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VWA Disability Inclusion Working Group Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item		Discussion Points/Attachments		Presented By
1.	Attendance & Apologies	Attendance	Chairperson: Aaron Tannahill (AT) Senior VWA Staff: Karen Wickham (KW) Members: Adam Popham (AP), Tatiana Ray (TR), Cezanne Vennitti (CZ)	
		Apologies	Jess Grigio (JG), Brad Barclay (BB), Shae Richardson (SR), Demi O'Brien (DO), Carina McMillen (CM), Josh Brown (JB)	
2.	Acknowledgement of Country			
3.	VWA Updates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New VWA Staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brianna Higgins (Admin Support Officer) started in August. ○ Anika Eriksen (Events Coordinator) started in October. • New DIWG member and intro: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cezanne Vennitti (Southern Cross VC) ○ A representative from Chequers VC was supposed to attend but did not. 	
4.	Business arising from last meeting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion Solutions WIN Project Update / AP Role update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AP is moving on to Paralympics Australia in a School Sport capacity getting more participants from schools engaged in sport. AP and AT to chat 	AT to collaborate with AP in his new role to connect with more schools.

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			<p>more about our WA Schools Cup All Abilities division.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mandurah VA is the only club currently engaged and AP can pass on their report. 	
5.	2025 Calendar	All Abilities/Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 4 new disability inclusion programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Yokine Community Centre Thursdays 5pm – 6pm 30th October - 4th December Program in collaboration with What Ability and Chequers VC. o Wesley College Saturdays 3pm – 4:30pm 8th November – 13th December in collaboration with Southern Cross VC. o Baldivis VC is also looking to introduce adaptive programs. The club also has a WAVL girls team that has players who are neurodiverse. VWA will be looking to do an article on the team. • T4 Kids/Junior Integrated programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Fremantle VC integrated the Kids Volley program o Mandurah VC looking to do some come and try's in 2026. More time needed to train coaches to support the program. TR is happy to assist VWA with running a coaches education session that also includes other coaches from other clubs. • Have a Go sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o AAWA Sports Academy program delivered on 7th October for 10 participants o Building Friendships delivered on 28th October for 13 participants. o Several other disability events and expos are coming up where VWA will have a presence, 	<p>AT to follow up with Baldivis story</p> <p>AT to follow up with TR on setting up a date for a Coaches Training session</p> <p>AT to engage clubs to support expos in the local area.</p>

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			<p>including: Finders Keepers Event in Rockingham, Play in the Bay Busselton, Riverton ESC Sport Extravaganza, Thriving in Motion Carnival,</p>	
		<p>Sitting Volleyball</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Camp / State Program Updates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TR has been attending interstate training sessions with VA over the last few weeks. ○ There will be more teams participating in the ASVC this year. The rule change which required two females in the court this year also means that it will be a high-level competition this year. ○ There will also be a national development camp for coaches and players before the event in Gold Coast- Tatiana Ray, Chris Day, Mauro Venittt and Cezanne Venitti will attend as coaches and James Riesley, Racheal Williams, Natalia Horobin and Brad Barclay will attend as athletes. ○ WA State ASVC team trials held and team of 9 athletes announced. Training has commenced until tournament 6th – 7th December. • Sitting Volleyball Cup successfully ran on 20th September at Cockburn ARC. 4 teams competed (Southern Cross Masters, Mandurah VA, Reds VA)- 6 athletes with disability and 2 Invictus athletes. • Cancelled T4 sitting volley participation program due to low participants as there were other Club programs running with Mandurah VA and Southern Cross VC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mandurah VA is still running development sessions at Melville Leisurefit on Saturdays but 	<p>KW to double check the space at UWA.</p>

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			<p>looking to move to Tuesday nights in Term 1 as players are moving on to play WAVL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KW mentioned that we have already booked T1 at UWA and we will be collaborating with UWA Sport for this program. It will be better if we don't run on the same night if we want to grow participation. We have also contacted Murdoch Uni. AP mentioned that Curtin was also looking for inclusive sport. ○ Southern Cross VC running a sitting volleyball division on their social nights on Wednesdays. Around 41 participants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bunbury Sitting volley come and try led by BB will be held on November 22nd at Bunbury Catholic College. We hope to do this in collaboration with WAIS. 	<p>AT to follow up with Curtin</p> <p>AT and BB to reach out to Brad Scott from WAIS.</p>
6.	Autism Association Resources Update		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VWA / AAWA online club Autism Awareness workshop held on 22nd October, and the recording was sent out to all clubs running adaptive programs. We haven't received the resources yet. ● All VWA staff will participate in an AAWA workshop during November staff meeting. 	<p>AT to send recording to AP and follow up with AAWA</p>
7.	Any other business		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Best days for people to attend meetings next year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mondays 	<p>AT to check with other members and send out invites.</p>