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VWA Disability Inclusion Working Group Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item		Discussion Points/Attachments		Actions
1.	Attendance & Apologies	Attendance	Chairperson: Aaron Tannahill (AT) Senior VWA Staff: Karen Wickham (KW) Members: Brad Barclay (BB), Adam Popham (AP), Josh Brown (JB), Tatiana Ray (TR), Anthony Meo (AM).	
		Apologies	Jess Grigio (JG), Lani Le (LL), Shae Richardson (SR), Demi O'Brien (DO), Carina McMillen (CM)	
2.	Acknowledgement of Country			
3.	VWA Updates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JG resigned from VWA in June but will still be involved on the committee from a Mandurah VA perspective. Grant Acquittal Y1 24/25. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VWA meeting with CITS 12th August. 	AT and KW to plan Y2 of grant.
4.	Business arising from last meeting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University volunteer programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aaron reached out to UWA and Murdoch regarding volunteers. They both need a role description for students. Finders Keepers coach still interested, awaiting a response regarding coaching course. WIN Project: Mandurah, Reds, Fremantle. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam has reached out to all clubs, and they have all responded to him. Project all covered by the Australian Government. They will provide direct 	VWA to provide a draft role description. TR to send through some items from a club perspective. AT to follow up on Finders Keepers

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			inclusion support, and the clubs have an opportunity to get a WIN badge.	coach AP to confirm if there will be any spots in the WIN project for new clubs.
5.	2025 Calendar	All Abilities/Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VWA to have Adaptive programs run only T4 and T1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Winter sport partnership. AT met with Hockey WA to discuss a partnership. • Integration (Reds, Fremantle, Mandurah). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mandurah VA educating coaches on Inclusive practices before committing to integration. The club will be trialing an integrated program in term 4. Parents and carers will be required to be there. ○ Reds ran their All Abilities and Sitting Volleyball program in Term 1 with about 4-8 participants run by Caleb Boyle. It didn't run in Term 2 and 3 due to capacity challenge during WAVL and they also lost their administrative staff. • Y2 Clubs: Chequers VC, Southern Cross VC, Busselton VA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VWA met with Chequers and Southern Cross. Busselton VA wants to run an integrated program and grow their existing opportunities for people with disabilities. AP mentioned reaching out to Brad Scott who is the regional engagement manager from WAIS. • Schools Cup Update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We had 6 teams registered in the All-Abilities division, but the schools misunderstood the division and now have no teams. 	<p>AT to follow up with other winter sports and continue Hockey WA partnership.</p> <p>AT to work in building the organisation and club relationships.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VWA continues to run programs for WADSA and Reclink. • AP suggested speaking with peak disability bodies to get a group from one organisation. Trial partnering one club with one key organisation. Link the club from the get-go. 	
	Sitting Volleyball		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Camp / VA Updates. VWA will attend a VA meeting on 13th August to get updated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ JB mentioned that there was a mention of Invictus participants putting in their own team for the National Sitting Volleyball Champs and VA possibly putting in a team of National players. ◦ VWA will be putting together a Selection Policy for Coaches and Athletes. A trial session will be held to gauge interest in putting in a WA team. Accommodation has been booked in and can be released if we do not have the numbers. • Sitting Volleyball Cup moved to 20th September. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ One team has registered so far, and another expected to register next week. Ideally want a minimum of 4 teams. • Metro Sitting Volleyball started on 29th July. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ We had to quickly move venues as Yokine Community Centre Activity Room wasn't suitable. • Had to cancel Peel Sitting Volleyball as no participants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ BB mentioned that Bunbury VA will be keen to run the Sitting Volleyball as he is the Wheelchair Sports VC. He is not available in October so we will need to schedule Have a Go sessions around his availability. • Mandurah VA is currently running a Sitting Volleyball Development program in Term 3 and will continue. Therefore, VWA will move on to Bunbury. 	<p>VWA to provide an update from the VA meeting</p> <p>AT and KW to look for an alternate venue for the remainder of the Metro program.</p> <p>BB to confirm possible dates for Have a Go sessions in Bunbury.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Development Group started training first week of July on Saturdays at Mandurah Baptist College. 7 Attendants, with more starting soon. Looking to book venue to continue across the year. TR is interacting with Nam (Volleyball Australia) around the training requirements for the players. ● Who else can we contact to promote programs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hospitals, local clinics, physios, NDIS providers, mobility equipment suppliers, gyms, who else? ○ AP suggested community and Facebook groups. 	
6.	Autism Association Resources Update		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VWA x AAWA resources and workshops update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resources in development and the dates for the staff and community sessions will be set soon. Potentially September for staff and October for community. 	
7.	Any other business		<p>AP- Paralympics Australia was supposed to put together a list of organisations.</p> <p>JB- Autism in Cricket annual Come and Try Day at the WACA on 6th September. Good event for AT to learn and get ideas on the use of resources for clubs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next meeting: 29th October 6pm 	<p>AT to follow this up with PA.</p> <p>AT to follow up with Autism WA.</p>