role being incorporated into the Regional and Metro Development Coordinator roles 	
8	Any Other Business	8.1 AOB	Any other business?	
			Meeting concluded at 18:50	

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