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VWA Junior Working Group Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item		Discussion Points/Attachments	Actions
1	Attendance & Apologies	<p>Chairperson Karen Wickham (KW)</p> <p>Members Kenrick Armitage (KA), Jess Grigio via Teams (JG), Alex McLennan (AM), Carol Hodgen (CH)</p> <p>Invited to attend Karyn Murray (KM)</p> <p>Support Officers Alex Neindorf (AN), Millie Monaghan (MM), Paris Rond (PR)</p>	
2	Apologies	Rory Read (RR), Darren Guild (DG)	
3	Acknowledgement of Country	PR read the Acknowledgement of Country	
4	Minutes from Previous Meeting	23 rd July 2024 Previous Minutes accepted	
5	Business Arising	5.1 VWA Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacant Junior Working Group Roles – Primary School Reps CH suggests a few Primary School teachers and also suggests opening up to wider community to see who applies. AN mentions David Hedge has expressed interest in joining • VWA Staff updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sean Andrews moved to Community Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator full time 	PR to follow up on suggestions

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Leah moved to Marketing and Communications Manager full time ○ Kids & Junior Volley has been split over two roles: Senior Development Coordinator (Regional) and Development Coordinator (Metro). Ella Stewart has started in the Metro role, and PR will be moving to the Regional Coordinator role. ○ Advertising for Schools Coordinator and South West Regional Coordinator went up Monday 11 November. 	
		5.2 Coaching & Refereeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulk Uploads from Schools since July 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rossmoyne Senior High School – 86x L1 Referee Courses <p>Noting more bulk uploads are expected in the lead up to the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup.</p>	PR to advise KA of the process to get this done
6	Competition and League Reviews	6.1 WAVJL (May-August)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evident that structure of WAVJL needs to change. Rather than split into North and South hubs, split into three: North, Central and South. Try to keep travel time for parents to 20-25 minutes max but will depend on available venues. The 2-week finals structure also needs to be reviewed. Many teams did not realise they were still playing in finals. • Idea for double header games to make travel worth it. Travel for only a 45-minute game is off putting. • The 2-week school holiday break makes it more difficult for teachers – harder when activities go over multiple terms. On the flip side, parents appreciate the break. • In order to grow the North hub (smaller in comparison to Central and South), VWA would encourage Northern schools playing in High Schools Cup 2024 to enter WAVJL in 2025 via a club or the school itself. Suggestion it would be easier for the school to enter 	PR/Competitions to collate list of NOR school contacts and reach out early 2025.

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			<p>teams via a Club rather than as the school itself. Club can benefit with more members and teams and potential extra venue, and school can benefit from coaches and more playing opportunities for students. VWA can help facilitate those Club/School connections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A benefit for WAVJL to continue into Term 3 is that it leads nicely into High Schools Cup. Keeping the competition in Term 2 only would disrupt this. • Suggestion for alternating double headers. Would allow for the odd-night off, but would fortnightly slow down momentum. Other suggestion for older groups to have alternating weeks, allowing for every second week off for study? • Noting that WAVJL dates currently would clash with Peel/South West students at SHS Country Week should the regional hubs go ahead in the future. • Currently sitting better with venues for 2025 than previous. Struggle with home/away round as some schools request only home rounds. Becomes difficult with two schools only requesting home round but both are in one pool – who moves? • Noting Term 2 2025 is a nine week Term for private schools. 	
		6.2 WA Schools Cup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 had 282 teams from 46 schools, down from 304 teams from 55 schools in 2023. • Schools struggling with staffing requirements for this kind of event, likely explaining the reduction in schools registering. Having more people at the Teacher Meeting was beneficial and more should be encouraged to attend. • Move away from combining Honours finals with AVSL. The synergy was not there this year, and having to be on the back 	

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			<p>courts was not well received. Unable to use either of the newer courts due to AVSL. The two-week break resulted in lost momentum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still need to assist teachers with more volleyball education for both their coaches and players. • 2025 Dates: 22 August, 27-29, 30 August – still TBC as venues have not yet fully confirmed. 	
		6.3 TA High School Beach Cup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation Numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Term 4 2024: 40x Pairs and 73x 4-a-side. ○ Term 1 2024: 28x Pairs and 77x 4-a-side ○ Term 4 2023: 40x Pairs and 54x 4-a-side • Survey results still coming in. So far, most feedback is surrounding event staff. Idea to move all games back to City Beach and have resources pooled rather than split across two venues. Allows more staff to be at one venue and allows Pairs to have the vibe of the beach too. Would mean all 7/8s on pop up nets, if courts can fit number of teams. • From a risk management, schools flexibility is becoming more conservative, and unlikely to agree with sending students to the beach. Try to shift more to parent supervision, or an idea to make it linked with clubs. Possible that kids miss out with the schools inability to facilitate entry. • Current dates for 2025 are mid-March (Term 1), however Term 4 is still unconfirmed due to many events on in fourth quarter. 	
7	SSWA	7.1 Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In process of confirming dates for 2025. • Country Week DHS took place in Term 3 Week 10 – 9x teams from 7x schools. Students and teachers appreciate and find the 	

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			<p>pre-games clinic very beneficial. Due to booking clashes at Bendat in 2025, volleyball will be held at Warwick.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interstate team officials are in the process of being selected – both girls and boys coaches unsure if they will return. No dates from School Sport Australia regarding the dates or location of the 2025 volleyball yet. • Meeting with PR and KW to discuss a Midwest Schools Cup to be held late November. 	
8	Kids, Junior & School Volley	8.1 School Engagement	<p>No major updates from IGSSA/ACC. VWA still assisting PSA with referees, new referee coordinator is Jimi Baird.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visited Kalgoorlie in August, delivered two clinics to North Kalgoorlie Primary School and one open juniors clinic. Originally, the visit was scheduled for July but due to late funding release, dates were changed and was not enough notice for schools. • Teacher PDs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introductory and Intermediate were scheduled for October school holidays, but cancelled due to low registrations. Will move PDs into term time in 2025. Currently scheduled: March 6 (Intro & Inter), May 13 (Inter), Aug 5 (ATAR), Oct 28 (Inter & Intro). ○ KA notes that ATAR timelines are changing for 2025, and moving the ATAR PD to earlier in the year may be more beneficial. 	PR to review ATAR PD date with KA and RR.



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			No. of Schools		No. Clinic Sessions		No. of Participants						
			2024 to Oct	2023 Total	2024 to Oct	2023 Total	2024 to Oct	2023 Total					
		Sporting Schools - Primary	52	56	586	924	4,632	6,795					
		Sporting Schools - Secondary	27	12	230	311	1,385	1,034					
		Non-Sporting Schools -Primary	1	0	1	0	48	0					
		Non-Sporting Schools - Secondary	14	14	80	84	399	600					
		Regional Schools (Regional Visits)	12	7	46	35	815	716					
		School Holiday Clinics (Uni & Centre led)	5	6	14	11	299	258					
		Total	111	95	957	1,365	7,578	9,403					
		Three times the amount of usual Sporting School bookings for Term 3.											
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9	2025 Planning	9.1 2025 Meeting Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, March 4 • Monday, July 21 • Monday, October 13 														
10	Any Other Business	10.1 AOB	KA presenting at ACHPER – a good time to hand out any promotional material to teachers.		PR to drop off Teacher PD flyers to KA.												

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			<p>The sooner dates for 2025 school competitions can be confirmed, the better to get into school calendars. Depends on venues confirming.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 19:08.</p>	<p>PR to follow up confirming dates for VWA school comps.</p>
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