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## VWA Disability Inclusion Working Group Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item		Discussion Points/Attachments		Actions
1.	Attendance & Apologies	Attendance	<p><b>Chairperson:</b> Aaron Tannahill (AT)</p> <p><b>Senior VWA Staff:</b> Karen Wickham (KW)</p> <p><b>Members:</b> Tatiana Ray (TR), Cezanne Vennitti (CV), Max Wason (MW), Adam Popham (AP)</p>	
		Apologies	Josh Brown (JB), Shae Richardson (SR), Brad Barclay (BB), Dylan Wood (DW), Jess Grigio (JG)	
2.	Acknowledgement of Country		I'd like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land we're meeting on this afternoon, and I pay my respects to Elders past and present. I'm grateful that we can gather on these lands to support and create meaningful volleyball opportunities for people with disability. The care and commitment you all bring to this work strengthens our community every day. May we continue to look after this land and each other as we move forward together.	KW
3.	VWA Updates			
4.	Business arising from last meeting			
5.	2026 Calendar	5.1 All Abilities/ Inclusion	<p><b>5.1.1 Education Support Centres</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will target Ed support centers this term for adaptive programs with Chequers VC and Southern Cross VC. Trying to go to participants rather than coming to us to make them more comfortable participating.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Riverton ESC reached out to have adaptive volley throughout Term 1. SCVC will deliver these sessions.</li> <li>Sir David Brand is keen to have a 6-week session in Term 1 that will be run by Chequers VC.</li> <li>Reds will be happy to be involved to run</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	AT to follow up to confirm programs and connect Reds with another Ed Support Centre

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			<p>sessions at another Ed support Centre.</p> <p><b>5.1.2 Have a Go Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VWA attended number of events late last year to put on activations for participants:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Riverton Sport Extravaganza (Riverton Ed Support Centre) – 50 participants.</li> <li>○ Thriving in Motion Carnival – 20 participants.</li> <li>○ Joondalup Ed Support Multi Sport Day – 50 participants.</li> <li>○ Mandurah Sport Gala Day (Inclusion Solutions) – 12 participants.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• AT advised that it is important for clubs to get involved in these events to build an initial relationship with the club from the start.</li> </ul> <p><b>5.1.3 Adaptive Program/Integration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club Updates: Fremantle, Mandurah, Reds             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mandurah – 4<sup>th</sup> Feb TR did a Coaching PD for 6 Kids and Junior Volley Coaches in preparation for an integrated program. Autism WA resources were used as a guide.</li> <li>○ Reds – MW is trying to pick up some momentum in the space again and looking to run a 4-week program in March. Trying to get as many coaches along to the VWA PD session on 27<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
		<p>5.2 Sitting Volleyball</p>	<p><b>5.2.1 Australian Sitting Volleyball Championship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event took place December 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. WA State team took home the silver medal, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>. TR was grateful for the support of VWA. It was a very good experience and the communication was very good.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Referee training also done at nationals. Having the schools cups kids at the games also made a difference to the atmosphere.</li> <li>○ WA coaches and athletes also attended a national training camp during the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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			<p>week prior to the competition.</p> <p><b>5.2.2 Collaborations with Universities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A T1 Sitting Volleyball program underway in collaboration with UWA Sport on Tuesdays 6:30pm – 8pm. They are waiving the court hire fees. UWA mentioned that they are looking to include sitting volleyball in the Western series.</li> <li>VWA to collaborate with Murdoch and Curtin to introduce sitting volleyball into their come and play programs for Semester 1. Reds is keen to be involved in the Curtin program. TR mentioned that there is an Autism research group at Curtin that may have the population of persons who can play <a href="http://carg.curtin.edu.au">carg.curtin.edu.au</a></li> </ul> <p><b>5.2.3 Have a Go Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Come and try was run in Bunbury at Bunbury Catholic College 22<sup>nd</sup> November. 8 participants but only 2 new players.</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> Come and Try was run in Bunbury at South West Sports Centre 1<sup>st</sup> February. 5 participants. No new players. We will explore disability inclusion instead at the Ed Support Centre instead as there is low interest for Sitting Volleyball.</li> <li>Rebound WA Para Sport Festival 6<sup>th</sup> March 4:30pm – 9:30pm at Forrest Chase in the Perth CBD. AT to send more details soon.</li> <li>Westfield Carousel Paralympics opportunity in 14<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a Come and Try opportunity to show case sitting volleyball. More details will be sent out by AT.</li> </ul>	<p>AT to follow up with Murdoch and Curtin.</p> <p>AT and TR to coordinate with State Team Players to be present at these events.</p>
6.	Autism Association WA	6.1 Updates	<p><b>6.1.1 Club Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received draft resources and provided feedback to AAWA. Working on final product to be able to distribute to clubs. They will be used at the coach development session on 27<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><b>6.1.2 School Holiday Program</b></p>	<p>AT to circulate the final resources</p>

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7.	Any other business	7.1 Updates	<p><b>7.1.1 Adaptive Volley Coach Development Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TR will be running this session and it will be open to all clubs and coaches. The Mandurah session helped to provide a bit of guidance to plan for this session. Set up a support group after the session so that coaches can continue asking questions.</li> </ul> <p><b>7.1.2 Paralympic Qualification Changes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TR advised that the World ParaVolley released changes for the 2028 LA Paralympics. This will affect Brisbane 2032 as the home country will not be guaranteed a spot anymore. Australia isn't ranked in the world. We may lose players if there isn't a sure paralympic pathway in sitting volleyball. We need to promote some positive messaging.</li> </ul> <p><b>7.1.3 School Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AP enquired if VWA was having a Sitting volleyball division in the WA schools cup? AT mentioned that we are still trying to get the All-Abilities Division to run first.</li> <li>AP enquired about the Ed support schools and the percentage of participants that would be more suited to disability inclusion vs sitting Volleyball? AT thought that disability inclusion is more suitable from what he has seen so far.</li> </ul>	ALL to circulate the information within their networks