



Australian Volleyball Federation

2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT





2007-08 HIGHLIGHTS

- Australian Men's Indoor Volleyball Team claimed the Asian number 1 ranking, winning the 2007 Asian Championships in Indonesia in August 2007
- Volleyball Australia recruits new CEO Joan Perry to provide direction and strong leadership
- Beach Volleyball Teams Barnett /Cook and Schacht / Slack qualify for 2008 Beijing Olympic Games
- Swatch FIVB World Tour Adelaide Open conducted on Glenelg Beach in March 2008
- Revitalised Women's Program take part in 1st Abu Dhabi Invitational Women's tournament and finish 8th to qualify for 2009 Asian Cup
- Volleyball Australia initiates Project Connect to assist with the development of sport for athletes with a disability
- Volleyball Team Australia Men qualify and attend World Cup in Japan for the first time
- Volleyball Team Australia Men win 2nd Commonwealth Cup in India
- Team Australia Beach Volleyball achieve top international results –Schacht /Slack Bronze medal at World Championships; Barnett/Cook Gold medal in Korea and Palmer/Rohkamper Silver medal at U 21 World Championships
- AVP and Volleyball Australia co-host the highly successful 2008 Crocs Tour Australia





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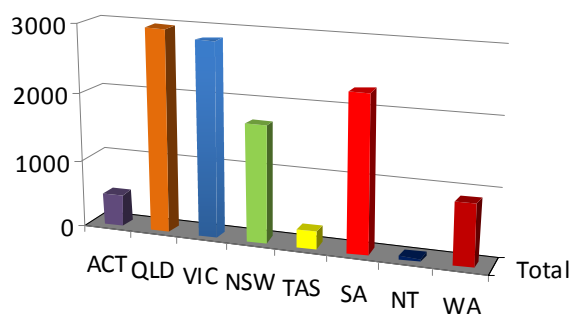


The Australian Volleyball Federation

The Australian Volleyball Federation is the peak body for the administration of the sport of volleyball in Australia. The objects for which the Federation is established and maintained are to:

- conduct, encourage, promote, advance, standardise, control and administer all forms of the sport of volleyball in and throughout Australia as a human endeavour;
- provide for the conduct, encouragement, promotion and administration of the sport of volleyball through and by various Member States or other organisations for the mutual and collective benefit of the Members and the sport of volleyball;
- act in good faith and loyalty to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of the Federation and volleyball, its standards, quality and reputation for the collective and mutual benefit of the Members and the sport of volleyball;
- at all times operate with, and promote, mutual trust and confidence between the Federation and the Members in pursuit of these objects;
- at all times to act on behalf of, and in the interests of, the Members and the sport of volleyball;
- promote the economic and sporting success, strength and stability of the Federation and each Member State and to act interdependently with each Member State in pursuit of these objects.

Registered Participants by State/Territory



2007-08 Registered Membership

ACT	469
NSW	1714
NT	40
QLD	2978
SA	2299
TAS	260
WA	903
VIC	2846

AVF COMMISSIONS

EXECUTIVE COMMISSION

Alex Vallentine	VACT
Bob Konakoff	SVNSW
Mark Waterhouse	VNT
Amanda Fielding (until Nov 07)	VO
John Gibb (from June 08)	VO
Paul Finn (until Oct 07)	VSA
Blair Harrison (from May 08)	VSA
Tim Medwin	VTI
Terry Jones	VVI
Gavin Lewis	VWA

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

Phil Borgeaud	VACT
Pat Gintowt	SVNSW
Mark Waterhouse	VNT
Boris Georgieff	VO
Jitendra Ragunath	VSA
Tim Medwin	VTI
Sen. Stephen Conroy	VVI
Candice Stanley	VWA

AVRC EXECUTIVE

Dean Turner	Chair
Jim Lester (Retired)	Volleyball Delegate
Elizabeth Pollock	Volleyball Delegate
Stephen Giugni	Beach Volleyball Delegate

AVRC STATE REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

NSW	Keith Suckling
VIC	Elizabeth Pollock
QLD	Shane Clouston
SA	Stephen Long
WA	Danielle Francis
TAS	Rod Scott
NT	Linda Lukitsch
ACT	Peter Lucas

AVRC TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

All international referees, both active and inactive;
All international candidate referees;
National AAA referees by appointment.

AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL SCHOOLS CUP EVENT COMMISSION:

Phil Muller	Chair
Peter McConnon	Technical Delegate (Comp)
Chris Lemm	Regency TAFE
Joan Perry	AVF CEO (Ex-officio)
Stuart Scott	Secretary - Volleyball, School Sport Australia
David Eldridge	Heathfield High
Bill McHoul	Kew High School
Michelle Slack-Smith	Technical Delegate



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Hon. Chris Schacht	President
Gary Gilchrist	Vice President (until 20/10/07)
Kevin Dobson	Vice President (from 20/10/07)
Riad Tayeh	Finance Director
Rosemary Bissett	Director
Tony Sprylan	Director (until 20/10/07)
Shane Hennessy	Director (from 20/10/07)
Edi Vukosa	Director (from 20/10/07)
Joan Perry	Chief Executive Officer Secretary General Director (ex officio)

CO-PATRONS

His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery
AC CVO MC (Retd), Governor-General,
Commonwealth of Australia; and
Her Excellency Mrs. Marlena Jeffery

International Positions

BOARD AND COMMISSION POSITIONS

The Hon. Chris Schacht
Member FIVB Legal Commission
AVC Executive Board Member

Riad Tayeh
Member FIVB Finance Commission
Member AVC Finance Commission

Tomas Santamaria
FIVB Coaching Instructor
Secretary AVC Coaches Commission

Dean Turner
Member AVC Referees Commission

Dr. Paul Bloomfield
FIVB Doctor

Dr. James Ilic
FIVB Doctor

Dr. Stuart Watson
FIVB Doctor

Dr Charles Howse
FIVB Doctor

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL REFEREES

As at June 30, 2008

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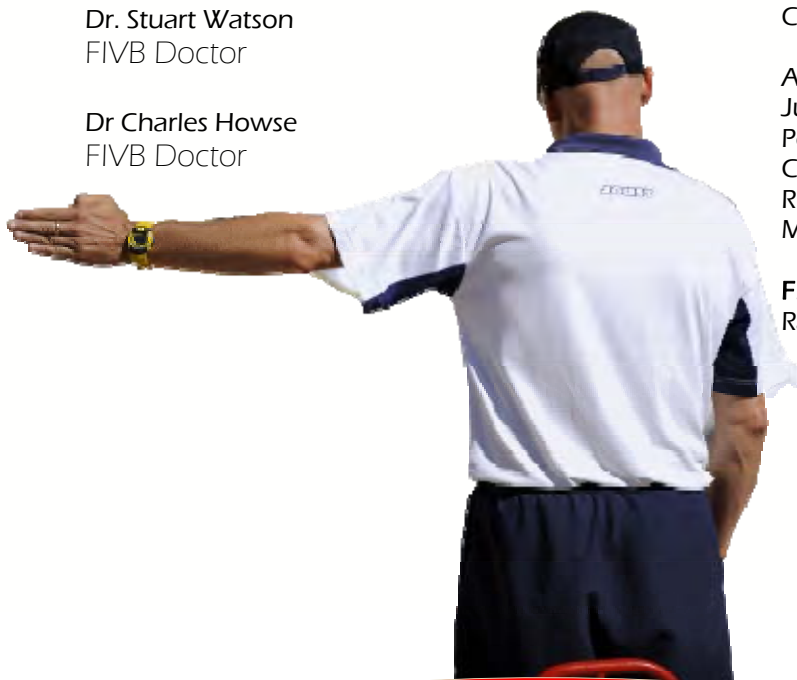
John Bennett	Beach Volleyball
Stephen Giugni	Beach Volleyball
Carla Hoorweg	Volleyball
James Lester	Volleyball
Peter Lucas	Volleyball
Sharon Mottolini	Volleyball
Phong Nguyen	Volleyball
Cameron Olson	Volleyball
Elizabeth Pollock	Volleyball
Catriona Tweedie	Beach Volleyball
Luke Yan	Volleyball

International Inactive

Dean Turner	Volleyball
Robert Bates	Volleyball
John Byrnes	Volleyball
Linda Chang-Ribinsky	Beach Volleyball
Raymond Harris	Volleyball
Peter Hreszczuk	Beach Volleyball
Colin Logan	Beach Volleyball and Volleyball
Anthony Luck	Volleyball
Juho Looveer	Volleyball
Peter McConnon	Volleyball
Colin Nissen	Volleyball
Roderick Scott	Volleyball
Michael Vasiliou	Volleyball

FIVB Referee Instructor

Raymond Harris	Volleyball
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Steve Tutton Life Member 2007

Steve Tutton has distinguished himself during a career exceeding 20 years as a leader and pioneer in taking Australian Volleyball to new levels.

As a player the Northern Aurora AVL team which he captained developed a game plan based on outstanding passing and fast attack plays which changed Australian men's volleyball as other clubs imitated the style and technique of this team. Steve played for Australia as a setter and then captained the national team playing over 120 matches. Again his leadership with this group led Australian men's volleyball to new heights and to a position where the AIS men's program was established.

Steve, after retiring as a player, took up an appointment as SASI Men's Volleyball Coach in 1990 within the national elite player development system. The SASI program at this stage was recognised nationally for its excellence setting the standard for other teams within national competition.



During this time Steve was responsible for driving a move into Beach Volleyball through the participation of SASI in an Asian 4 a side competition in the early 1990's.

When Beach Volleyball was admitted to the Olympic Games in 1996 for Atlanta Steve was selected as the National Coach.

He has been head coach for the Atlanta (1996), Sydney (2000) and Athens (2004) games with a bronze medal, gold medal and 2 x 4th places as the results.

Under Steve's direction, the Australian Beach Volleyball program has become an international benchmark for the integration of performance analysis and sports science into high performance programs.

Steve has left this position recently marking the end to 20 years of work as a coach within the high performance area and the majority of that time spent with the Beach Volleyball discipline in its formative years.

Steve has been an outstanding ambassador for the sport, highly regarded in the international beach volleyball community and has provided the leadership and direction for Australian Beach Volleyball to be in a strong position heading into Beijing 2008. Few people have influenced our sport more in the last 25 years.

President's Report

By Hon Chris Schacht , President

The financial year ended June 2008 has been a successful year for Australian Volleyball despite a number of difficulties.

It is disappointing to report that our financial position is not as strong as the Board would have liked with the AVF being unable to sustain the net equity position reported last year. There clearly were some financial issues which only came to light after the last financial year had ended and after the Annual audit was conducted. The Board has decided to accept full responsibility for this and has set itself the target of again building a positive net equity position for the federation over the coming years.

The financial year was also affected by an unforeseen cost in running the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Event at Glenelg, South Australia in March 2008. The main blowout cost for the AVF was the demand by the FIVB that we provide 1900 tonnes of new sand on the beach. Nobody in Australian volleyball anticipated that after 25 years of national use of Glenelg beach our sand would now be deemed as not meeting the specification. Nevertheless, the Board is confident that the finances of the AVF will be improved in the years ahead. I take this time to mention the sterling work of our CEO, Joan Perry, for the effort she has made to identify all issues related to our finances.

Competitions:

i) Australian Volleyball League.

During the financial year we were able to conduct a modified volleyball league for both men and women. The AVF acknowledges the work and commitment of the clubs in the AVL and in particular the financial commitment made by players and club staff to ensure the competition occurred.

ii) Crocs National Beach Volleyball Tour.

As reported last year Vodafone decided not to continue as the naming rights sponsor for our National Beach Volleyball Tour. The Board conducted lengthy negotiations with the AVP (Association of Volleyball Professionals), the promoter of the Beach Volleyball Tour in the USA. As a result they became the promoter of our 2007-08 National Beach Volleyball Tour. They brought Crocs as the naming rights sponsor and the tour was successful despite the fact that we had a late start with the AVP in getting the tour up and running. At the time of writing this report we are still negotiating with AVP to be the promoters of the tour in 2009.

iii) Australian Volleyball Schools Cup.

The 2007 Australian Schools Cup was a great success with a record number of teams and players participating. This event brought approximately 5000 players, coaches, parents, friends and supporters to Melbourne for the week of the event. It has been said many times before and I say it again - the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup is the biggest secondary school sporting event held in Australia, and probably in the southern hemisphere.

iv) Australian Junior Volleyball Championships.

The 2007 championships were held in Sydney with a large number of teams from all over Australia competing. We acknowledge the work of NSW volleyball people and the AVF staff in organising this successful event.

High Performance Program.

The year was dominated by preparation for our high performance teams to qualify for the Beijing Olympics.

1. Men's and Women's Volleyball

It was disappointing that our men's team narrowly failed to qualify for the Olympic Games but we were delighted that in November 2007 they, for the first time ever, won the Asian Men's Championship. This success has cemented the Australian men's team as one of the powerhouse teams in Asia. Our women's indoor team has played a number of competitive events and is starting to show improvement as a result of our development program which relies on strong contributions from the States and local teams.

2. Beach Volleyball.

In beach volleyball our two teams of Tamsin Barnett and Natalie Cook in the women, and Andrew Schacht and Josh Slack in the men achieved some excellent results on the world beach volleyball tour and both qualified for the Beijing Olympics with a ranking in the world's top 10. Both sides achieved podium finishes during the year and in particular in July of 2007 Schacht and Slack won the bronze medal in the World Beach Volleyball Championship. Both sides were very competitive at the Olympic Games, Schacht and Slack finishing equal 9th and Barnett and Cook equal 5th. Through 2007-08 year both teams had to overcome serious injuries and they did so with great courage and commitment.



Swatch FIVB World Tour – Adelaide Open, Glenelg, Adelaide, March 2008.

In March of this year the AVF was the promoter of a FIVB World tour event. This was the first time Australia had ever hosted a combined Men's and Women's world beach volleyball tour event. The event was only able to be held because of the very strong financial backing of the South Australian government. The work of all the AVF staff including Barry Couzner, Baz Wedmaier, the staff of the Confederation of Australian Sport and many dozens and dozens of volunteers ensured the event was extremely well run and was positively commented on by many of the over 230 international athletes who came to Adelaide to play. Many said that the venue at Glenelg was one of the best anywhere on the World Tour, particularly having the playing courts so close to all the facilities at Glenelg. At the time of writing this report it is unlikely that we will be able to have the event as planned next year due to a lack of a major commercial sponsor.

The AVF makes it very clear that we cannot afford to run this event if it means that the AVF has to cover a loss. Nevertheless, whatever happens in the future it was great for Australian volleyball to see the world's top 200 plus beach volleyball athletes playing in Australia for a week.

Integrated National Structure.

Because of the range of activities in volleyball, preparation for the Olympics, preparation for the World Tour event in Adelaide, we have not been able to progress the Integrated National Structure as much as the Board would have liked. It is still the Board's strong view that discussion with the States regarding the Integrated National Structure take place soon.

Staff.

I wish to complement Joan Perry for the sterling work she has performed for the AVF in her first year as our CEO. Joan is an indefatigable worker and has already made a major positive impact in many areas of Australian volleyball. During the year our Competitions and Events Manager Michelle Slack-Smith finished her work with us and I want to thank Michelle for her very hard work in one of the most difficult areas of volleyball activity. I also acknowledge the work that Renae Maycock contributed to events management during the year. During the year Christian Stapff joined us as our new Sport Development Manager, Susan Diver-Tuck has joined us as the new Competitions and Events Manager and a new position of IT/Communications Co-ordinator has been filled by Teresa Henderson.

These new staff working with our Operations Manager, Cheryl Bollard, are to be commended for their work.

In the High Performance area, Adam Sachs, as High Performance Manager and our beach program staff, Craig Marshall, Carlos Galletti, Simon Naismith, Marty Suan, Mick Nelson and Tim Rawlins have all made significant contribution ensuring that Australian beach volleyball is a major force in World beach volleyball.

In the men's and women's indoor volleyball Russell Borgeaud, Andrew Strugnell, Steve Benson, Phong Nguyen, Jenny Becker and Amanda Fielding have all worked hard to develop our national teams. They and their support staff are to be commended. All have had considerable success, which has meant that on the international level Australian volleyball is making good progress.

FIVB.

At the FIVB World Congress held in Dubai in June 2008 Dr Ruben A'Costa announced his resignation as FIVB President. Dr A'Costa had been president of FIVB since 1984. This was a most significant event as in the 61 years since the FIVB was formed it had only ever had two Presidents. Mr Wei Jizhong was elected President for the remainder of Dr A'Costa's term which will expire in 2012. Though I have been a critic of a number of governance issues about the way the FIVB was managed, I acknowledge that the FIVB during Dr A'Costa's presidency has had substantial growth. Volleyball is now one of the biggest sports in the world and Dr A'Costa leaves the sport with the opportunity to get even bigger. New President Wei has indicated that there will be a number areas in which the management of world volleyball will be further improved.

Since the Congress in 2006 I have served on the Legal Commission of FIVB and Riad Tayeh has served on the Finance Commissions of both the FIVB and the AVC. This has given both of us the opportunity to further raise Australia's profile in world volleyball.

I wish to commend the work of my fellow AVF Board members, Vice President Kevin Dobson, Finance Director Riad Tayeh, Rosemary Bisset, Edi Vukosa and Shane Hennessy, for their hard work and dedication to growing volleyball in Australia and in dealing with all the issues confronting Australian volleyball.

Our sport exists for the participants. The efforts of administrators is to provide opportunity for people to play our sport. The sport would not exist without the athletes. It should be acknowledged that in Australia we have been fortunate that over many years we have produced many international quality volleyball players who have represented themselves and Australia with distinction. To all of those athletes I give my profound thanks.

Board of Directors

Hon Chris Schacht President



Sen. The Hon. Chris Schacht has been a member of the AVF Board since April 1996 and President of Volleyball Australia since December 1997. An individual with a driving passion for the advancement of volleyball not only in this country but worldwide, Chris is constantly striving to improve the sport. He is a member of the FIVB Legal Commission, an Executive Board Member of the AVC and Vice President of the Oceania Volleyball Zone of the AVC. He has represented Australia at the 1998, 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2008 World Congress.

Kevin Dobson, Vice President



Elected to the AVF Board in 2003, Kevin is an environmental scientist and is currently Associate Director with Maunsell Australia Pty Ltd. Involved in Volleyball since 1970, Kevin has been a player, Level 2 NCAS coach and National AAA accredited Referee. His current passion is the organisation of tournaments and events. He is best known for his work with the Australian Junior Championships and the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup

Riad Tayeh Finance Director



A member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia Riad has been the AVF Finance Director since 1999. He is a member of both the FIVB Finance Commission and AVC Finance Commission

Rosemary Bissett Director



Rosemary is Group Manager, Sustainable Business Practices with the National Australia Bank. She has served on the AVF Board since 2006. Rosemary is Vice President of the Melbourne University Renegades Volleyball Club and has involvement in with the Australian Volleyball League through University Blues – a partnership with Monash University Volleyball Club.

Shane Hennessy Director



A former President of Volleyball South Australia with a passion for good governance Shane was elected to the AVF Board in 2007. He is a life member of Volleyball SA and has been awarded an Australian Sports Medal and AVF Distinguished Service Award



Edi Vukosa Director

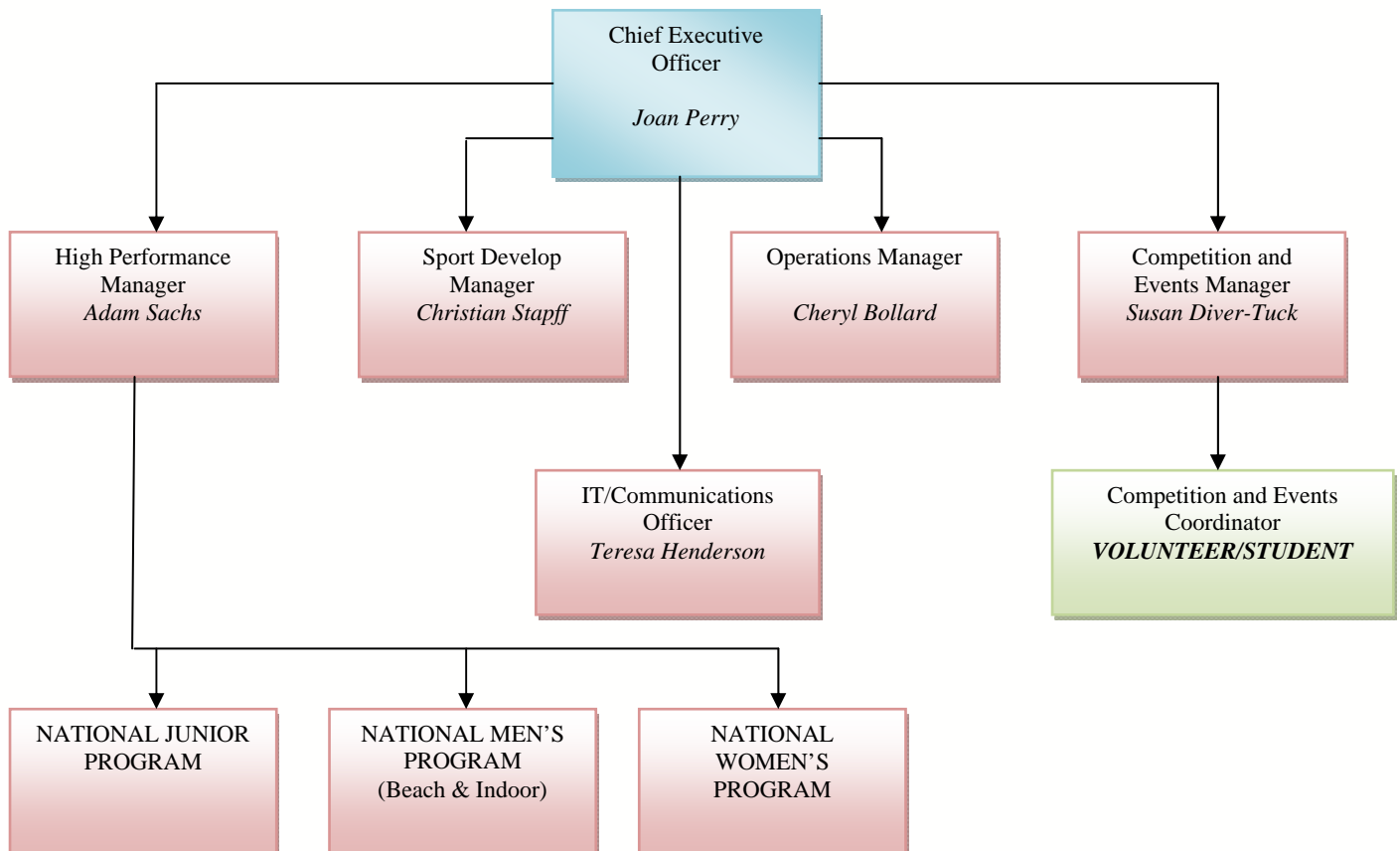


A former National Player for indoor and beach Volleyball, Edi was part of the inaugural AIS Men’s team. Before being appointed to the AVF Board in 2007, Edi served 5 years as State President for State Volleyball NSW. He is a business manager for a leading Telco

Joan Perry Chief Executive Officer



Joan was appointed CEO in 2007 after 12 years as CEO of ACTSPORT, the lobby group for sport in the ACT. She has formal qualifications including a Bachelor of Business and a Masters in Sport Management. She has served on several government and sport boards and has strong skills in strategic management, sponsorship, marketing and communication



The organisation of the Federation is structured into four key business areas High Performance, Sport Development, Competitions/Events and Operations/Business Services.

CEO's Report

By Joan Perry, CEO

If I were asked to sum up my first 12 months with the Australian Volleyball Federation I would say it has been a year of change, challenge and achievement. As with any organisation change automatically brings new challenges and for the AVF in 2007/08 that has certainly been the case.

As the newly appointed CEO in August, I hit the ground running with a primary focus on events. Much of my early days were spent finalising the negotiations to ensure that we were able to deliver a national beach tour; an integral component in the development pathway for beach volleyball players. Thanks to the partnership with the AVP and the support from Crocs and other corporate sponsors this was made possible. Whilst we had our hiccups along the way I am pleased that our Australian athletes were provided with the opportunity to play a high quality event on home soil.

Through the significant support provided by the South Australian Government and in particular the South Australian Tourism Commission, after a 10 year absence the SWATCH FIVB World Tour returned to Australia in the form of the Adelaide Open. Some might say it was our biggest challenge but also the most rewarding experience for all involved. The fact that it was an Olympic year meant that Australia was treated to some of the best beach volleyball teams in the world. In fact Adelaide was pleased to boast 87% of the top 30 women's teams in the world and 94% of the top 30 men's teams in the world participated.

Operational changes occurred within the AVF, particularly with our people. After 5 years with the Federation Tim Shannahan resigned and moved back to New Zealand to take up a position with Canterbury Hockey. Christian Stapff was appointed as his replacement in January and has slowly settled into his role.

The AVF also made the decision to consolidate our operations in Canberra which resulted in the resignation of Michelle Slack-Smith just after the end of the year. I commend both of these individuals on the contribution they have made to the AVF in their respective areas during their time with the organisation.

The AVF maintains a strong commitment to both the Sport Development and Competition and Events portfolios for the future and sees these areas as the building blocks for volleyball in this country.

We tend to measure sport by our participation numbers, achievements and our bottom line. To that end the Federation had a mixed year. The Federation exists to work in partnership with our states to provide a development pathway for athletes who want to play volleyball. That means the participation base is as important to us as the top end and what we achieve internationally. Our numbers appear to be down slightly on last year and it is important that we address this in order to ensure that we continue to grow. I did manage to get around to some of the states to hear their perspective and gain a greater understanding of the issues confronting them. Whilst everything is not perfect I am confident that we have passionate people working in the states who will support the direction that the AVF is taking the sport.

Internationally our results in both beach and indoor far surpassed our expectations. The significant support we receive from the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Institute of Sport is a major contributing factor to our success. The ultimate outcome on the beach or on the court is due to the strength of our High Performance Program, funded by the Australian Sports Commission and Australian Institute of Sport, led very capably by High Performance Manager Adam Sachs and delivered by a team of committed professionals at every level.

Whilst I would prefer to be delivering an annual report that produced a positive financial outcome, this is not the case. The Federation took some calculated risks in hosting the SWATCH FIVB World Tour which was a fantastic event for the athletes and the public, but placed a financial strain on the organisation. Through some very necessary and detailed planning and a commitment by the AVF Board and staff, I am confident that the Federation can turn this around in the coming years.



I take the opportunity to congratulate Operations Manager Cheryl Bollard on the way she has embraced the several changes I have instigated to the financial management and reporting systems. It has been difficult

We are at the end of a four year funding cycle with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and the 2009-2013 period through to the completion of the London Olympics will be crucial for volleyball. The pathways plan that we presented to the ASC and AIS in February this year not only highlighted the achievements of the past four years, but more importantly outlined our strategies for the future and the initiatives within the High Performance Program that we plan to undertake to ensure that Australian teams continue to improve their performances in international competition. A key building block for us to succeed with this plan includes the identification and development of sufficient numbers of quality athletes. This can only be achieved by working in cooperation with our member states to deliver quality, sustainable programs that support the elite development pathway.

The AVF must constantly strive for continued improvement at all levels of the sport. To me, the future is about creating a dynamic and sustainable organisation that will enable us to reach our strategic and operational goals. I appreciate the opportunity that the Board has provided me and the faith they have placed in me to do exactly that. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of our key stakeholders and look forward to taking the next steps with your continued support.



The Australian Volleyball Federation would like to thank its Supporters and Sponsors for their continued assistance in the development of Volleyball:

PRINCIPLE PARTNER



SUPPORTERS AND SPONSORS



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(FROM 1 FEB 2008)

AVF Merit Awards 2008

Gavin Lewis



Gavin Lewis commenced his passion for volleyball when due to a broken hand had to take time off from hockey in 1989. He became involved with the University of WA in the WA State League and soon volleyball became his passion. Gavin commenced his State coaching involvement in 1997 and through his commitment and dedication for the sport was appointed to a Head Coaching position in 1998.

Gavin has coached WA teams at the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships for the past 12 years, never missing a year. He has also coached the WA womens State Senior team for a number of years. In 2004 he was awarded the Australian Volleyball Federation's Coach of the Year after coaching winning WA teams to a Gold medal at the AJVC tournament, the AVL tournament and the WA State League.

Cameron Edwards



Cameron Edwards commenced coaching WA State teams in 1998. He came from a social volleyball background and soon realized that volleyball would hold equal footing with his great sporting passion of car racing. Once Cameron made his mind up to coach volleyball his commitment and dedication has seen him rise to being one of the most successful junior coaches in the country.

Cameron has coached WA junior teams since 1998 in the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships, and has also coached WA senior teams in the Australian Volleyball League. In addition to these State coaching commitments, Cameron also coaches a number of teams in the WA State League competition. In recent years Cameron has played an integral part as an assistant coach in the Australian junior and youth teams.





Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

Message from the Australian Sports Commission



Australia, for its small population and remoteness of location, continues to confound the world with its achievements on the international sporting stage. This position has been reached by the development of a comprehensive and effective national sport system that encourages sport and physical activity for all Australians and creates opportunities to enable those who are talented and motivated to reach their potential. This system has evolved with the strong support of the Australian Government, State/Territory and local governments, the private sector and sporting organisations at all levels.

At the national level primary responsibility for developing and directing sport lies with national sporting organisations. On behalf of the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission plays central leadership, co-ordination, funding and advocacy roles in the operation of the Australian sport system, largely through the national sporting organisations. Indeed the Australian Government, through the Commission, is the major investor in Australian sport.

In 2007-08 the Australian Government, through the Commission, provided the Australian Volleyball Federation with funding of more than \$2.5 million for the development of the sport and its continued enhancement at the grass-root and elite levels, including provision of Australian Institute of Sport Beach and Men's Indoor Volleyball programs. In addition, the Commission allocated \$72,000 directly to the Australian Volleyball Federation's high performance athletes under the Australian Government Sport Training Grants scheme.

The Australian Sports Commission recognises that the Australian Volleyball Federation has undergone a number of key staff changes in the last year, nonetheless the Federation continued to work to build its membership base and develop the sport in Australia. There were a number of particularly noteworthy successes for Australian volleyball in 2007-08; firstly the success achieved by the Men's Indoor team winning the Asian Championship in September 2007 (for the first time) and thereby qualifying for the World Indoor Championships (also for the first time); and secondly, Andrew Schacht and Joshua Slack winning a bronze medal in the Gstaad (Switzerland) event which also doubled as the 2007 World Championships, which was the first ever World Championship medal won by an Australian Men's Beach Volleyball team. These achievements all represent significant milestones for volleyball in Australia.

The Commission looks forward to working with the Australian Volleyball Federation in future for the betterment of Australian sport.

Mark A Peters
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Sports Commission

Competition and Events

By Susan Diver-Tuck,
Competitions and Events Manager



NATIONAL COMPETITIONS & EVENTS PORTFOLIO

The national volleyball competitions portfolio featured the following sanctioned Volleyball Australia events:

- Women's Australian Volleyball League
- Men's National Volleyball Challenge
- Crocs Australia Tour
- Australian Junior Volleyball Championships
- Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships
- Australian Volleyball Schools Cup

The following competition is endorsed by Volleyball Australia:

- SS&A Under 15's Australian Championships

NATIONAL COMPETITION AND EVENTS PORTFOLIO

The 2007/2008 year was once again an extremely busy period with no fewer than 15 events and competitions being held over the 12 month period. It would be fair to say that the past year has not been all plain sailing, with some disappointing outcomes for both Volleyball Australia and the Volleyball community. Specifically the collapse of the Men's Australian Volleyball League, only to be replaced, at short notice, with the National Volleyball Challenge, held over one weekend in Melbourne.

Some of the highlights of the year were the World Tour Event in Adelaide in March and the record breaking Australian Volleyball Schools Cup with 406 participating teams descending on Melbourne for a fantastic week of Volleyball, camaraderie, sportsmanship and pure fun.

Thank you to the enduring efforts of the event commissions. Their continued guidance and feedback has been a constant source of direction and support. Theirs is a critical, but continuing role in making sure they address the needs of all stakeholders and provide long-term direction for AVF events.

We must look to the future for Volleyball and see its potential in the highly competitive sporting arena that is the Australian sporting landscape. Volleyball has so much to offer to all who become involved in it, from the social player to the elite, and the administrators to the referees and coaches, it is the true essences of team sport but we are struggling against each other, rather than working towards a common goal.

A special mention goes to Michelle Slack-Smith for her hard work and dedication in the role of Competition & Events Manager over the past two years. Michelle has endeavoured to produce a National Events Portfolio that meets the needs of the Volleyball community, as well as pushing the sport of Volleyball to new heights in professionalism in regards to event organisation and long-term event continuity.

It's been a demanding but rewarding 12 months for the National Competition & Events Portfolio and a report on the individual competitions and events follows.





WOMEN'S AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE 2007

www.avf.org.au/AVL

The EVENT

2007 saw the introduction of a new format for the Women's Australian Volleyball League. In order to bring the competition into the player pathway, the AVL was used as a means for developing players for the Volleyball Team Australia Women (VTAW) Program.

The competition consisted of four grand prix-style rounds plus finals, with the competition period held from June – August, as a lead in to the selection of VTAW and their international tours in September 2007.

Forty-two matches were played throughout the duration of the competition in Brisbane, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney

The RESULTS

The competition was fierce with five teams fighting it out for the honour of AVL Champions; with Melbourne Monash University Blues defeating UTSSU in the final.

Final placings were:

1. Melbourne Monash University Blues
2. UTSSU
3. Centacare Adelaide Rangers
4. JMS Volleyball Queensland
5. Volleyball WA

The 2008 SERIES

The 2008 series spanned both this reporting period and into 2008/09. A full report on the 2008 AVL Women's series will be provided in the 2008/09 Annual Report.

SS&A U15 AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 14-17 APRIL 2008 Albury-Wodonga, NSW

Albury-Wodonga Volleyball Association and State Volleyball NSW hosted the eleventh annual U15's Australian Volleyball Championships at the Albury Sports Centre.

A record thirty teams from NSW, ACT, SA, VIC and QLD competed in the three day event. Teams comprised a mix of junior state teams, regional academies teams and school teams demonstrating the various programs available to young volleyballers across these states and territories.

Appreciation is extended to the Tournament Director Darren White and the sponsors and supporters of the 2008 Championships including SS&A Club Albury, Lake Hume Resort, AWVA and State Volleyball NSW.

For full results please see the Results Section.



Rachelle Brammer (WA) blocked by Alicia Davidge and Anna Maycock (SA) - Round 1

Competition and Events



The VOLUNTEERS

Bronwyn Evans, Volunteer Coordinator, did another fantastic job organising the volunteers at this year's event.

Thank you to all the volunteers for their time and efforts in producing one of the best-ever Schools Cup tournaments. The Volunteers were:

John Byrnes	Ka Man Chan
Tania Di Marchi	Ben Dyson
Renae de Englese	Alex Gentile
Cindy Edwards	Richard Hall
Angharad Evans	Ray Harris
Scott Hosking	Tom Hughes
Sean Jensen	Chris Kelly
Andrew Kidd	Andrew Laing
David Kingston	Ben Laing
Melanie Luksa	Marta Makuch
Mikolaj Makuch	John Moody
Murray Mansfield	Brian Neal
Nigel McGaffin	Nicole Pace
Matthew Moulton	Stephen Page
Alex Rodgers	Barbara Ross
Andrew Scottford	Dylan Shearer
Michael Shillabeer	Joel Tyrrell
Alex Vallentine	Michael Watson
Steven Rodgers	

The EVENT

The 2007 Australian Volleyball Schools Cup was held from 9th-14th December at Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre (MSAC) and the State Volleyball Centre at Dandenong. A record breaking 406 teams competed in this year's week-long tournament which certainly lived up to expectations.

Teams from all states and territories competed, with the participation of New Zealand teams increasing from 2006.

There were a number of 'side show' activities to add to the atmosphere of the week, with students participating in AVSC Idol, the Jumping Competition and the Banner Competition & Parade. Coaches and managers were not left out with Coaches Workshops and Beiersdorf Sports Medicine & Strapping sessions.

Students were also given the spectacle of watching some high-level Volleyball competition with the Men's National Volleyball Challenge being held at MSAC as a lead-in to the event. The Sitting Volleyball Australian Championships were also held on Sunday, which was well supported by the schools between their training sessions.

The Online Nomination system was further streamlined in order to make the process of registering for the tournament easier for schools. The system also forms the basis the tournament administration system for results and awards. Special thanks to Peter McConnon for his continued operation and maintenance of this invaluable system.

The STATISTICS

Schools per State

ACT	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	NZ
4	15	26	22	1	36	5	7

Teams per State

ACT	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	NZ
9	32	62	107	6	144	29	16



24TH AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL SCHOOLS CUP

9-14 December 2007

Melbourne, VIC

www.avf.org.au/AVSC

The PARTNERS

Volleyball Australia recognises its event sponsors and supporters the Australian Sports Commission, Tourism Victoria, Gerflor Sports Flooring, Molten, Australian Volleyball Warehouse, Beiersdorf, Elastoplast Sport, Spike Volleyball Magazine, and TAFE SA Regency Campus

The STAFF

Without the commitment of our volunteers and tournament staff this event would not have the reputation it does within the volleyball and school communities. A special mention to the Tournament Staff for a job well done:

Tournament Director: Michelle Slack-Smith
Competition Manager: Peter McConnon
Chief Referee: Danielle Francis
Administration Manager: Renae Maycock
Operations Manager: Teresa Henderson
Volunteers Coordinator: Bronwyn Evans

The OFFICIALS

Once again there was a great demand on State Volleyball Associations in providing referee courses and accreditations from the school community.

The AVSC continues to be an important first step for developing students and officials within the referees pathway identified by the Australian Volleyball Referees Commission (AVRC). However, there is a shortfall of qualified 'Regional' referees to officiate the Honours Divisions, which the Commission has committed to rectifying for the 2008 Australian Schools Cup.

Chairman, Phil Muller, was an integral link at the tournament liaising with schools regarding fines, with the intent to sort out any issues during the event, rather than the AVSC office receiving significant amounts of enquiries after the event. This new role was well received from the school community and will remain a feature in future School Cups.

Volleyball Australia acknowledges all those involved in getting the teams to Melbourne; participants, officials, school coordinators, parents and State Volleyball Associations.

For full results please see the Results Section.

The AWARDS

Service Awards

Twenty Year Awards

Upwey High School (VIC)
Ted Street (Nowra High School)
Peter Bundy (Upwey High School)
Sue Rodgers (Brighton Secondary School)
Patricia Gintowt (Blue Mountains Grammar School)

Fifteen Year Awards

St Bernards College (VIC)
Bronwyn Evans (ACT)
Darrel Wilson (Wonthaggi Secondary College)
Bill McHoul (Upwey High School)
Allan DeSalvo (Wonthaggi Secondary College)
Michael Dolan (St Bernards College)

Ten Year Awards

Gladstone State High School (OLD)
Brian Neal (VIC)
Ray Harris (SA)
Chris Nunn (Narooma High School)
Peter Gallagher (Marist College, Brisbane)
Tanya Fisher (Heathfield High School)
Richard Faragher (Mazenod College)
Damian De Alwis (Mazenod College)
Andrew Rodger (Stuart, Whyalla, Taperoo, Brighton, Cleveland)
Grant Clover (Hallett Cove, Brighton, Taperoo)
Rick McWaters (Girton Grammar School)
Sue Dansie (Heathfield High School)
Jeff Healey (Whyalla, Edward John Eyre, Brighton)
Dick Emery (Brighton Secondary School)
Iain Tessier (Harristown State High School)
Samantha Ray (Upwey High School)
Craig Forknall (Harristown State High School)



Competition and Events



The EVENT

This year's Australian Beach Volleyball Tour was renamed the Crocs Tour Australia with a new five-year deal between the AVF and the AVP, and Crocs being brought in as principle sponsor.

The 2007/08 Tour took in five locations around Australia, including Surfers Paradise (twice), Port Macquarie, Perth and Adelaide, who hosted the Australian Championships. Unfortunately due to the severe weather on the East Coast a Manly event was not possible.

Ongoing negotiations between AVF and AVP, with late input from FIVB held up the release of the draw, but all that aside the competition was well received by the players, especially the increase in prize money.

The strength of the final round was phenomenal as the Australian Championships took place just prior to the start of the World Tour Event in Adelaide

The PARTNERS

The support of our sponsors is vitally important in helping the AVF to produce a professional event round after round. Appreciation goes to Crocs, AVP, Bolle, Michelob Ultra, Gatorade, Wilson and the Australian Sports Commission for the valued support. The crew at Sportstage were also vital in assisting the tour to be successful. Once again, Channel 10 supported the event and televised each round in a delayed telecast. This is a very important feature of the tour for both players and sponsors.



CROCS BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOUR

www.beachvolleyballtour.com.au

The PERSONNEL

There were a number of staff and volunteers that worked tirelessly at each round to make sure that the event went off without a hitch. A special mention to Trent Clarke, Michelle Slack-Smith, Renae Maycock, for their efforts from round to round. Also the volunteers and ballboys and girls for their assistance and time, we appreciate it and hope to see you out there next year.

The REFEREES

The Referees put in some long days at each of the rounds, for that matter, long weekends, with each round consisting of a qualifying round on the Friday, followed by the main draw on Saturday and Sunday.

The Crocs Tour was able to utilise the two recipients of the Officiating Scholarship for each of the rounds, Kevin Lentin and Cameron Olson. They were able to use these events to gain experience towards upgrading their refereeing status to become internationally qualified.

The RESULTS

Round 1 – Surfers Paradise, QLD

Men's: 1st - Soderberg (DEN)/Hoyer (DEN)

2nd - Richardson (WA)/Kapa (WA)

Women's: 1st - Lochowicz (QLD)/Orchard (SA)

2nd - Rohkamper (NSW)/Frostick (NSW)

Round 2 – Port Macquarie, NSW

Men's: 1st - Soderberg (DEN)/Hoyer (DEN)

2nd - Boehm (SA)/McHugh (SA)

Women's: 1st - Koester (USA)/Davis (USA)

2nd - Lochowicz (QLD)/Orchard (SA)

Round 3 – Surfers Paradise, QLD

Men's: 1st - Soderberg (DEN)/Hoyer (DEN)

2nd - Boehm (SA)/Suan (WA)

Women's: 1st - Cook (QLD)/Barnett (VIC)

2nd - McLeod (QLD)/Brigham (QLD)

Round 4 – Scarborough, WA

Men's: 1st - Klemperer (GER)/Koreng (GER)

2nd - Slack (SA)/Schacht (SA)

Women's: 1st - Pohl (GER)/Rau (GER)

2nd - Lessard (CAN)/Maxwell (CAN)

Round 5 – Australian Championships, Adelaide, SA

Men's: 1st - Gibb (USA)/Rosenthal (USA)

2nd - Doppler (AUT)/Gartmayer (AUT)

Women's: 1st - Boss (USA)/Ross (USA)

2nd - Wacholder (USA)/Turner (USA)



Competition and Events



MEN'S NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE 2007

7-9 December 2007

Melbourne, VIC

www.avf.org.au/NVC

The EVENT

It was disappointing that the Men's Australian Volleyball League collapsed in 2007. As a result, the National Volleyball Challenge was quickly organised in order to have a high-level competition that clubs could participate in.

A forum was held at the completion of the competition. It covered issues and challenges that face Men's Volleyball in Australia, with particular attention to those faced by clubs, high performance and elite programs.

The pool play competition was held at the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre as a showcase event at the 2007 Australian Volleyball Schools Cup. This gave students the opportunity to witness top-level competition from some of the strongest club in the country.

The RESULTS

Eight teams from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia, Australian Capital Territory and Tasmania competed in the National Volleyball Challenge: AIS, Volleyball WA, Southern Cross Fairhills, Van Diemens, Canberra Heat, University Blues, Volleyball Queensland and UTS/SU.

The AIS took out the Gold Medal against Southern Cross Fairhills in four sets [24-26, 27-25, 25-11, 25-17].

MEN'S NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE 2007

Final Placings

The final results of the Men's National Volleyball Challenge were;

- 1st – AIS
- 2nd – Southern Cross Fairhills
- 3rd – Volleyball Queensland
- 4th – UTS-Sydney Uni
- 5th – University Blues
- 6th – Volleyball WA
- 7th – Canberra Heat
- 8th – Van Diemen's





AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

8-14 July 2007

Sydney, NSW

www.avf.org.au/AJVC

The EVENT

Sixty teams converged on Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush for the week long "national juniors". The championships were hosted by State Volleyball NSW, led by Kim Foo and Gosia Wasilewicz and their group of hard-working volunteers.

Featuring 247 matches across the 6 days of the event, this year's event continued the value of reliable competition management infrastructure and dedicated event staffing. Appreciation is extended to the following key championship staff:

Technical Delegate (Competition): Michelle Slack-Smith
Technical Delegate (Referees): Carla Hoorweg
Competition Manager: Kim Foo & Gosia Wasilewicz
Event Staff: Ross Oates, Darren White, Gary Millerd, Bob Cooper, Elyse Waller

Channel Ten's Totally Wild televised a feature story on the event. They conducted interviews with key personnel and Queensland and WA U/19 team captains. The show was aired in September 2007.

The PARTNERS

Appreciation is extended to the following supporters of the 2007 event: State Volleyball NSW, Australian Sports Commission, NSW Department of Sport & Recreation, Molten, Sydney Olympic Park and the Australian Volleyball Warehouse.

The RESULTS

The 2007 Presidents Cup was a close affair with Queensland and Victoria both finishing on 10 points, with Queensland taking the honours on count-back.

For full age results please see Results Section.

*AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR BEACH
VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
21-23 January 2008
Coolangatta, QLD
www.avf.org.au/AJBVC*

A record 132 teams competed, including teams from New Zealand and Vanuatu. The standard of Volleyball in all divisions was high with plenty of talent on the sand.

Thanks to the hardy crew of officials and volunteers from Volleyball Australia, Volleyball Queensland and the Queensland community that bent their backs to ensure a successful tournament was held in trying conditions.

Appreciation to the sponsors, for their support of the 2008 Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships.

The Andy Burdin Shield was won for the second consecutive year by South Australia, with runners-up being New South Wales.

For full age results please see the Results Section.



SWATCH FIVB World Tour Adelaide Open - March 2008



Due to the significant support received from the South Australian Government, the SWATCH FIVB Beach Volley World Tour Adelaide Australia Open was successfully staged at Glenelg beach from 25 to 30 March, 2008. It was hailed by some athletes as "the best ever first-time event" and with a near-full house on Sunday, it was well supported by the general public who, for the first time in history, were required to purchase tickets for Beach Volleyball.

The Adelaide Australia Open received entries from approximately 85% of the world's top-ranked men's and women's teams covering 37 countries and every Continent.

- Men – 24 teams in the Main Draw and 49 teams in the Qualification Tournament (total of 73 teams = 146 male athletes)
- Women – 24 teams in the Main Draw and 42 teams in the Qualification Tournament (total of 66 teams= 132 female athletes)

The event was a significant and worthwhile addition to the portfolio of South Australian events, achieving a strong media presence, high public awareness, and significant support and ultimately for the public providing an enjoyable family experience for 18,000 to 20,000 spectators.

Features of the event:

- 3,000 seat main court stadium with a large VIP deck
- 7 outside courts just north of the Glenelg jetty
- Stadium on Moseley Square, Glenelg Beach
- The utilisation of adjacent historical buildings and facilities
- Dedicated professional staff and volunteers providing excellent organisation and technical management
- Well presented to the public by professional announcers
- Well run and presented Awarding Ceremony
- Quality national and international television broadcast
- Intense and successful marketing and promotions campaign that raised significant event awareness
- A group of dedicated and highly valued volunteers
- Tickets being sold for Beach Volleyball for the first time
- Life Member function
- VIP dinner at the Top of the World Restaurant



Major Sponsors





Most Outstanding Volleyball Event

SWATCH FIVB Beach Volley World Tour Adelaide Open

It should be no surprise to people that the World Tour Event in Adelaide has been recognised as the Event of the Year. The spectators who flocked to Glenelg Beach were treated to some of the best beach volleyball in the world.

Being an Olympic Year, the caliber of the event was phenomenal and never before have Australians been treated to such a spectacle of beach volleyball.

The South Australian community got right behind the event from the South Australian Tourism Commission, the city of Holdfast Bay, the Jetty Road Traders and the city itself.

In addition to the major sponsors we also thank the many support sponsors: Adelaide Metro, Bank SA, Climate Friendly, Defence Force Recruitment, Europcar, Gatorade, Hamilton Laboratories, Herbalife, Mutual Community, Panasonic@Work, Stamford Grand, and the Department of Defence.

Best Media Coverage

Adelaide Advertiser

Congratulations to the Adelaide Advertiser for the unprecedented coverage they gave to the SWATCH FIVB Beach Volley World Tour Adelaide Open.

The community not only had the chance to see the beach volleyball atmosphere but also to learn about the sport as the Advertiser featured more than 25 articles about the event and the athletes participating.

Coverage spanned from early March to promote the event and increased significantly during the period 25-30 March and included plenty of photos. Some of the Australian girls even featured in a fashion shoot which was a great experience for them.

The Sunday Mail component of the Advertiser produced a special cover issue and supplied more than 3000 copies for the final day of the event.



High Performance Program

By Adam Sachs,
High Performance Manager



In 2007/08 the sights of the Australian Volleyball Federation's (AVF) High Performance Program (HPP) were firmly set on the qualification of Australia's Men's Indoor and Men's and Women's Beach Volleyball Teams for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Men's Volleyball National Program

After narrowly missing out on winning a number of close games at the 2006 World Championships, the Men's National Team continued its preparation for the Olympic qualification process by travelling and competing overseas. In July 2007, Australia's Men's Volleyball Team went to India where it won the first edition of the Commonwealth Championships conducted for many years. It was an impressive display against the best of the Commonwealth countries and signalled that the team was in good shape heading into the business end of the international season.

In September 2007, the Men's National Team travelled to Indonesia for the 2007 Asian Championships after a gruelling tour to Europe. The victim of some questionable changes to the rules of the Asian Championships, Australia's Men's Team was required to play ten games in ten days, and in stifling heat and humidity, but still managed to win the tournament. This was Australia's first ever Asian Championships win and it qualified our Men's Team for the 2007 FIVB World Cup, also for the first time ever.

In November 2007, Australia's Men's Team travelled to Japan for the World Cup without key senior player, Dan Howard, where it beat all of the other teams from the Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) and finished the tournament in eighth place. This result helped to catapult Australia from 22nd to 11th in the FIVB World Rankings.

In May 2008, Japan hosted the Asian and (final) World Olympic Qualification Tournament where Australia went in as one of the favourites to qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games, either by winning the tournament or by finishing as the highest-ranked team from within the AVC. Unfortunately, despite beating Argentina for the first time ever in official competition, Australia's Men's Volleyball Team was beaten comprehensively by eventual winners – Italy – and several of its Asian rivals and failed to qualify for the Beijing Olympics.



Beach Volleyball National Program

After a strong start to the 2007 Swatch FIVB World Tour, Australia's top Beach Volleyball Teams went on to record some very strong results and comprehensively secure their spots at the 2008 Olympic Games. Along the way, Australia's number one Women's team – Natalie Cook and Tamsin Barnett – recorded multiple top 5 finishes in their first World tour season playing together. Number one Men's team – Andrew Schacht and Joshua Slack – won the silver medal at the Montreal Open in Canada and then went on to claim Australia's first-ever Men's World Championships medal (i.e. Beach or indoor) by finishing third in Switzerland.

Both teams returned to Australia after the World Championships to recover from injury and prepare for the 2008 domestic season including the Crocs Tour and the Swatch FIVB 'Adelaide Open' World Tour event in March. In May 2008, Schacht/Slack and Cook/Barnett resumed the World Tour in China, and in the weeks that followed, Schacht/Slack delivered another medal finishing third in Poland.

A further highlight of 2007/08 was the silver medal won by Women's Beach Volleyball team, Alice Rohkamper and Becchara Palmer, at the Swatch FIVB U/21 World Championships. This fantastic result followed on from the team's gold medal at U/19 World Championships the previous year and signalled the continuation of a new era for Women's Beach Volleyball in Australia beyond the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008.

Women's Volleyball National Program

In 2007, the AVF delivered a revised Women's Australian Volleyball League (AVL) competition in line with a number of the recommendations to come from the independent review of Women's Volleyball in Australia undertaken by Bob Crudgington in 2006. The competition was supported by five state-based teams and provided invaluable competition exposure for those athletes identified by the AVF as members of its new camps-based Women's National Squad.

At the conclusion of the Women's AVL season, the Australian Women's Volleyball Team for the 2007 Asian Championships was selected and announced. With limited preparation, the Women's National Team finished 8th at this important event – The highest placing by an Australian Women's Team at the Asian Championships in more than ten years.

Special Thanks

2007/08 was arguably the most successful year ever for the AVF's High Performance Program but was not without its challenges (personal and professional) for our dedicated staff. Our National Program coaches work tirelessly to ensure that our athletes and teams are as well-prepared as possible for the rigors of international competition at the highest level. My thanks go to them for leaving no stone unturned in their pursuit of excellence. They can be very proud of their achievements this year.

Special thanks must also go to the ASC and AIS for without the \$2m funding that they provide (collectively) annually, the AVF would not be able to operate its HPP and deliver the results we know are possible for Australian Teams to achieve on the world stage. It should be noted also, that in 2007/08 the ASC and AIS contributed almost \$300,000 of additional funding (excluding NTID Program funding) to enhance the preparations of our Men's and Beach Volleyball National Teams for the 2008 Olympic Games.

And finally, I would like to recognise the continued contributions of the South Australian Sports Institute, Queensland Academy of Sport and Australian Olympic Committee who all provide funding and other support which ensures that the AVF continues to punch above its weight in World Volleyball now and into the future.



High Performance Program

Team Australia Beach Volleyball



2007 – 08 Highlights

2007 FIVB World Championships

3rd Bronze Medal
Andrew SCHACHT/Joshua SLACK,
Gstaad, Switzerland

2007 FIVB World Tour

2nd Silver Medal Montreal Canada
Andrew SCHACHT/Joshua SLACK
5th Montreal Canada
Natalie COOK/ Tamsin BARNETT

2008 FIVB World Tour

April
5th Shanghai China – Natalie
COOK/ Tamsin BARNETT
May
4th Osaka Japan – Natalie COOK/
Tamsin BARNETT
June
3rd Bronze Medal - Andrew
SCHACHT/Joshua SLACK
Stare Jablonki Poland

2007 FIVB Junior World Championships

2nd Silver Medal - Becchara
PALMER & Alice ROHKAMPER

During the past twelve months, the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS)/ AVF National Beach Volleyball Program strategically targeted a demanding Swatch FIVB World Tour campaign during the Olympic qualification season (January 2007 – July 2008). The focus during this campaign was two-fold: to qualify one Men's and one Women's teams' for the Beijing Olympic Games; and to achieve a medal result at our benchmark event for the year - the 2007 World Championships.

For the first time ever in July 2007, an Australian Men's team won a World Championships medal in either discipline of the sport (Beach or Indoor). Andrew Schacht and Josh Slack won a Bronze Medal (3rd place) in FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships held in Switzerland. This result is undoubtedly the major highlight of the year.

Heading towards the end of the Olympic Qualification season Australia's Olympic teams' Cook/Barnett and Schacht/Slack were ranked in the Top 10 in Olympic rankings (30th June 2008). Furthermore, Schacht / Slack's 2nd place Silver Medal in Montreal Canada, is the second time ever an Australian Men's team has played in a final on the FIVB World Tour.

The Adelaide Australia Open provided our athletes with a great opportunity to compete in front of family and friends on Aussie sand against the world's best teams. There is little doubt the exposure to some of the world's best teams in our AIS/AVF National Centre of Excellence training environment prior to the event was a fantastic and unique experience for our National Program.

Prior to the Adelaide Australia Open athletes and coaches from USA, Germany, Russia, Norway, Denmark, Japan, France, Switzerland, Austria, Netherlands, Canada and Great Britain all trained at our National Centre of Excellence.

This provided a fantastic opportunity for our Australian teams to train with and against quality International teams, while our coaching staff exchanged ideas and liaised with other National team coaches from these nations during the Olympic season.



2007/2008 ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

Another key objective of the AVF/AIS Beach Volleyball Program 2007/08 has been to continue to increase the exposure of Australian Development athletes and teams to high-quality international competition while still focusing on providing the required level of coaching and servicing to our 2008 Olympic Games teams. This was achieved by having teams participating in two key International events on the Swatch FIVB World Tour and competing at the FIVB Junior/Youth World Championships.

A distinct highlight of this program objective was the silver medal won by Becchara Palmer / Alice Rohkamper in the 2007 SWATCH-FIVB Junior World Championships for players under the age of 21 in Modena, Italy. This is only the second medal at Junior/Youth World Championships won by Australians. The first was in 2006 by Palmer/Rohkamper when they were crowned Youth World Champions.

The program also welcomed new AVF scholarship coach Martin Suan to its ranks. Made possible by the ASC National Coaching Scholarship Program and supported by AVF, the scholarship provides Marty (a past program athlete) with exposure and experience in all areas of elite coaching including technical and tactical trends of the International game.

The AVF would like to thank the following staff, consultants and advisors engaged by the AIS/AVF Beach Volleyball program during the 2007/08 period.

Tim Rawlins	SASI Performance Analyst
Alexis Lebedew	AIS Performance Analyst
Michael Riggs	Strength & Conditioning – SASI
Jason Swan	Physiotherapist – Wakefield Sports Clinic
Matti Clements	Sports Psychology – AIS
Dr. James Ilic	Doctor - Morphettville Medical Centre / Wakefield Clinic
Pitre Bourdon	Snr Sports Science - SASI
Brendan Tammo	Athlete and Career Education – SASI
Olivia Warnes	Dietician/Sports Nutrition – AIS

We would like to sincerely acknowledge the long serving commitment of former Head Coach Steve Tutton. Steve resigned from his position with the AIS/AVF Beach Volleyball program in August 2007. Steve provided a fantastic legacy for the sport and the program. His position as Head Coach at three Olympic Games and his tireless work for the sport is greatly appreciated. Steve continues to be a great supporter of the program.



Tamsin Barnett (VIC)

Samuel Boehm (SA)

Natalie Cook (QLD)

Justin Feuerriegel (Old) finished October 2007

Trent Irwin (QLD)

Heike Jensen (SA)

Summer Lochowicz (Old) finished October 2007

Christopher McHugh (SA)

Alice Rohkamper (NSW)

Eileen Romanowski (QLD) finished March 2008

Becchara Palmer (SA)

Andrew Schacht (SA)

Joshua Slack (SA)

PROGRAM STAFF

Craig Marshall Senior Men's Coach

Carlos Galletti Senior Women's Coach

Simon Naismith Program Manager (from January 2008)

Michael Nelson Scholarship Coach

Martin Suan Scholarship Coach (from February 2008 - Skills Coach earlier)

Kylie Marshall Administration

High Performance Program

2008 Most Outstanding Player Awards

Andrew Schacht



Andrew Schacht teamed with Joshua Slack to have the pair's best SWATCH-FIVB World Tour season in 2007. Since the Athens 2004 Olympic Games, Schacht with his partner Slack have ranked as the top Australian men's team on the SWATCH-FIVB World Tour. Paired since 2002, Schacht's partnership was highlighted by a pair of medals and three "final four" finishes in 2007. And after placing fourth in Croatia, Schacht claimed a silver medal at the 2007 Canadian stop in Montreal before finishing third at the SWATCH-FIVB World Championships in the Swiss Alps.

At the start of this, his 12th year on the FIVB tour, Schacht was ranked 20th all-time in FIVB earnings, entering the 2008 season with 62 events with three podium placements and five "final four" finishes. Schacht qualified for his second Olympic Games as he and his partner improved as a team showing that there is a way for Australian mens beach volleyball to compete and succeed at the very highest level. The 2008 season was highlighted by yet another podium finish, where Schacht and Slack won the Bronze medal in Stare Jablonki, Poland.

Tamsin Barnett



In 2004 Tamsin took her first real steps on the sand. After tearing her meniscus whilst playing the finals of the Spanish League, the hard floorboards of indoor volleyball became too much to handle. Training on the Melbourne beaches she quickly rose through the state and then National ranks. By the end of 2005 she had successfully competed as a main draw team in the Swatch FIVB World Tour, won 3 Australian National Tour events with Summer Lochowicz and won the Australian Championships with Natalie Cook.

At the end on 2005 Tamsin accepted a beach volleyball scholarship to train with the Australian Institute of Sport based in Adelaide. 3 years on, successfully partnering with Natalie Cook and under the guidance of coach Carlos 'Alemão' Galletti, Tamsin has a total of six top 5 finishes, two top 4 finishes, and one gold medal from Seoul, Korea. Tamsin was also named the 2007 Most Improved Player FIVB World Tour.

This is Tamsin's second Most Outstanding Player Award, but her first for Beach Volleyball, having won the Indoor trophy in 2002.

BEACH



INDOOR

Paul Carroll



Paul started playing volleyball in grade 7 at Forster High School in NSW, thanks to the influence of his older twin brothers Marc and Luke. He represented his school for 6 years at the Australian Schools Cup and his state NSW at National Juniors for 5 years.

Paul made his Australian debut as a junior as part of the team for the 2004 Asian Junior Championships. He has been a member of Volleyball Team Australian Men since 2005, making his senior debut in 2006. Carroll was part of the first Australian team to win the Asian Championships and the Commonwealth Volleyball Championships in 2007. Competing at 2007 World Cup in Japan, Paul was one of the top scorers at the tournament, finishing second among all players with 183 kills.

Paul continues to balance his Australian Team commitments with his University ones, where he has attended Pepperdine University since 2005, winning numerous awards and accolades.

Justine Mowen



Justine has been a member of the Australian Women's' team since making her debut in 2005 at the World Championship Qualification Tournament in China. In 2007 she played in her second Asian Senior Championships where the team finished 8th, and qualified for the Inaugural Asian Cup in 2008. Justine was also selected into the team for the Abu Dhabi International Women's tournament in May 2008.

Having played over 40 games for the senior Australian team, Justine continues to be a stand out in her position as a middle blocker. In both the 2007 and 2008 season of the Women's Australian Volleyball League, Justine has finished top of the stats for kill blocks, and also had the most service aces in the 2007 season. Captaining the Queensland team in the Women's AVL for the past 2 years, Justine also holds a scholarship with the Queensland Academy of Sport and trains and plays for both beach and indoor volleyball.

High Performance Program Volleyball Team Australia Women



2007 – 08 Highlights

Senior Women's team play
Oregon in Brisbane and Sydney

Competed in Abul Dhabi
Invitational tournament

Qualified for Asian Volleyball
Cup

Increasing number of athletes
playing in professional European
Leagues

During the past twelve months, the Australian Women's Volleyball Program has been actively engaged in both the domestic national league (AVL) and international competition.

Women's AVL is the cornerstone of the Women's National Program, and is designed to provide senior women with an annual training program with the focus on delivering the highest level of volleyball competition in Australia. The league is played during the April to August period, leading into the international competition phase (September and October).

The Senior Women's team has participated in two training camps and four competition opportunities in 2008. The year kicked off with a series of friendly matches against Oregon University in Sydney and Brisbane; a good opportunity for Australian athletes to play against a similar style of volleyball.

The senior Women's team competed in the Abu Dhabi Invitational Tournament in May, and played the national teams of Netherlands, Egypt, Algeria, Italy and France. A team competed in the Vietnam Volleyball Cup in September where they played the faster Asian style of volleyball. And the final competition for the year is the Asian Volleyball Cup (top 8 nations from last years Asian Seniors) in October. This tournament will see Australia playing against three 2008 Olympic teams (China, Japan and Kazakhstan).

There is little doubt the exposure to some of the best teams in the world has already strengthened the National Women's program. As we move towards the third year of the Women's AVL, and prepare the 2009 international calendar, the Senior Women's program continues to develop opportunities for female athletes both here in Australia and overseas.



With an increasing number of athletes playing professional volleyball in Europe, and the graduating class of the national junior women's program looking to join the teams in the Women's AVL, the Women's Program is looking to maintain the momentum generated in 2008.

NATIONAL JUNIOR WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM

2008 sees the conclusion of the three year '90 Junior Women's Program. With 33 athletes having represented Australia at the youth and junior level, a selection camp was required to select the athletes who would compete at the Asian Junior Women's Volleyball Championships in Taipei in September. This group has competed in two Trans Tasman Series, the Arafura Games, a friendly match against Tianjin High School and six training camps.

The '92 Youth Girl's Program kicked off with the December training camp in Bendigo in which 68 athletes attended. State based training sessions were conducted in the first half of 2008 and a selection camp in July identified 24 athletes to compete at the Asian Youth Girls Volleyball Tournament in the Philippines in October, and the Trans Tasman series of matches in New Zealand in October.

The '94 Youth Girls Program will kick off in December with the training camp following the AVSC with the aim of exposing the younger athletes to international competition in 2009.

NATIONAL BEACH TALENT IDENTIFICATION

The 15 athletes identified through the National Junior Women's Program and provided with the opportunity to experience beach volleyball at the national and international level.

These athletes participated in training sessions with the AIS Women's Beach Volleyball coaches and athletes over the summer period. A selection camp was held in April to select the pairs to compete at the 2008 World Youth and World Junior Beach Volleyball Championships. This selection camp was attended by the largest group of athletes ever assembled for such a camp. The quality of beach athletes reinforced the belief that the development of beach volleyball athletes is entering a new, positive phase in the sports development in Australia.

The NTID group competed in the national beach tour events and for some of the athletes this was the first time they have competed on the sand. The group also experienced the World Tour Event in Adelaide, with some competing in the country quota and qualifying rounds and all the athletes getting a hands on experience of the tour.

The NTID program will move forward in 2009 with a greater emphasis on the athletes preparing for the 2012 Olympic Games, as well as the long term development of athletes identified for the 2016 Olympics. The program will continue to develop its training and competition program, ensuring the identified athletes maintain constant contact with the AIS coaching staff, as well as establishing a broader beach volleyball coaches network within Australia.



High Performance Program

Volleyball Team Australia Men



2007 – 08 Highlights

14th Asian Men's Volleyball Championships
Gold Medal

FIVB World Cup
Top 8 Finish

2nd Commonwealth Volleyball Championships
Gold Medal

STAFF:

Russell Borgeaud	Head Coach
Andrew Strugnell	Assistant Coach Team Manager
Stephen Benson	Development Coach
Kim Neilson	Sport Coordinator (until April 08)
Phong Nguyen	High Performance Administrator / Sport Coordinator (from April 08)

The 2007/08 year for Volleyball Team Australia Men (VTAM) was one of the most successful years for the program with winning the 14th Asian Men's Volleyball Championship, 2nd Commonwealth Volleyball Championship for Men and a top eight finish at the FIVB World Cup in Japan. However, these successes did not compensate for the teams' disappointment in not qualifying for its third successive Olympics in Beijing.

With the first phase of the Olympic qualification process in September, VTAM embarked on a preparation tour that covered India, Greece, Tunisia and France. The first leg of the tour saw VTAM triumph over India in a marathon five set final to take out the 2nd Commonwealth Volleyball Championship. VTAM then headed over to Greece for a three-match friendly series against their World League hardened opponents and even with the addition of stalwart, Dan Howard, VTAM lost the closely contested series 3 – 0 to their Greek counterparts. In Tunisia, VTAM won a three match friendly series against Tunisia 2 – 1.

In addition to the friendly matches VTAM competed in the Sousse Men's Tournament with VTAM defeating the current European champions (Spain) for the first time since the 2000 Sydney Olympics (that qualified Australia for the quarter finals). In what was a difficult task, VTAM then took on world number eight team, France, at home in Paris, just 24 hours after arriving from Tunisia. Unfortunately, all the travel caught up with VTAM and France won the two match series in straight sets.

At the 14th Asian Men's Volleyball Championship in Indonesia, VTAM faced a daunting task of having to play 10 games in 10 days. A determined VTAM progressed through to the top 8 final round by defeating India, Kuwait and Kazakhstan in the first round, then defeated Japan, Korea and Iran in tough five set encounters before continuing its undefeated run with victories over Chinese Taipei, Indonesia and Thailand. In their last match of the championship fatigued finally caught up as the team lost to China in yet another tough five set encounter that left Japan in the box seat to take out the championship. In what could only be described as a fairytale finish Thailand defeated Japan (for the first time ever in official competition) 3 - 0, to award Australia the Championship and at the same time book themselves a berth at next years Asian Olympics qualification tournament and a ticket to the FIVB's World Cup (the first official Olympic qualification tournament).



The AIS Men's team with the inclusion of some youth athletes embarked on a European tour to gain some much needed international experience. The first leg of the tour was to Sweden where the team defeated the Swedish Junior Men's team in the three match series with the only record lost to Div 1 side, Team Valla, who boasted four AIS graduated athletes. The team then travelled to Italy to play three matches against Italian club and representative teams before heading over to Slovakia for a three match series against the Slovakian Junior Men's team and club side Presov. Of the seven matches played, the young AIS boy's lost only the one match to the Slovakian national league side.

In the final leg of the tour, the AIS travelled to France for a three match series against the France Junior Men's team. Though France (ranked 3rd in the world at the time) won the series three-nil they were at times challenged by the young Aussie boys. The AIS boys then capped off the tour with a victory over club side Montpellier before heading back to Australia.

Once again, this European tour has proven to be an invaluable tool in the development of the current group of athletes for the National Junior Program, and ultimately, the next generation of Volleyball Team Australia Men athletes. A number of these athletes have subsequently competed with the National Men's team.

The majority of the Senior Team returned to the AIS for an extensive training and selection camp before heading off on a preparation tour to Argentina, Greece, Slovakia and China, before going to Japan for the World Olympic Qualification Tournament.

With three key players yet to join the team, VTAM lost the five match series against Argentina after winning the first match 3 – 1. The team was joined by Dan Howard and captain, Ben Hardy for the next leg of the tour and VTAM took out the series against quality Hellenic and Slovakian sides 2 – 1 and 2 – 0 respectively.

In the final phase of the teams' preparation they travelled to China for a three match series. China, also a participant at the upcoming World Olympic Qualification Tournament in Japan won the first two matches of the series before VTAM won the final match in a tough five set encounter.

At the World Olympic Qualification Tournament (WOQT) in Japan VTAM lead the competition standings after a solid victory over Thailand and then an historic and clinical 3 - 0 victory over Argentina. Following a rest day, VTAM then played the top of the table clash against an experienced Italian team that dominated on the block and attack. With the heavy defeat to Italy, VTAM then lost a touch five set encounter to Korea and then lost to Japan in straight sets. In its final two matches VTAM defeated Algeria and lost to Iran to finish a disappointing 5th behind Italy (qualified), Japan (qualified) Korea and Argentina, and miss out on qualifying for its third successive Olympics.

Upon the teams' return to Australia and a review of VTAM's WOQT campaign, head coach, Russell Borgeaud and the program immediately commenced training to qualify for the London Olympics in four years time.

2007/2008 ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

Brett Alderman	(OLD)
Shane Alexander	(OLD)
Craig Beasley (Lowe)	(NSW)
	commenced January 2008
Benjamin Bell	(OLD)
	finished February 2008
Thomas Bawden	(VIC)
	commenced September 2007
Jasper Boyschau	(OLD)
Luke Campbell	(VIC)
Paul Carroll	(NSW)
Jarryd Christensen	(OLD)
Zane Christensen	(OLD)
	commenced February 2008
Brendan Clewes	(SA)
	commenced January 2008
Phil De Salvo	(VIC)
John Dekker	(OLD)
Andrew Earl	(SA)
Tom Edgar	(OLD)
David Ferguson	(WA)
Bradie Foster	(OLD)
Nick Goldsbrough-Reardon	(VIC)
Andrew Grant	(OLD)
Ben Hardy	(ACT)
Hamish Hingston	(TAS)
Dan Howard	(WA)
	retired June 2008
Fred Marsh	(ACT)
	finished October 2007
Nigel Panagopka	(NSW)
Travis Passier	(OLD)
Harrison Peacock	(SA)
	commenced January 2008
Nathan Roberts	(SA)
Greg Sukochev	(SA)
Josh Thorpe	(TAS)
William Thwaite	(OLD)
Aden Tutton	(SA)
Adam White	(OLD)
Matthew Young	(OLD)
Igor Yudin	(VIC)
Aidan Zingel	(NSW)

2007/2008 PROFESSIONAL PLAYER CONTRACTS:

Brett Alderman	Budvanska Rivijera, Montenegro
Shane Alexander	HYPO VBK Klagenfurt, Austria
Luke Campbell	Budvanska Rivijera, Montenegro
Paul Carroll	Pepperdine University, USA
Jarryd Christensen	Middelfart Volleyball Klub, Denmark
John Dekker	Team Valla, Sweden
Phil DeSalvo	Volleyball.CZ, Czech Republic
Andrew Earl	Volleyball.CZ, Czech Republic
David Ferguson	Arago de Sete Volley Ball, France
Andrew Grant	BKSCH Delecta Bydgoszcz, Poland
Ben Hardy	Knack Roeselare, Belgium
Dan Howard	Acqua Paradiso Gabeca Montichiari, Italy
Nigel Panagopka	Castelo de Maia, Portugal
Nathan Roberts	Castelo de Maia, Portugal
Greg Sukochev	Team Valla, Sweden
Josh Thorpe	Team Valla, Sweden
William Thwaite	Team Valla, Sweden
Aden Tutton	Castelo de Maia, Portugal
Matt Young	Paralimni, Cyprus
Igor Yudin	KS Jastrzebski, Poland

Non-program athletes:

Tristan Boyd	HYPO VBK Klagenfurt, Austria
Andrew Hunter	Volleyball.CZ, Czech Republic
David Jones	Volleyball-Club Leipzig e. V., Germany
Steven Keir	Generali Haching, Germany
Fred Marsh	Tierp, Sweden
Micah Venturini	Orkelljunga, Sweden
Steven Wallace	Lugi Volleyboll, Sweden

SUPPORTERS/SPONSORS:

The major support of the Program is the **Australian Sports Commission**, including the **Australian Institute of Sport**, providing staff salaries, athlete allowances, office and training facilities and international competition funding.

Asics is the preferred uniform and shoe supplier for the National Team for official and international competition.

Gerflor Taraflex provided the Taraflex Floor for use during the World League and for ongoing use at the AIS training facility.

Mikasa is the official ball supplier for training, domestic and international competitions. (commenced early 2008)

Molten was the official ball supplier for training and domestic competitions. (finished early 2008)

Errea is the preferred supplier of clothing for the National Team for non-official competition. (finished 2007)

Gatorade is the preferred sport drink supplied for training and competition.

Again, 2007/08 was an extremely busy year and VTAM would like to thank the AVF and its staff, both employed and honorary, for their ongoing support. Thanks also to our state-based partners within SIS/SAS network and State team programs, for your tireless work with the broad community of elite volleyballers that we draw upon for our athletes.

Specifically we would like to thank the Australian Institute of Sport and the Australian Sports Commission and their staff, for their support and significant contribution to our sport and the development of our athletes.

Finally the program's athletes are to be commended for their dedication and commitment to our program, we appreciate your continued support.

Performance Analysis

Daniel Ilott – Queensland Academy of Sport
Daniel Tyrrell – Canberra Heat

Medical

Dr. John Kellet – Australian Institute of Sport
Dr. Stuart Watson – Sydney Academy of Sport
Dr. Charles Howse – Canberra Sports Medicine

Physiotherapy

Fiona Gutschlag – Australian Institute of Sport
Andrew Hughes – Sports Focus, Liverpool
Jarrod Scott - Sports Focus, Liverpool
Amy Tyson – Sports Focus, Liverpool
Damian Oldmeadow – Lawther, Barich, Oldmeadow

Psychology

Jason Patchell - Australian Institute of Sport (Performance)
Lyndel Mayoh – Australian Institute of Sport (Clinical)

Nutrition

Benita Lalor - Australian Institute of Sport (2007)
Greg Shaw – Australian Institute of Sport (2008)

Strength & Conditioning

David Clarke – Australian Institute of Sport

Sport Sciences

Jeremy Sheppard – Physiology (Strength & Power), Australian Institute of Sport
Alexi Sachlikidis – Biomechanics, Australian Institute of Sport
Adam Gorman – Skill Acquisition, Australian Institute of Sport

Australian Men's Volleyball Team – Asian Champions 2007



The Australian's Men's Volleyball Team's unbeaten run at the 14th Asian Senior Volleyball Championships was nothing short of spectacular. A record of 9-1 over the 10 days of competition resulted in the team being crowned the Number 1 team in Asia for the first time ever, since the tournament started in 1975.

Fending off the Asian zone's finest teams, Australia powered their way through a challenging draw, the preliminary rounds and remained in the Top 8 group to the very end. The defeat of top-ranked Japan by Thailand threw all sorts of chaos into the final placings, elevating Australia to first, despite their final match loss to China in five sets.

Adding to the team's success was the individual honour awarded to Dan Howard as Most Valuable Player at the tournament.

The team's performance is a great achievement to be savoured for a very long time. This historic win elevated Australia to a key starting position in the FIVB World Cup hosted by Japan in November 2007.



High Performance Program

Junior Men's Development Program



2007 – 08 Highlights

July Training Camp (91NYS)
 Canberra, ACT
 14/7 – 19/07/2007
 44 athletes participated

"Murray Mansfield" Jr. Trans Tasman Series (89NYB)
 Various cities, New Zealand
 30/9 – 6/10/2007
 12 athletes participated

December Training Camp (91NYS)
 Bendigo, Victoria
 14/12 – 20/12/2007
 73 athletes participated

2008 Thailand Tour (89NJM) - Cancelled
 Bangkok, Thailand
 2/5 – 12/05/2008
 12 athletes participated

2008 Thailand Tour (91NYB)
 Bangkok, Thailand
 2/5 – 12/05/2008
 12 athletes participated

* **89 NYB/NJM** – athletes born on or after January 1, 1989

* **91 NYS/NYB**– athletes born on or after January 1, 1991

The National Junior Men's Program consisted of two age groups in the period 2007 – 2008. (Age groups are designated by the year in which the oldest players are born.) For the 2006 – 2007 period, the following teams trained and/or competed: 89 National Youth Boy's (NYB)/Junior Men's (NJM) and 91 National Youth Squad (NYS)/ National Youth Boy's (NYB) Teams. The groups are based around a rotating schedule, the centrepieces of which are the Asian Championships for Junior and Youth and the World Youth and Junior Championships should the teams qualify. These tournaments are held every two years.

SUMMARY OF SQUAD ACTIVITIES:

89 National Youth Boy's / Junior Men's Team

2007-08 proved to be a slow competitive year for the 89 National Youth Boy's / Junior Men's Team as there is traditionally 16 months between the age groups official competitions: Asian youth and junior championships.

As the majority of the squad are AIS scholarship holders most of the development and competition opportunities were gained on AIS backed domestic competition and annual tour to Europe; however, there were still two activities scheduled for the group during this period.

The first activity was the defence of the "Murray Mansfield" Junior Trans Tasman Trophy, for a fifth successive year, over in New Zealand comprising primarily of AIS based athletes.

The five match series was contested in the 'Bay of Plenty' region and surrounding towns two hours southeast of Auckland, October 1 – 5, 2007. In another close series, the '89 Youth Boy's retained the 'Murray Mansfield' Junior Trans Tasman Trophy with a 4 – 1 series victory over their Trans Tasman counterparts.

Results:

1/10/07 AUS – NZL	3 – 2 (17-25, 25-16, 25-18, 22-25, 15-8)
2/10/07 AUS – NZL	3 – 1 (25-15, 25-10, 20-25, 25-22)
3/10/07 AUS – NZL	3 – 0 (25-21, 25-15, 25-18)
4/10/07 AUS – NZL	2 – 3 (25-23, 23-25, 25-23, 24-26, 12-15)
5/10/07 AUS – NZL	3 – 0 (25-19, 25-19, 29-27)

In 2008, the team evolved to the '89 National Junior Men's Team with a 'B' team tour to Thailand to compete in Thailand's equivalent of the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships. Unfortunately, due to the lack of numbers, this tour was cancelled, making the selection process for the minor spots on the Asian Junior Championship (August 2008) team quite difficult for head coach, Darren Wilson, and the selection panel.



91 National Youth Boy's Team

For the 91 National Youth Boy's Squad, the year commenced with the appointment of AVF Development Coach, Stephen Benson, to the Head Coach's position for the age group and a training camp that immediately followed the conclusion of the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships in Sydney.

This first training camp was held at the AIS in Canberra, July 14 – 19, with 44 athletes and coaches from across Australia participating in the week-long camp.

The next scheduled activity for the age group was the Junior Program's annual December Training Camp in Bendigo, Victoria following the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup event where 73 athletes and 14 coaches took part in the Junior Program's biggest camp to-date. Per usual, AIS/VTAM coaching staff was on hand to assist the running of the camp and demonstrate the current skill models being used by the AIS/Volleyball Team Australia program and its athletes. From the camp, a number of athletes were offered AIS Volleyball Scholarships.

The first opportunity for the select 12 athletes from the age group to represent their country was on a tour to Thailand where the team would participate in the Thailand Junior Volleyball Championships in Bangkok, Thailand.

Following a three day intensive training camp the young Aussie boy's played their first match against Rattanakosin in a tough five set encounter first off. The team then rebounded in their next game to defeat Makkasan 3 – 0. Unfortunately for the Youth boy's their next and final pool match was against the favourites to take out the tournament, Thai Army. In a gallant performance, the Aussie boy's lost to Thai Army in straight sets and subsequently missed out on a quarter final berth.

Official tournament results:

5/05/08	AUS – Rattanakosin 2 – 3 (22-25, 26-24, 18-25, 28-26, 16-18)
6/05/08	AUS – Makkasan 3 – 0 (25-20, 26-24, 25-21)
7/05/08	AUS – Thai Army 0 – 3 (18-25, 20-25, 20-25)

With the remainder of their time in Thailand, the Aussie boy's played a series of exhibition matches against local Thai teams which they won with their growing confidence.

Exhibition match results:

8/05/08	AUS – Phranakhun University 3 – 2 (21-25, 17-25, 25-23, 25-16, 15-11)
9/05/08	AUS – Thailand Youth 3 – 0 (25-14, 25-23, 25-19)
11/05/08	AUS – Makkasan 3 – 1 (25-22, 19-25, 25-14, 25-19)

The next scheduled activity for the 91 National Youth Boy's Team will be the defence of the "Murray Mansfield" Junior Trans Tasman Series and the 7th Asian Youth Boy's Volleyball Championship in Colombo, Sri Lanka in October 2008.

STAFF

The following coaches and/or managers attended camps and tours in 2007-2008:

Stephen Benson (VIC)
91 Coach/AVF Development Coach

Russell Borgeaud (QLD)
AIS/VTAM Head Coach

Steven Burton (QLD)
89 Coach

Zane Christensen (QLD) Coach

Cameron Edwards (WA)
91 Coach

Dan Illott (VIC)
OAS Head Coach

Matt Jones (QLD) Coach

Nic Kaiser (ACT) Coach

Ross Manton-Johnson (TAS)
Coach

Craig Marshall (SA)
AIS/TABV Men's Coach

Andrew McCaskill (QLD)
91 Coach

Phong Nguyen (VIC) Manager

Alex Rogers (NSW) Coach

Stephen Rogers (NSW) 91 Coach

Greg Schneiders (VIC) 89 Coach

Jeremy Sheppard (CAN) AIS
Physiologist (Strength and Power)

Michael Stevens (VIC)
GMVA Coach

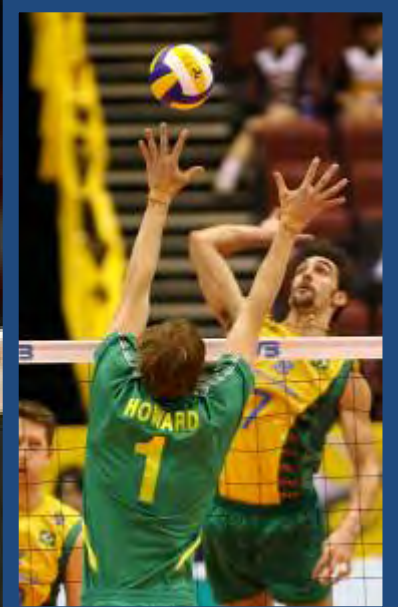
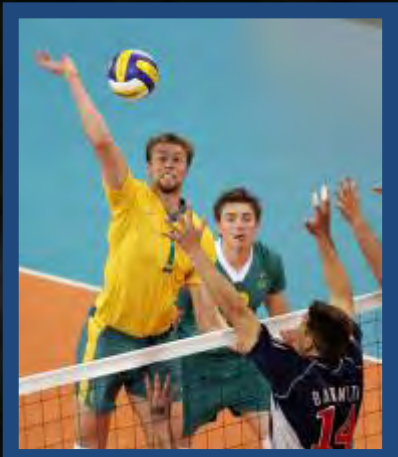
Andrew Strugnell (ACT)
AIS/VTAM Assistant Coach

Daniel Tyrrell (ACT) Coach

Nikolas West (SA) Coach

Darren Wilson (QLD)
89 Head Coach

Dan Howard – Australian Captain – A Brilliant Career



"It has been an amazing journey and I'm going to miss the camaraderie and playing for your country – it's always very special."

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

NATIONAL SELECTIONS

Olympic	W.Champ.	Other	Total
13	11	304	328

AUSTRALIA

2004 Athens Olympics
2000 Sydney Olympics
1999 World League
World Championships
2006, 2002, 1998
Asian Championships
2007, 2003, 2001, 1999, 1997

CLUB

2008-2009 A1 Paradiso Gabeca Montichiari
2007-2008 A1 Paradiso Gabeca Montichiari
2006-2007 A1 Marmi Lanza Verona
2005-2006 A1 Marmi Lanza Verona
2004-2005 A1 Marmi Lanza Verona
2003-2004 A2 Marmi Lanza Verona
2002-2003 A1 Canadiens Verona
2001-2002 A1 Asystel Milano
2001-2002 A1 Yahoo! Italia Volley Ferrara
2000-2001 A1 Yahoo! Italia Volley Ferrara
1999-2000 A2 Gallo Prefabbricati Gioia
1998-1999 A2 Gallo Gioia Del Colle
1997-1998 A Tumverein (GER)

AWARDS

2007 Asian Champs - MVP
2003 Asian Champs - Best Scorer
Ted Kalkhoven Award
1997, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004

Howard, who has played over 300 games for Australia, since making his debut in 1994. He first emerged as a 16-year-old playing for Esperance High School in Western Australia in 1993.

He was a part of the junior national team in 1994 and 1995 and joined the Volleyball Team Australia program at the Australian Institute of Sport the following year.

Such was his impact that he immediately became a member of the starting team. Howard won the Ted Kalkhoven Award as the Australian male volleyball player of the year in 1997 and 1998.

In the lead up to the Sydney Olympics, the ABC reported that Howard was recruited to Italian second division team Gioia de Colle in 1998-99, having played the previous season in Germany.

After two seasons with Gioia, he signed with Italian first division club Ferrara for the 2000-01 season. He was the number one blocker after the preliminary rounds of the World League in 1999 and the year before had been recognised as the best blocker at the Canada Cup.

He was regarded as one of the most exciting prospects in the international game and the Sydney Olympics loomed as a chance for Howard to establish himself among volleyball's elite and he certainly did that with his best attacker award.

Borgeaud payed tribute to Howard saying that taking the 208cm middle blocker out of the Australian line up will certainly leave a huge gap – in more ways than one.

“Dan has been an absolute ornament to the game and he has been at the forefront of our sport through two Olympic campaigns – a third would have been nice – but it wasn't to be,” said Borgeaud.

Dan considers the gold medal as part of the Australian team at last year's Asian Senior Volleyball Championships and his Sydney and Athens Olympic representation as his greatest achievements in the sport.



Sport Development Program

By Christian Stapff,
Sport Development Manager



NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS 2007-2008

NATIONAL COACHING SCHOLARSHIP

- Michael Nelson
Michael is in his second year of the Coaching Scholarship with the AIS unit in Adelaide. He has contributed in a major way to the program as a scholarship coach in the Olympic year.
- Martin Suan
Martin has commenced his scholarship this year and has already travelled extensively with various junior and youth teams at major international events, namely world youth and junior championships.

Sport Development Program

The major areas of focus for the Sport Development Program during 2007-08 were the National Participation Program – Discover Volleyball, the Coach Education & Development Program and the Referee Education & Development Program and Volleyball Connect, a project to promote and support Volleyball for people with disabilities.

There are a number of individuals and groups who assist the Sport Development Program in achieving all of its outcomes in the past year. Thank you to everyone for your assistance. Of particular note are the Member State staff, especially Sport Development staff, the Australian Volleyball Referees Commission Executive and State Representatives.

A special mention goes to Tim Shannahan for his hard work and dedication in the role of Sport Development Manager over the past five years. Tim's work was pivotal in the creation of a Sport Development program that was used as a benchmark by other sports. He provided a solid footing from which I began as the Sport Development Manager in January 2008 and brought a fresh perspective to the program through experiences as a player, coach and referee

Many of the achievements of the program were made possible by the hard work of our University of Canberra interns. Kate Baker-Waldsax's work in coach education has been ably continued by Jo Oyanagi, whilst Alexandra Schidor has continued the work begun by Richard Muir with Volleyball Connect. Our interns have made significant contributions and we will continue our partnership with the University of Canberra

Coach Education and Development Program

In response to a large number of requests the AVF developed and produced a series of educational resources to complement our Coaching Education programs.

The Introductory Coaching Manual and Resource guides were released in October and have been widely used throughout Australia. Work is continuing to produce similar resources for the Level 1 and Level 2 Coaching courses, including the production of a coach education film with teaching points and cues. This is a joint project between the AVF and the Canberra Institute of Technology.



Coach of the Year 2008

Russell Borgeaud



Russell Borgeaud has been Australian Men's National Team Head Coach since 2005. As a former National Team player, Russell played 136 times for the Australian Men's National Team, Captaining 36 of those games, before retiring and starting his career as a coach. Borgeaud was then appointed as Head Coach of the Queensland Academy of Sport where he recruited and developed a number of new athletes for the Junior National Teams.

In 2001, Borgeaud was approached to assist Jon Uriarte who had been appointed Head Coach of the Men's National Team. As Assistant Coach, he was involved with the 2002 FIVB World Championship and the Olympic Qualification Tournament in Tokyo that saw the Australian Team qualify for the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

Since Borgeaud's appointment as Head Coach in 2005, the Australian Men's National Team has qualified for the 2006 World Championship, for the third successive time, won the 2nd Commonwealth Championships held in Indian, won their first Asian Championship in 2007 and finished eighth at their first FIVB World Cup tournament.

Craig Marshall



Craig "Frog" Marshall was appointed AIS Beach National Men's Coach in November 2005. Craig comes with a lengthy association as a player of Indoor and Beach Volleyball in Queensland from 1989 to 2001, during which he then made the transition into coaching.

He has held positions as Assistant Coach at the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) and Head Coach of South Australian Sports Institute (SASI). Craig's International Coaching experience includes World tour since 1997, Coach of the Australian Men's Team 2001-2005 and Australian Men's Coach at Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004 Olympics.

As coach of Australia's number 1 men's pairing Andrew Schacht and Joshua Slack, Craig has influenced their style of play as the "run-and-shoot" Beach Volleyball attack which provides a huge contrast to other teams on the world tour. The 2007 FIVB season was his team's most successful one yet, where they won Bronze at the World Championships and silver at Montreal. Finishing 12th on the FIVB 2007 rankings, the Aussie pair started the 2008 season with a bronze medal at Stare Jablonki,



Referee Education and Development Program

The AVF received additional funding through the ASC's National Officiating Scholarship program in 2008 and Darren Grimsey joins Kevin Lentin and Cameron Olson to undertake the training and development required to achieve International level refereeing accreditation.

In conjunction with the AVRC, the Sport Development program produced the Rules of Volleyball and Rules of Beach Volleyball resources to assist with the education and development of our referees. These booklets have been very successful particularly at the grass roots level.

The increasing demand for referees at all levels of the sport remains a priority and a number of initiatives are being established by the AVRC to overcome the current shortage as well as improve the upgrading process. Thanks should be given to Dean Turner and the other members of the AVRC for their tireless work in ensuring Volleyball is continuing to produce well trained professional referees.

Volleyball Connect

It is with great pride that The Australian Volleyball Federation announces its participation in the Sports CONNECT program. This ASC initiative is aimed at increasing development, accessibility to, participation in, awareness and competition of sport for athletes with a disability. The Australian Volleyball Federation is committed to providing opportunities for people with a disability in the form of 3 key disciplines including sitting, standing and deaf volleyball. The AVF is excited about the prospect of further developing the support provided to athletes already participating in these streams of volleyball and those looking to join the sport.

The Volleyball CONNECT Steering Committee consists of the following members:

- Heather Brown – Disabled Volleyball South Australia (Chairperson)
- Christian Stapff – AVF Sport Development Manager
- Greg Ophel – Deaf Volleyball Representative
- Mark Whiteman – Sitting Volleyball Representative
- Nic Kaiser – Standing Volleyball Representative
- Alexandra Schidor – 2008 Project CONNECT Officer
- Brendan Lynch – Volleyball CONNECT Case Manager

The first initiative of the Committee, a display match of Sitting Volleyball took place in August 2008.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS 2007 -2008

NATIONAL OFFICIATING SCHOLARSHIP

- Cameron Olson
- Kevin Lentin
Kevin and Cameron refereed extensively on the domestic beach tour with both contributing at the World Tour(Adelaide) event in an officiating capacity.
Both completed their International Candidate course and assessment, and are awaiting formal ratification to FIVB international
- Darren Grimsey (2008)

Congratulations to Carla Hoorweg, a previous Scholarship holder for achieving her FIVB accreditation



Danielle Francis Referee of the Year



This year's Bob Foot Referee of the Year Award is awarded to an individual who has made an outstanding commitment to her craft. Dani has been either a referee or a referee delegate at Australian Juniors for the past six years, as well as being appointed Chief Referee at National U 16's and the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup for the past four years. Most astoundingly her refereeing efforts have seen her named Volleyball WA's referee of the year in five of the past six years.

Achievements

- ❖ Volleyball WA Referee of the Year - 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008
- ❖ Chief Referee - National Under 16's Championship
- ❖ Referee - National Junior Volleyball Championship 2003, 2004, 2005
- ❖ Referee Delegate - National Junior Volleyball Championship 2006, 2007, 2008
- ❖ Bob Foot Award in 2004 at National Junior Volleyball Championship in Perth
- ❖ WA representative on National Referee Committee
- ❖ Chief Referee - Perth Volleyball League
- ❖ Chief Referee - National Schools Cup 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
- ❖ Referee Course with in the schools and city and country areas
- ❖ Nominated in Womensport West Official of the Year 2005
- ❖ Chief Referee of Private Schools Sport Ass

Member State Reports



Volleyball ACT Board

Phil Borgeaud	President
Gary Antognelli	Vice President/ Finance
Bruce Fuda	Vice President/ Records
Victor Amsteins	Member
Priscilla Ruddle	Member

Staff

Alex Vallentine	General Manager
Nic Kaiser	Development Officer
Steve Currie	Leagues Administrator

Overview of the Year

In 2007-08 Volleyball ACT made steady progress in addressing its strategic priorities, particularly the development of a new constitution and increased focus on Junior Development.

Junior Development was identified as a strategic priority and following a planning forum early in the year a number of initiatives were undertaken, including the commencement of a weekly junior competition targeted at high school and upper primary age participants.

The structure and content of the State Junior team preparation program have continued to improve under the direction of a committed group of coaches and managers. In particular we are confident the alignment of technical preparation across age groups will assist in producing improved results in future national competition.

The State League competition ran effectively during the reporting period with some growth in the number of teams competing in the league. Further development of our clubs has been identified as a key priority for the next period and some initial work has been undertaken to establish an understanding of the current level of organisational development of each of our clubs.

2007– 08 Highlights

U15 ACT Gold Girls (above) finishing 4th overall at U15 Nationals in Albury

Strong performances at AJBVC, with one pair finishing 5th overall

Jacques Borgeaud selected in National Youth Boys Team

Joel Tyrrell selected in National Junior Mens team

100+ teams competed in the 2007 Good Neighbour Tournament





State Volleyball NSW Board

Patricia Gintowt President
Gosia Wasilewicz Vice President
Edward Binnie
Bob Cooper
Kimberley Foo
Kim Oates
Nam Pham
Mark Pichler
Joe Sleiman

Fulltime Staff

Bob Konakoff General Manager

Overview of the Year

Two State Cup events held at the beginning of the year were both at maximum capacity; in both instances a larger venue would have been very useful. A third State Cup was held later in the year, it enjoyed moderate success.

The flagship of our junior development the Under 15 event was once again hosted in Albury, a record number of entries and some wonderful results made the event all the more memorable. Our Under 15 girls Sky team going all the way to winning a gold medal was a fantastic effort. The Albury Association needs to be commended on once again providing the staff and the tireless efforts of so many of their committee to ensure the success of this tournament.

The 2007 Australian Junior Beach Masters event provided some outstanding results, a large deal of the credit must go to Dieter Rohkamper who continues his great work as Head Beach Coach with another successful year.

NSW had the opportunity of hosting the Australian National Juniors event; this was the first year that it was jointly done so with the input of the National body, a lot was learned from this. The event was successful with NSW junior teams doing very well, none better than the Under 21 girls who won Gold and the Under 17 boys who won Silver.

The Sydney Volleyball League was extremely well attended and administered very professionally thanks to our Tournament Director Gosia. The new format for the National women's AVL competition was too price restrictive for a State based entry and we acknowledge the financial commitment made by the joint entrant – UTS and Sydney University. Winning silver in the final speaks volumes of their ability and effort put in by all.

The expanded School calendar saw a doubling of the number of events held, this was well accepted and the number of entrants throughout the year proved that it was a wise decision by the Schools Committee. This will ensure that there is adequate competition provided for the younger players before they make the transition to senior volleyball.

On the international front, our own Alice Rohkamper with her partner Becchara Palmer (SA) once again had success by winning a silver medal in the Under 21 World Junior Beach Championships

2007– 08 Highlights

3 State Cup Events

Strong performances at Australian Junior Beach Masters

Hosted Australian National Junior Championships

U21 Girls win gold at Australian National Junior Championships

U17 Boys win silver at Australian National Junior Championships

UTS and Sydney Uni team win Silver in Women's AVL

Sponsors

SVNSW acknowledges the ongoing relationship with NSW Dept of Sport and Recreation, Molten and Joust Sportswear.



Member State Reports



Volleyball N.T. Board

Mark Waterhouse	President
Norah Thompson	Vice President/ Finance
Linda Lukitsch	Vice President/ Records

Overview of the year

In usual fashion the past 12mths have been low key after the successful running of the Arafura games in May 2007. With all board members having increasing levels of work load in their paid positions there has been very little capacity for any organisational development.

Human resources continue to be the primary limiting factor in development of volleyball in the Northern Territory. The demand is present and we have been able to facilitate coaching as part of the Active After-school Communities program on 3-4 occasions. Perhaps the most significant of these would be a full day session delivered to indigenous youth on the Tiwi Islands.

Finally we are exceptionally pleased to announce that Beach Volleyball will be included in the 2009 Arafura Games. Already there has been significant interest from the Oceania regions and after some up coming promotion at the Bali Beach games in October we expect this to increase. A purpose beach court will again be built on the lawns outside the international Marrara Indoor stadium which is a focal hub of the games.

State Events

NT Vodafone Beach Championships

Men

Brad Thompson & Roger Jones

Women

Kylie Cunningham & Honor Liversidge

2007 – 08 Achievements & highlights

- Beach Volleyball re-instated for the 09 Arafura Games
- Bert Lukitsch selected to officiate at the South Pacific Games in Samoa and the Swatch FIVB Beach Volley Tour. - Adelaide
- Coaching clinic held in Tiwi Islands.

Special Mention of Individuals

- Darwin Spikezone Coordinator Roger Jones.
- Bert Lukitsch Active After-school Communities coach.

Volleyball Northern Territory thanks the following organisations for their support

- NT Office of Sport and Recreation
- DTC Sports





Volleyball Queensland Board

Boris Georgieff President
Phil Muller Vice President
Michael Burridge Director – Finance
Brian Geck
Terry Rudder
Kent Scotney
Sharon Hinton (*up to March 2008 AMG*)
Ian Miller (*from March 2008 AGM*)

Staff as at 30 June 2008

Jon Gibbs General Manager
Robyn Stephensen Competitions & Logistics Manager
Sarah James Business Development Manager
Adrienne Marie Administration Officer
Jenny Burton Bookkeeper

Overview of the Year

Volleyball Queensland had a challenging year, highlighted by a complete turnover of staff and a disappointing financial result in 2007. Our ongoing funding grant from the Queensland Government was under serious threat and was ultimately renewed at a reduced level for the next three years.

On the court, our highest level of indoor volleyball competition, Premier Volleyball League, was won by Dragons Volleyball Club in 2007. Queensland's greatest strength is our juniors. We hosted four (4) very successful Schools Cup events and continued our very productive relationship with the Queensland Academy of Sport. We also won the President's Cup at the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships in 2007 for the second year in a row.

As we re-build our financial and staff resources over the next year, Volleyball Queensland will be working harder than ever to provide opportunities to engage our players, schools, clubs and regions.



2007– 08 Highlights

4 State Schools Cup Events

Strong performances at Australian Junior Beach Masters

President's Cup winners Australian National Junior Championships



Member State Reports



Volleyball SA. Board of management

President	Jitendra Ragunath
Vice President	Darrilyn Wood
Vice President (Finance)	Craig Watson
Member	Greg Lehmann
Chairperson MAB	Faye Bound
General Manager	Paul Finn (- Oct) Darrilyn Wood (Nov – Apr) Shane Farley (Apr) Blair Harrison (Apr-)

Staff

General Manager	Paul Finn (to Oct) Darrilyn Wood (Nov – Apr) Shane Farley (Apr) Blair Harrison (From Apr)
Business Dev. Man.	Trish Virag (to Jan)
Competition and Events Co-ord.	Bri Wyatt (to May)
Spikezone Co-ordinator	Renee Healey (to May)
Adelaide Bank City Beach Man.	Quentin Hughes
Technical & Dev. Officer	Simon Phillips
Operations Manager	Baz Wedmaier
Trainee	Tessa Jones (to Nov)
Volunteer	Bob Bates

With a large number of new staff and the Swatch FIVB World Tour being held in Adelaide, It has been an exciting time at Volleyball SA. With Junior League now reaching 90 Teams and new Spike zone venues, Junior Volleyball continues to grow in South Australia.

South Australia won the Andy Burdin Shield for champion state at the Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships held on the Gold Coast and improved on the previous year's performance at the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships held in Dandenong.

Social Volleyball is very well represented at Adelaide Bank City Beach and various social Venues and is seen as a potential area for growth in the future. The 2007 State League season saw U.S.C Lion win the women's premiership from Mt Lofty while South Adelaide defeated Mt Lofty in the Men's Division. Bo Soderburg and Anders Hoyer were convincing winning the majority of the Summer Series Events.

Whilst Volleyball SA has experienced some challenges in recent times, the Board and Staff are extremely committed to the task ahead and are excited about the future.

2007 – 08 Highlights

90 Junior League teams

SA wins Andy Burdin Shield at Australian Junior Beach Championships

Improved performance at Australian Junior Volleyball Championships

Teams participating in Men's and Women's AVL





Board

Tim Medwin	President
Brett Manion	Vice President
Tammy Cornish	Secretary
Stephen Ibbott	Treasurer
Rod Scott	
Peter Hutchinson	
Chris Rice	
Jess Vreulink	
David Webster	
Ian Caletti	

Staff

Overview of Volleyball in the State

Despite the absence of paid staff and very limited resources, Volleyball Tasmania has continued to defy the odds and produce outstanding results for the 2007 – 2008 period.

Our association turned over \$170,000.00 for the financial year, which was quite an extraordinary result when you consider a membership of just over 500. We have submitted applications for additional funding from outside sources, and if this is not forthcoming it will be very difficult to improve in the foreseeable future.

Our junior development program underpins all that we do, and this has allowed us to compete in most of the national events that are held. As an extension of the highly awarded program, we are now offering senior players a pathway in the 'Van Diemen's' program, which aims to cater for the needs and interests of those wishing to extend their volleyball careers at a higher level.

We continue to produce a sprinkling of top class players and coaches, and have teams visit us for training camps and coach professional learning.

2007– 08 Highlights

6 teams to Australian Volleyball Schools Cup 07

Representation at National Junior Volleyball Championships in Sydney '07

2 full time scholarship holders at AIS

One player playing professionally overseas

Head coach of National Youth Woman's program

Senior squad playing an invitational tournament

Country Victorian State team training camp visit

4 senior girls and coach travelling to Japan to train and play



Member State Reports



WA Captain and AVL MVP Rachele Brammer in action



Volleyball WA. Board

Trevor Williams President
Damian Oldmeadow Vice President
Pauline Manser General Member
Peter Scudds General Member

Staff

Gavin Lewis Executive Director
Stuart Davis Operations Manager
Marta Makuch Development Officer
Alicia Ayton Receptionist
Marielle Theberge Social Coordinator

Overview of the year

This year Volleyball WA adopted our new Strategic Plan 2008 – 2011. The plan focus is on maintaining certain programs at current levels and developing and growing the school focus. Once again I would like to thank the Department of Sport and Recreation for all their assistance with the development and ongoing review of the present Strategic Plan and the funding that they provide for the Association.

2007-08 Beach Season

Once again the Drug Aware WA Beach Volleyball Tour was a huge success. The level of competition was very high, especially in the men's divisions. The elite men's and women's divisions were hotly contested throughout the year. Another success on the calendar was the WA Beach Volleyball Schools Cup. The event attracted over 130 teams and was run over two days at the beautiful City Beach. We would like to thank all our sponsors especially Healthway and 96FM for their support throughout the season.

The highlight of the beach season for us was the return of the Crocs National Tour to the beaches of WA. The WA leg was contested at Scarborough Beach and the action on the sand was sensational. The support from the WA public was tremendous as well as the support from the City of Stirling. The stands were filled to breaking point on Sunday, the finals day of the event. WA Volleyball have done a lot of hard work and have committed a lot of resources to this event and we hope to see the event become a permanent fixture on the National Beach Tour

2007 – 08 Highlights

130 Teams in WA Beach Volleyball Schools Cup

U 19 Women's team wins Gold medal at Australian Junior Volleyball Championships

Crocs Australia Tour event held at Scarborough

Team entered into Men's AVL

Women's AVL team finished 5th



Perth Volleyball League (PVL)

This year saw the increase and growth of the PVL to reach all time highs. The season was a complete success and the WA association would like to thank Kim Ellwood for her tireless work as the PVL coordinator.

Australian Volleyball League

WA entered teams into both the women's and men's round of the AVL. The women struggled for consistency throughout the year and as a result finished 5th. A special mention to captain Rachelle Brammer for winning the tournaments MVP and a thank you to the coaching staff of Pauline Manser and Laurel Wentworth.

The men's team will get their opportunity to perform under the guidance of coach Darrin Pike.

Junior Volleyball Development

One of the major objectives of Volleyball WA will be to improve junior volleyball through a number of facets. This includes the consolidation of Junior Volleyball Leagues (JVL) throughout the metropolitan area, junior development from mini-volleyball to elite junior development and the major focus of including volleyball in most school's Physical Education Departments.

In 2008 WA had a record 9 teams compete in the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships (AJVC) in Melbourne, and for the second year in a row, finish third in the Presidents Cup. A special congratulations to the U/19 women's team for winning a Gold medal.

Conclusion

With the Strategic Plan to guide the association we believe that the association will grow in size and reputation as a leading state sports association. The association is very happy with the way that the administration is working and we are all looking forward to a very bright future for volleyball in the State of Western Australia. We would like to thank and encourage the AVF to maintain its policy of equalization and looking after all State Associations, not only in terms of air travel and equalization but in terms of competition structure and governance structure.

2008 Award Winners

International Player of the Year
David Ferguson

Male Indoor Player of the Year
Paul Prindiville

Female Indoor Player of the Year
Rachelle Brammer

Male Junior Player of the Year
Luke Smith

Female Junior Player of the Year
Tenille Ryan and Xanthe Hand

Male Beach Player of the Year
Aaron Crook

Female Beach Player of the Year
Niki Fake

Male WA State Beach Series Player of the Year
Tim Oats / Ryan Turner

Female WA State Beach Series Player of the Year
Megan Henderson

Rookie Coach of the Year
Matt Hodges

Referee of the Year
Dani Francis

Rookie Referee of the Year
Marta Makuch

Trevor Williams Volunteer Administrator of the Year
Peter Batty

Champion Club 2007
Southern Cross



Member State Reports



2007 – 08 Highlights

- State Volleyball Centre opening.
- State Team finishing equal on points with Queensland at AJVC. In Sydney.
- Under 15 State Teams performance at the Australian Under 15 Championships. In April, 2008.
- Successfully consolidating the Victorian Gold State Teams Program, allowing regional based athletes to represent their State at AJVC.
- Continued growth in Victorian Volleyball Schools Cup.
- Successful partnership formed with Monash and Melbourne Universities to establish the Uni Blues Team in AVL Competition.
- Hosting AVSC at the State Volleyball Centre.
- Establishing a new Tuesday night Competition at MSAC which has 30 teams playing weekly.
- Life Membership awarded to David Berry from Horsham.
- Monash University won the Tomas Santamaria Shield as the Champion Club in 2007 State League Club.

Volleyball Victoria Board of Directors

Stephen Conroy President	
Sue Hiller	Vice President
David Jensen	Finance Director
Liz Pollock	Director
Howard Williams	Director
Cristy Mace	Director (From March 2008)

Staff

Terry Jones	Executive Director
Tania De Marchi	Comp. and Events Manager
Andrew Shears	Coaching & Dev. Man. (To Dec. 07)
David Frost	Development Officer
David Smythe	Development Officer
Jenny Hiller	Competitions Officer (Sept to Dec 07)
George Mraz	Beach Competitions Manager

Overview of the Year

In July 2007, the \$ 9 Million State Volleyball Centre was opened in Dandenong.

In our first year our primary focus was to establish a new business entity to manage the facilities, create new Indoor and Beach competitions and to maximise court usage by various user groups.

Within three years our aim is to be profitable and to have sustainable competitions and events which produce profits which will be used to help grow our sport and reduce costs for athletes representing the State at Australian Junior Volleyball Championships.





Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

WINNING PARTNERSHIP



The Australian Sports Commission proudly supports the Australian Volleyball Federation

The Australian Sports Commission is the Australian Government agency that develops, supports and invests in sport at all levels in Australia. The Australian Volleyball Federation has worked closely with the Australian Sports Commission to develop volleyball from community participation to high-level performance.

The Australian Volleyball Federation is one of many national sporting organisations that has formed a winning partnership with the Australian Sports Commission to develop its sport in Australia.

SS&A U15 AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boys

- 1st Victoria White
- 2nd Victoria Blue
- 3rd Victoria Yellow
- 4th Queensland Maroon
- 5th Heathfield 1
- 6th Queensland White
- 7th Sunraysia
- 8th Bendigo Bank
- 9th Heathfield 2
- 10th NSW Navy
- 11th NSW Sky
- 12th ACT
- 13th Albury

Girls

- 1st Heathfield 1
- 2nd Victoria Blue
- 3rd Victoria White
- 4th ACT Gold
- 5th West Wyalong
- 6th Bendigo Bank
- 7th Victoria Yellow
- 8th Queensland Maroon
- 9th Queensland White
- 10th NSW Navy
- 11th Sunraysia
- 12th Santa Sabina
- 13th NSW Sky
- 14th Heathfield 3
- 15th Heathfield 2
- 16th ACT White
- 17th Albury

Champion State: Victoria

24TH AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL SCHOOLS CUP

Champion School (Top 10)

- 1st Brighton SA 607
- 2nd Heathfield SA 582
- 3rd Girton VIC 529
- 4th Rossmoyne WA 513
- 5th Eltham VIC 512
- 6th Upwey VIC 504
- 7th Monbulk VIC 499
- 8th Billanook VIC 482
- 9th Mazenod VIC 464
- 10th Craigslea QLD 441

Final Placings (Top 3)

Open Boys Honours (14 teams)

- 1 Brighton
- 2 Penrose
- 3 Girton

Open Girls Honours (12 teams)

- 1 McAuley
- 2 Otumoetai
- 3 Heathfield

Open Boys Division 1 (12 teams)

- 1 Great Lakes
- 2 Harristown
- 3 Brighton

Open Girls Division 1 (26 teams)

- 1 Hillcrest
- 2 Baulkham Hills
- 3 Katikati

Open Boys Division 2 (30 teams)

- 1 La Salle
- 2 The Gap
- 3 EJ Eyre

Open Girls Division 2 (23 teams)

- 1 Willunga
- 2 Great Lakes
- 3 Te Aroha 1

Under 17 Boys Honours (9 teams)

- 1 Caloundra
- 2 Girton
- 3 Brighton

Under 17 Girls Honours (7 teams)

- 1 Brighton
- 2 Upwey
- 3 Luther

24TH AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL SCHOOLS CUP cont...

Under 17 Boys Division 1 (8 teams)

1 Mazenod
2 Villanova
3 Renmark

Under 17 Girls Division 1 (8 teams)

1 Willunga
2 Santa Sabina
3 Holland Park

Under 17 Boys Division 2 (10 teams)

1 Rochedale
2 Toowoomba
3 Balmoral

Under 17 Girls Division 2 (18 teams)

1 Sebastopol
2 Dakabin
3 Unley

Under 16 Boys Honours (9 teams)

1 Monbulk
2 Rossmoyne
3 Eltham

Under 16 Girls Honours (9 teams)

1 Girton
2 Heathfield
3 Upwey

Under 16 Boys Division 1 (18 teams)

1 Loxton
2 Girton
3 Monbulk

Under 16 Girls Division 1 (15 teams)

1 Caloundra
2 Ormiston
3 Rossmoyne

Under 16 Boys Division 2 (11 teams)

1 Muirfield
2 Browns Plains
3 Brighton

Under 16 Girls Division 2 (20 teams)

1 Santa Maria
2 Ormiston
3 Flora Hill

Under 15 Boys Honours (9 teams)

1 Billanook
2 Heathfield
3 Mountain Ck

Under 15 Girls Honours (9 teams)

1 Holland Park
2 Brighton
3 Heathfield 1

Under 15 Boys Division 1 (19 teams)

1 Eltham 1
2 Rostrevor
3 Heathfield 1

Under 15 Girls Division 1 (16 teams)

1 Monbulk
2 Yarra Valley
3 Brighton 1

Under 15 Boys Division 2 (16 teams)

1 Mt Scopus
2 Heathdale
3 Paralowie

Under 15 Girls Division 2 (18 teams)

1 Great Lakes
2 Unley
3 Brighton

Under 14 Boys Division 1 (14 teams)

1 Upwey
2 Billanook 1
3 Monbulk

Under 14 Girls Division 1 (16 teams)

1 Heathfield
2 Upwey
3 Billanook

Under 14 Boys Division 2 (11 teams)

1 Mt Scopus
2 Tin Can Bay
3 Monbulk

Under 14 Girls Division 2 (18 teams)

1 Lyneham
2 Wonthaggi
3 Rossmoyne 1

CROCS TOUR AUSTRALIA

Round 1

Surfers Paradise, QLD

B Soderberg (DEN)/A Hoyer (DEN) def B Richardson (WA)/I Kapa (WA)
S Lochowicz (QLD)/O Orchard (SA) def J Rohkamper (NSW)/N Frostick (NSW)

Round 2

Port Macquarie NSW

B Soderberg (DEN)/A Hoyer (DEN) def S Boehm (SA)/C McHugh (SA)
J Koester (USA)/P Davis (USA) def S Lochowicz (QLD)/O Orchard (SA)

Round 3

Surfers Paradise, QLD

B Soderberg (DEN)/A Hoyer (DEN) def S Boehm (SA)/M Suan (WA)
N Cook (QLD)/T Barnett (VIC) def J McLeod (QLD)/D Brigham (QLD)

Round 4

Scarborough WA

D Klemperer (GER)/E Koreng (GER) def J Slack (SA)/A Schacht (SA)
S Pohl (GER)/O Rau (GER) def M Lessard (CAN)/S Maxwell (CAN)

Australian Championships

Glenelg, SA

J Gibb (USA)/S Rosenthal (USA) def C Doppler (AUT)/P Gartmayer (AUT)
J Boss (USA)/A Ross (USA) def R Wacholder (USA)/T Turner (USA)

Men's Crocs Tour Champion Team

(based on points accumulated as a team throughout the season)

Champions: B Richardson / I Kapa
Runners-up: B Soderberg / A Hoyer

Women's Crocs Tour Champion Team

(based on points accumulated as a team throughout the season)

Champions: J Rohkamper / N Frostick
Runners-up: J McLeod / D Brigham

Men's Highest Individual Points Scorers

(based on points accumulated as an individual throughout the season)

Highest points scorer: Chris McHugh
Equal Second highest point scorers: Isaac Kapa & Brett Richardson

Women's Highest Individual Points Scorers

(based on points accumulated as an individual throughout the season)

Highest points scorer: Summer Lochowicz
Second highest points scorer: Olivia Orchard
Equal Third highest points scorers: Natalie Frostick & Johannah Rohkamper

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Presidents Cup

- 1st Place - Queensland (on count back) 10
- 2nd Place - Victoria (on count back) 10
- 3rd Place - Western Australia 6

Allstar 7 Awards

U17 Women's

- NSW Sky – Sean Cecile-Budirabardjo
- QLD Maroon – Grace Leo
- QLD Maroon – Alexandra Spender
- QLD Maroon – Loren Corey
- WA Gold – Tenille Ryan
- WA Gold – Ella Pragt
- WA Gold – Xanthe Hand

U17 Men's

- NSW - Craig Lowe
- QLD - Alistair Hill
- QLD – Carston Moeller
- QLD – Daniel White
- SA Red – Michael Mcewen
- VIC Blue – Luke hill
- VIC Blue – Andrew Mcwiggan

U19 Women's

- Victoria Blue - Patrice Fatchen
- South Australia Red - Vicki Wright
- NSW Navy - Satarsha Savea
- Queensland Maroon - Tenielle Payne
- Queensland Maroon - Candice McCarthy
- South Australia Red - Hannah Ross
- Victoria - Danielle Stott

U19 Men's

- WA Gold – Michael Snart
- Victoria Blue – Jason Hughes
- Victoria Blue – John Stock
- QLD Maroon – Thomas Edgar
- QLD Maroon – Ben Bell
- QLD Maroon – Adam White
- QLD White – Robert Maxwell

U21 Women's

- New South Wales – Alice Rohkamper
- New South Wales – Amy Uso
- Victoria – Rebecca Walter
- Victoria – Rhiannon Watt
- Western Australia - Elysia Mcnamara
- Western Australia – Karina Shapp
- New South Wales – Wendy Edwards

Under 21 Men's

- Victoria – Steve Wallace
- Victoria –Nick Goldsborough-Reardon
- South Australia –am Boehm
- South Australia – Greg Sukochev
- Queensland – Andrew McLean
- Western Australia – Rohan Fariss
- Western Australia – Michael Prindiville

Final Placing

Under 21 Men

- 1st VIC
- 2nd SA
- 3rd WA
- 4th QLD
- 5th TAS
- 6th NSW
- 7th ACT

Under 21 Women

- 1st NSW
- 2nd WA
- 3rd VIC
- 4th SA
- 5th ACT

Under 19 Men

- 1st VIC Blue
- 2nd QLD Maroon
- 3rd WA Gold
- 4th QLD White
- 5th NSW
- 6th ACT
- 7th VIC White
- 8th SA Red
- 9th VIC Gold
- 10th WA Black
- 11th SA Blue

Under 19 Women

- 1st SA Red
- 2nd VIC Blue
- 3rd QLD Maroon
- 4th VIC White
- 5th NSW Sky
- 6th TAS
- 7th WA
- 8th QLD White
- 9th SA Blue
- 10th NSW Navy
- 11th VIC Gold

Under 17 Men

- 1st QLD Maroon
- 2nd NSW Sky
- 3rd VIC Blue
- 4th SA Red
- 5th VIC Gold
- 6th ACT
- 7th WA Gold
- 8th QLD White
- 9th WA Black
- 10th SA Blue
- 11th VIC White
- 12th NSW Navy
- 13th SA Yellow

Under 17 Women

- 1st QLD Maroon
- 2nd WA Gold
- 3rd QLD White
- 4th NSW Sky
- 5th SA Red
- 6th NSW Navy
- 7th VIC Blue
- 8th QLD Silver
- 9th SA Blue
- 10th VIC White
- 11th VIC Gold
- 12th ACT
- 13th WA Black

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

U/17 Men

Gold SA - Hayden Jolly/Michael McEwen
Silver NSW - Gareth Mann/Julian Da Luna
Bronze Vic - Maxx Hart/Sammy Stamos

U/17 Women

Gold SA - Danniela Cavuoto/Kirstin Smith
Silver NZ - Krista Whitewood/Kirra Taane
Bronze QLD - Taylor Schultz/Natsumi McHugh

U/19 Men

Gold NZ - Tim Hook/Thomas Wiseman
Silver SA - Jack Welsh/Samuel White
Bronze WA - Michael Snart/Jayson Fox

U/19 Women

Gold NSW -Katie Bartoli/Maria-Fe Artacho
Silver NZ - Harriett McAdam/Danniele Pierce
Bronze SA - Mel Cross/Kim Wigg

U/23 Men

Gold QLD - Dan Carey/Isaac Kapa
Silver NZ - Edwin O'Dea/Sam O'Dea
Bronze QLD - James Carey/Sean Howard

U/23 Women

Gold NSW - Hannah Rohkamper/Nat Frostick
Silver NSW - Eliza Dean/Sarah Battaglone
Bronze Vanautu - Miller Elwin/Henriette Latika

Andy Burdin Shield: South Australia

2nd Commonwealth Volleyball Championship for Men Kolkata, India - 29/7/07 - 4/8/07

Pool A Results:

29/07/07 AUS - SRI 3 - 0 (25-14, 25-14, 25-18)
30/07/07 AUS - BAN 3 - 0 (25-16, 25-18, 25-22)
01/08/07 AUS - NGR 3 - 0 (25-15, 25-12, 25-16)
02/08/07 AUS - IND 1 - 3 (25-19, 21-25, 23-25, 25-27)

Semi Final:

03/08/07 AUS - PAK 3 - 0 (25-16, 25-20, 26-24)

Gold Medal Playoff:

04/08/07 AUS - IND 3 - 2 (25-18, 25-16, 24-26, 20-25,
15-11)

Final standings:

1. Australia
2. India
3. Pakistan
4. Republic of South Africa
5. Canada
6. Sri Lanka
7. Bangladesh
8. New Zealand
9. Nigeria

2007 Asian Championship Preparation Tour (Greece, Tunisia, France)

Volleyball Team Australia vs Greece Men's Volleyball Team

Athens, Greece (August 9 – 11, 2007)

09-8-07 AUS - Greece 1 - 3 (19-25, 25-23, 20-25, 22-25)
10-8-07 AUS - Greece 2 - 3 (21-25, 24-26, 25-22, 25-18,
11-15)
11-8-07 AUS - Greece 0 - 3 (24-26, 18-25, 20-25)

2008 Asian Championship Preparation Series

Volleyball Team Australia vs Samsung Bluefangs
Canberra (August 23 – 25, 2007) &
Sydney (August 26 - 27, 2007), Australia

23/08/07	AUS B - Samsung 0 – 3 (20-25, 22-25, 23-25)
24/08/07	AUS B - Samsung 1 – 3 (28-26, 15-25, 20-25, 16-25)
25/08/07	AUS - Samsung 3 – 1 (26-24, 23-25, 25-23, 25-23)
26/08/07	AUS - Samsung 3 – 0 (25-14, 25-15, 25-21)
27/08/07	AUS B v Samsung (match cancelled)

Tri-State Volleyball Tournament

Mildura, Australia (October 26 – 27, 2007)

26/10/07	AIS - Mt. Lofty 3 – 1 (25-15, 25-20, 22-25, 25-19)
27/10/07	AIS – Melbourne 3 – 0 (25-17, 27-25, 25-10)

MVP: Thomas Bawden (VIC)

Dragon City Volleyball Tournament

Bendigo, Victoria (November 3 – 4, 2007)

03/11/07	AIS - Melbourne Falcons 3 : 0 (25-21, 25-21, 14-12)
03/11/07	AIS - Canberra Heat 2 : 0 (21-25, 25-9, 16-14)
03/11/07	AIS - Whoosh 3 : 0 (25-10, 25-8, 25-13)
03/11/07	AIS drew Melbourne Falcons 1 : 1 (25-20, 18-25, 15-16)
04/11/07	AIS drew Canberra Heat 1 : 1
04/11/07	AIS - Whoosh 3 : 0 (25-0, 25-0, 25-0)
Grand Final	
04/11/07	AIS - Melbourne Falcons 3 : 1 (20-25, 25-21, 25-23, 25-20)

AIS wins the Dragon City Tournament

Good Neighbour Tournament

Canberra, ACT (November 2007)

AIS wins tournament - results unknown

National Volleyball Challenge

Melbourne, Victoria (December 7 – 9, 2007)

Pool Matches:

7/12/07	AIS - Van Diemens (TAS) 3 – 0
8/12/07	AIS - Volleyball WA (WA) 3 – 0
8/12/07	AIS - Southern Cross Fairhills (VIC) 1 – 2

Semi final:

9/12/07	AIS - QAS (QLD) 3 – 0
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Gold final:

9/12/07	AIS - Southern Cross Fairhills (VIC) 3 – 1
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Volleyball Team Australia vs Tunisia Men's Volleyball Team

Monastir, Tunisia (August 13 – 16, 2007)

13/08/07	AUS - TUN	0 - 3 (24-26, 29-31, 28-30)
14/08/07	AUS - TUN	3 - 2 (25-20, 22-25, 25-17, 21-25, 15-5)
16/08/07	AUS - TUN	3 - 2 (25-18, 25-18, 24-26, 22-25, 16-14)

Sousse Volleyball Tournament

Sousse, Tunisia (August 15, 2007)

15/08	AUS - TUN	1 - 3 (22-25, 21-25, 25-23, 21-25)
15/08	AUS - ESP	3 - 2 (25-22, 19-25, 25-21, 25-27, 15-11)

Volleyball Team Australia vs France Men's Volleyball Team

Paris, France (August 18 – 19, 2007)

18/08/07	AUS - FRA	0 - 3 (20-25, 22-25, 22-25)
19/08/07	AUS - France	0 - 3 (17-25, 21-25, 15-25)

14th Asian Men's Volleyball Championship

Jakarta, Indonesia (August 31 – September 9, 2007)

Preliminary Round:

31/09/07	AUS – IND	3 - 1 (22-25, 25-19, 25-18, 25-23)
01/09/07	AUS – KUW	3 - 0 (25-11, 25-15, 25-11)
02/09/07	AUS – KAZ	3 - 0 (25-14, 25-20, 25-14)

Top 8 - Round robin final:

03/09/07	AUS – JPN	3 - 2 (25-21, 19-25, 20-25, 25-20, 15-9)
04/09/07	AUS – KOR	3 - 2 (20-25, 25-22, 20-25, 25-21, 20-18)
05/09/07	AUS – IRI	3 - 2 (25-23, 17-25, 25-16, 22-25, 15-13)
06/09/07	AUS – TPE	3 - 0 (25-15, 25-20, 25-21)
07/09/07	AUS – INA	3 - 0 (25-20, 36-34, 27-25)
08/09/07	AUS – THA	3 - 0 (25-21, 25-20, 25-19)
09/09/07	AUS – CHN	2 - 3 (25-21, 24-26, 25-21, 23-25, 12-15)

Final Rankings:

1. Australia (6W - 1L)	
2. Japan (5W - 2L)	
3. Korea (5W - 2L)	
4. China (5W - 2L)	
5. Iran (3W - 4L)	
6. Thailand (2W - 5L)	
7. Indonesia (1W - 6L)	
8. Chinese Taipei (1W - 6L)	
9. India	
	10. Kazakhstan
	11. Qatar
	12. Saudi Arabia
	13. Pakistan
	14. Sri Lanka
	15. Vietnam
	16. Maldives
	17. Kuwait

FIVB World Cup

Tokyo, Japan (November 18 – December 2, 2007)

Tournament Results:

18/11/07	AUS – KOR	3 – 2 (22-25, 25-20, 23-25, 25-19, 29-27)
19/11/07	AUS – RUS	0 – 3 (22-25, 26-28, 10-25)
20/11/07	AUS – JPN	3 – 0 (25-15, 25-21, 25-21)
22/11/07	AUS – TUN	3 – 1 (25-22, 35-37, 26-24, 25-22)
23/11/07	AUS – ARG	1 – 3 (21-25, 25-21, 14-25, 23-25)
25/11/07	AUS – BRA	0 – 3 (19-25, 19-25, 21-25)
26/11/07	AUS – BUL	0 – 3 (17-25, 19-25, 13-25)
27/11/07	AUS – USA	0 – 3 (17-25, 12-25, 19-25)
30/11/07	AUS – ESP	0 – 3 (21-25, 19-25, 20-25)
1/12/07	AUS – PUR	3 – 1 (25-21, 15-25, 25-18, 25-21)
2/12/07	AUS – EGY	1 – 3 (14-25, 25-23, 21-25, 22-25)

1	Brazil	21	10	1
2	Russia	20	9	2
3	Bulgaria 20	9	2	
4	U.S.A.	19	8	3
5	Spain	18	7	4
6	Puerto Rico	16	5	6
7	Argentina	16	5	6
8	Australia 15	4	7	
9	Japan	14	3	8
10	Egypt	14	3	8
11	Korea	13	2	9
12	Tunisia	12	1	1

Individual Performances:

Paul Carroll – 2nd Best Scorer

Ban Hardy – 10th Best Spiker

Phillip DeSalvo – 8th Best Digger & 10th Best Libero

2008 AIS European Tour (Sweden, Italy, Slovakia, France)

AIS Junior Men vs Sweden Junior Men's Team

Various cities, Sweden (January 8 – 11, 2008)

8/01/08	AIS – SWE	3 – 1 (20-25, 25-23, 25-23, 25-19)
9/01/08	AIS – SWE	3 – 2 (25-20, 17-25, 25-21, 19-25, 18-16)
10/01/08	AIS - Team Valla	2 – 3 (25-16, 25-22, 20-25, 20-25, 7-15)
11/01/08	AIS – SWE	3 – 1 (25-17, 24-26, 25-21, 25-23)

AIS Junior Men vs Italian Clubs

Various cities, Italy (January 15 – 18, 2008)

15/01/08	AIS – Montichiari	3 – 2 (22-25, 19-25, 25-21, 25-12, 15-9)
17/01/08	AIS – Varese Selection	3 – 2 (25-15, 20-25, 22-25, 25-21, 15-10)
18/01/08	AIS – Malpensa Volley Somma	3 – 2 (25-27, 25-20, 25-21, 22-25, 15-12)

AIS Junior Men vs Slovakia Junior Men's Team

Various cities, Slovakia (January 21 – 24, 2008)

21/01/08	AIS – SVK	3 – 2 (25-17, 20-25, 19-25, 28-26, 15-13)
22/01/08	AIS – SVK	3 – 1 (25-16, 25-20, 30-32, 25-22)
23/01/08	AIS – SVK	3 – 2 (20-25, 23-25, 25-20, 25-10, 15-13)
24/01/08	AIS - Presov	0 – 3 (20-25, 17-25, 20-25)

AIS Junior Men vs France Junior Men's Team

Montpellier, France (January 29 – February 1, 2008)

29/01/08	AIS – FRA	1 – 3 (20-25, 20-25, 28-26, 23-25)
30/01/08	AIS – FRA	2 – 3 (18-25, 25-18, 17-25, 25-21, 11-15)
31/01/08	AIS – FRA	0 – 3 (12-25, 17-25, 15-25)
1/02/08	AIS – Montpellier	3 – 0 (25-22, 25-20, 25-20)

2008 AIS European Tour (Sweden, Italy, Slovakia, France)

AIS Junior Men vs Sweden Junior Men's Team

Various cities, Sweden (January 8 – 11, 2008)

8/01/08	AIS – SWE	3 – 1 (20-25, 25-23, 25-23, 25-19)
9/01/08	AIS – SWE	3 – 2 (25-20, 17-25, 25-21, 19-25, 18-16)
10/01/08	AIS - Team Valla	2 – 3 (25-16, 25-22, 20-25, 20-25, 7-15)
11/01/08	AIS – SWE	3 – 1 (25-17, 24-26, 25-21, 25-23)

AIS Junior Men vs Italian Clubs

Various cities, Italy (January 15 – 18, 2008)

15/01/08	AIS – Montichiari	3 – 2 (22-25, 19-25, 25-21, 25-12, 15-9)
17/01/08	AIS – Varese Selection	3 – 2 (25-15, 20-25, 22-25, 25-21, 15-10)
18/01/08	AIS – Malpensa Volley Somma	3 – 2 (25-27, 25-20, 25-21, 22-25, 15-12)

AIS Junior Men vs Slovakia Junior Men's Team

Various cities, Slovakia (January 21 – 24, 2008)

21/01/08	AIS – SVK	3 – 2 (25-17, 20-25, 19-25, 28-26, 15-13)
22/01/08	AIS – SVK	3 – 1 (25-16, 25-20, 30-32, 25-22)
23/01/08	AIS – SVK	3 – 2 (20-25, 23-25, 25-20, 25-10, 15-13)
24/01/08	AIS - Presov	0 – 3 (20-25, 17-25, 20-25)

2008 Olympic Qualification Preparation Tour (Argentina, Greece, Slovakia, China)

Volleyball Team Australia vs Argentina Men's Volleyball Team

Various cities, Argentina (May 5 – 10, 2008)

5/05/08 (Trelew) AUS – ARG 3 – 1 (24-26, 25-22, 25-17, 25-21)
6/05/08 (Trelew) AUS – ARG 0 – 3 (16-25, 18-25, 7-25)
7/05/08 (Mercedes) AUS – ARG 1 – 3 (34-36, 25-23, 10-25, 18-25)
8/05/08 (Mercedes) AUS – ARG 1 – 3 (22-25, 25-18, 25-27, 15-25)
9/05/08 (General Belgrano) AUS – ARG 2 – 3 (28-26, 21-25, 21-25, 30-28, 10-15)

Volleyball Team Australia vs Greece Men's Volleyball Team

Athens, Greece (May 13 – 15, 2008)

13/05/08 AUS – GRE 3 – 0 (25-22, 25-20, 25-20)
14/05/08 AUS – GRE 0 – 3 (21-25, 21-25, 22-25)
15/05/08 AUS – GRE 3 – 1 (13-25, 25-22, 25-16, 25-23)

Volleyball Team Australia vs Slovakia Men's Volleyball Team

Poprad, Slovakia (May 18 – 19, 2008)

18/05/08 AUS – SVK 3 – 2 (19-25, 19-25, 25-23, 25-23, 18-16)
19/05/08 AUS – SVK 3 – 1 (25-15, 25-22, 19-25, 25-21)

Volleyball Team Australia vs China Men's Volleyball Team

Various cities, China (May 23 – 27m 2008)

23/05/08 (Nanjing) AUS – CHN 0 – 3 (20-25, 23-25, 23-25)
25/05/08 (Yancheng) AUS – CHN 1 – 3 (23-25, 18-25, 25-22, 20-25)
27/05/08 (Yongkang) AUS – CHN 3 – 2 (25-18, 17-25, 23-25, 22-21, 15-11)

FIVB World Olympic Qualification Tournament

Tokyo, Japan (May 31 – June 8, 2008)

31/05/08 AUS – THA 3 – 0 (25-12, 25-15, 25-14)
1/06/08 AUS – ARG 3 – 0 (25-16, 25-20, 25-18)
3/06/08 AUS – ITA 0 – 3 (17-25, 9-25, 16-25)
4/06/08 AUS – KOR 2 – 3 (29-27, 21-25, 25-21, 20-25, 10-15)
6/06/08 AUS – JPN 0 – 3 (22-25, 26-28, 27-29)
7/06/08 AUS – ALG 3 – 1 (25-22, 25-19, 18-25, 25-20)
8/06/08 AUS – IRI 0 – 3 (18-25, 16-25, 23-25)

Final Ranking:

1. Italy (7-W, 0-L) – Qualified for Beijing
2. Japan (6-W, 1-L) – Qualified for Beijing
3. Korea (4-W, 3-L)
4. Argentina (4-W, 3-L)
5. Australia (3-W, 4-L)
6. Iran (2-W, 5-L)
7. Algeria (2-W, 5-L)
8. Thailand (0-W, 7-L)

Federation's Awards

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

BEST MEDIA COVERAGE

1988/89 Channel 9 Wide World of Sports - Bicentennial Australian Cup, Perth
 1989/90 ABC-TV Melbourne - Fuji Film Australia Cup Match
 1990/91 ABC-TV - World Series Beach
 1991/92 ABC-Radio - Tracey Holmes
 1992/93 ABC-TV - Thursday Night Volleyball & World Volleyball Grand Prix
 1993/94 Australian Volleyball Magazine
 1994/95 Network 10 - Ten's Summer of Sports Pro Tour Beach Coverage
 1995/96 Turnbull Fox Phillips - World Series Women's Beach Brisbane
 2001/02 Adelaide Advertiser, Australian Jr Beach Volleyball Championships
 2002/03 SBS, Toyota World Sport - 2002 Women's World Championship
 2003/04 Channel Ten - Australian Beach Volleyball Tour
 2004/05 SBS - 2004 Olympics and Australian Volleyball League
 2005/06 David Valente
 2006/07 Spike Magazine
 2007/08 Adelaide Advertiser

MOST OUTSTANDING VOLLEYBALL EVENT

1988/89 SA-FM National Beach Volleyball Championships
 1989/90 Commonwealth Bank Cup
 1990/91 Fuji Xerox Cup - 6th Asian Men's Championships
 1991/92 ACT Indoor Grand Prix
 1992/93 World Volleyball Grand Prix
 1993/94 Volleyball Victoria - VTAM vs Brazil Series
 1994/95 Volleyball Victoria - "Hearthhealth" Australian Jr Championships
 1995/96 AOOT & associated AVC meetings
 1997/98 Old Volleyball Schools Cup & Australian Volleyball Schools Cup.
 1999/00 World League (Aust v Poland) - Volleyball SA
 2000/01 Volleyball SA Corporate Lunch
 2001/02 2001 Goodwill Games Beach Volleyball - Old Volleyball
 2002/03 2002 World Masters Games - Volleyball Victoria
 2003/04 2003 Australian Masters Games, AVF
 2004/05 Australian Volleyball Schools Cup
 2005/06 Round 8 (2005 AVL) hosted by Mt Lofty Volleyball Club
 2006/07 Australia vs Argentina hosted by Bendigo Volleyball Assn
 2007/08 SWATCH FIVB World Tour - Adelaide Open

BEST VOLLEYBALL EVENT ORGANISER

1988/89 Ross Symonds & QVA - Bicentennial Australia Cup Match, Townsville
 1989/90 QVA - National Junior Volleyball Championships
 1990/91 Trevor Williams (WAVA) - Fuji Xerox Cup 6th Asian Men's Champs
 1991/92 Kevin Dobson - Commonwealth Bank Cup
 1992/93 World Volleyball Grand Prix Organising Committee: K. Dobson, J. Kostas, S. Berry, P. McConnon, B. Foot, S. Watson, N. Drew, R. Clews.
 1993/94 Kevin Dobson
 1994/95 Volleyball SA - Triple Crown Beach Event
 1995/96 Trish Virag
 1997/98 Ben Jones
 1999/00 Shane Hennessy - World League (Aust v Poland)
 2000/01 John Stedman & Paul Finn (Volleyball SA Corporate Lunch
 2001/02 Queensland Volleyball Association - 2001 Goodwill Games Beach Volleyball (Joint winner)
 Richard Casutt - 2001 Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Champs (Joint winner)
 2002/03 Phong Nguyen & Kevin Lentin (Vic) 2002 World Masters Games
 2003/04 Phong Nguyen Various, including 2003 Australian Masters Games
 2004/05 Chris Lemm, Peter McConnon & Murray Mansfield (AVSC)
 2005/06 Gary Antognelli
 2006/07 Bendigo Volleyball Association
 2007/08 Not Awarded

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

1989/90 Steve Berry (TVA)
 1990/91 Marilyn Breen (AVF)
 1991/92 Paul Finn (VSA)
 1992/93 Jackie Murdoch (VSA)
 1993/94 Ross Symonds (QVA)
 1994/95 Jackie Murdoch (VVI)
 1995/96 Wanda Sipa (AVF)
 2001/02 Andrew Scotford (AVF)
 2003/04 Teresa Henderson
 2004/05 Paul Finn (VSA)
 2006/07 Holly Richardson
 2007/08 Not Awarded

BEST COMMERCIAL SPONSOR

1995/96 Bakers Delight
 2003/04 Molten
 2004/05 Vodafone
 2007/08 Not Awarded

JOE HILLER COACH OF THE YEAR

1989/90 Sue Dansie - SASI Women
 1990/91 Phil Borgeaud - VTAM
 1991/92 Trevor Williams - VTAW & WA u/21
 1992/93 Andres Lomp - ACT Academy Men
 1993/94 Steve Tutton - SASI Men
 1994/95 David Eldridge - Heathfield High School
 1995/96 Tomas Santamaria - VIS Men
 1997/98 Stelio DeRocco - VTAM
 1999/00 Jenny Becker - Canberra Cougars (AVL)
 2000/01 Steve Anderson & Steve Tutton
 2001/02 Craig Marshall (SASI)
 2002/03 Heathfield High School - AVSC 2002 Coaches
 2003/04 Gavin Lewis
 2004/05 Boris Georgieff
 2005/06 Sue Jenkins
 2006/07 Carlos Galletti
 Simon Naismith
 2007/08 Russell Borgeaud
 Craig Marshall

BOB FOOT REFEREE OF THE YEAR

1989/90 Juho Looveer
 1990/91 Ray Harris
 1991/92 Adam Vasiliou
 1992/93 Dean Turner
 1993/94 Colin Nissen
 1994/95 Dean Turner
 1995/96 Melissa Rinaldi
 1996/97 Dean Turner
 1998/99 Dean Turner
 1999/00 Dean Turner
 2000/01 Dean Turner
 2001/02 Dean Turner
 2002/03 Stephen Giugni
 2003/04 David Smith
 2004/05 Liz Pollock
 2005/06 Stephen Guigni
 2006/07 Catriona Tweedie
 2007/08 Danni Francis

MOST OUTSTANDING AUSTRALIAN FEMALE PLAYER

1989/90 Sally Gray
1990/91 Kerri Pottharst
1991/92 Kerri Pottharst
1992/93 Lisa Willcocks
1993/94 Pauline Manser
1994/95 Laurel Wentworth
1995/96 Pauline Manser
1996/97 Pauline Manser
1997/98 Liz Brett
1998/99 Beatrice Daly
1999/00 Beatrice Daly
2000/01 Priscilla Ruddle
2001/02 Tamsin Barnett
2002/03 Priscilla Ruddle
2003/04 Tolotear Lealamanua
2004/05 Tolotear Lealamanua
2005/06 Eileen Romanowski
2006/07 Anna Maycock
2007/08 Justine Mowen

TED KALKHOVEN MOST OUTSTANDING AUSTRALIAN MALE PLAYER

1988/89 Matthew Perry
1989/90 Russell Borgeaud
1990/91 Gabriel Mauerhofer
1991/92 Steve Lugge
1992/93 Edi Vukosa
1993/94 David Waite
1994/95 Russell Wentworth
1995/96 Scott Newcomb
1996/97 Dan Howard
1997/98 Dan Howard
1998/99 Ben Hardy
1999/00 Hidde Van Beest
2000/01 Dan Howard
2001/02 Dan Howard
2002/03 Dan Howard
2003/04 Dan Howard
2004/05 Ben Hardy
2005/06 Ben Hardy
2006/07 Ben Hardy
2007/08 Paul Carroll

MOST OUTSTANDING FEMALE BEACH PLAYER

1992/93 Anita Palm
1993/94 Anita Palm
1994/95 Kerri Pottharst
1995/96 Kerri Pottharst
1996/97 Kerri Pottharst
1997/98 Pauline Manser
1999/00 Natalie Cook
2000/01 Kerri Pottharst & Natalie Cook
2001/02 Kerri Pottharst
2002/03 Natalie Cook
2003/04 Natalie Cook
2004/05 Nicole Sanderson
2005/06 Natalie Cook
2006/07 Natalie Cook
2007/08 Tamsin Barnett

2002/03 Joshua Slack
2003/04 Andrew Schacht
2004/05 Julien Prosser
2005/06 Andrew Schacht

MOST OUTSTANDING MALE BEACH PLAYER

1992/93 Julien Prosser
1993/94 Julien Prosser
1994/95 Julien Prosser
1995/96 Julien Prosser
1996/97 Lee Zahner
1997/98 Lee Zahner
1998/99 Lee Zahner
1999/00 Lee Zahner
2000/01 Matt Grinlaubs
2001/02 Lee Zahner
2002/03 Joshua Slack
2003/04 Andrew Schacht
2004/05 Julien Prosser
2005/06 Andrew Schacht
2006/07 Joshua Slack
2007/08 Andrew Schacht

NATIONAL PRO TOUR MOST VALUABLE FEMALE PLAYER

1995 Anita Palm

NATIONAL PRO TOUR MOST VALUABLE MALE PLAYER

1995 Lee Zahner

VOLLEYBALL AUSTRALIA SERVICE AWARDS

The Merit Award and Life Membership were instituted by the AVF in 1977. The first Life membership was awarded to Walter Lebedew in that year.

LIFE MEMBERS

John Barker (1991)
Barry Couzner (1994)
Dave Flatt (2004)
Robert Foot (dec)
Argods Fricson (dec)
Wolfgang Gollong (dec)
Jeffrey Kostas (dec)
Eric Hayman OAM (dec)
Jozef Hiller (dec)
Walter Lebedew OAM (1977)
Clarrie Martin (dec)
George Mraz (2004)
Joan Peksis
Tomas Santamaria (1993)
Steven Tutton (2007)
Trevor Williams (1993)

30 YEARS OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Jeffrey Kostas (1992)

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Lyn Roberts (1992)
Wanda Sipa (1997)
Steve Tutton (1997)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Barry Couzner (1989)
Gordon Duffus (1989)
Graeme Cox (1989)
Randel Robertson (1989)
Trevor Williams (1989)
Tomas Santamaria (1989)
Tanya Tarnogursky (1989)
George Mraz (1989)
Peter Marr (1989)
John Barker (1989)
Richard Clews (1990)
Gary O'Donnell (1990)
Tony Naar (1991)
Sue Dansie (1992)
Bill Glasson (1993)
Ray Harris (1993)

Federation's Awards

Susan Falconer (1995)
Murray Mansfield (1995)
Russell Borgeaud (1996)
Russell Newman (1996)
David Eldridge (1997)
Gabriel Mauerhofer (1998)
Kevin Dobson (1998)
Phil Borgeaud (2000)
Shane Hennessy (2002)
Jim Lester (2002)
Colin Logan (2002)
Andrew Strugnell (2004)
David Beard (2004)
Dean Turner (2005)
Noel Drew (2005)
Michael Reu (2006)
Andrew Scotford (2007)
Robyn Fittock (2007)

MERIT AWARD

Criteria for the Merit Award is ten years of participation in the Australian Championships as player, coach or manager it was instituted in 1978 retrospective.

Roy Bruinius (Qld)
Richard Clews (Qld)
Ray Harris (SA)
Gail Hering (Tas)
Joe Hiller (Vic)
John Hiller (Vic)
John Kruk (Vic)
Peter Marr (Qld)
Tony Naar (SA)
Anton Niedermaier (ACT)
Lynne Newman (Vic)
John Olesk (SA)
Hillary Ranniko (SA)
Brett Stirzaker (SA)
Rob Thorpe (Tas)
George Mraz (Vic)
Ilke Veijalainen (Vic)
Roy Bruynius (Qld)
Rob Scott (Tas)
Karl Neumann (SA)
Dianane Biebrick (SA)
Sue Dansie (SA)
Ingrid Randva (SA)
Jan Stoll (Vic)
Gail Hering (Tas)
Aldona Morkunas (SA)
Marta Ostermeyer (NSW, SA)
Lynne Newman (Vic)
Kaye Thorpe (ACT)
Sue English (NSW)
Craig Marshall (2001)
Matt Grinlaubs (2001)
Bruce Bourner (2001)
Natalie Cook (2002)

Annette Huygens-Tholen (2002)
Pauline Manser (2003)
Amanda Combes (2003)
Laurel Wentworth (2004)
Rick O'Brien (2004)
Tomas Santamaria (1993)
Trevor Williams (1993)
Alexis Lebedew (2006)
Ron Robertson (2006)
Dean Turner (2006)
David Smith (2006)
Jim Lester (2006)
Robert Bates (2006)
John Byrnes (2006)
Colin Logan (2006)
Juho Louveer (2006)
Peter McConnon (2006)
Colin Nissen (2006)
Anthony Luck (2006)
Cameron Olson (2006)
Elizabeth Pollock (2006)
Luke Yan (2006)
Tanya Alderman (2006)
Bronwyn Evans (2006)
Michael (Brett) Fogharty (2006)
Stephen Giugni (2006)
Kevin Lentin (2006)
Peter Lucas (2006)
Arthur Sliwinski (2006)
Catriona Tweedie (2006)
Richard Warren (2006)
Neil Willoughby (2006)
Peter Hreszczuk (2006)
John Bennett (2006)
Linda Chang (2006)
Sharon Seaman (2007)
Gavin Lewis (2008)
Cameron Edwards (2008)

AVF Membership by State

2007/08									
Membership Categories	ACT	QLD	Vic	NSW	TAS	SA	NT	WA	Total
Adult Full	76	240	462	140	3	161	11	150	1243
Adult Social	96	565	959	876	182	590	22	159	3449
Adult Season	181		0	216	8	104	0	197	706
U19	109	2172	1425	472	65	1194	7	397	5841
U13	7	1	0	10	2	0		0	20
Corporate						250			250
Spikezone									893
Total	469	2978	2846	1714	260	2299	40	903	12402
2006/07									
Membership Categories	ACT	QLD	Vic	NSW	TAS	SA	NT	WA	Total
Adult Full	69	450	417	141		216	8	220	1,521
Adult Social	158	757	1,046	1,028	193	573	192	148	4,095
Adult Season	357	8	354	300	35	40	0	228	1,319
U19	71	2,865	1,651	482	47	1,158	22	531	6,827
U13	6	281	532	18	146	700	3	25	1,711
Corporate		2	0			391			393
Total	658	4,363	4,000	1,969	421	3,078	225	1,152	15,866
2005/06									
Membership Categories	ACT	QLD	Vic	NSW	TAS	SA	NT	WA	Total
Adult Full	145	436	655	122		193	39	126	1,716
Adult Social	130	864	1,249	1,110	236	630		145	4,364
Adult Season	448		1,065	311		266	15	191	2,296
U19	65	3,670	1,056	604	70	644		264	6,373
U13	45	236	523	46	4	1,224	37	73	2,188
Corporate		351	524			387			1,262
Total	833	5,557	5,072	2,193	310	3,344	91	799	18,199
2004/05									
Membership Categories	ACT	QLD	Vic	NSW	TAS	SA	NT	WA	Total
Adult Full	267	561	261	6		349	118	43	1,338
Adult Social	259	918	634	1,266	65	1,019	26	25	3,953
Adult Season	463		247			73		132	452
U19	194	683	1,002	376	8	882	10	590	3,551
U13	1	10	305	16		1,264			1,595
Corporate			280			1,572			1,852
Corporate Junior			28						28
Upgrade Adult Sea to Social				3					3
Total		2,172	2,757	1,667	73	5,159	154	790	12,772
2003/04									
Membership Categories	ACT	QLD	Vic	NSW	TAS	SA	NT	WA	Total
Adult Full	63	483	355	20		5	50	271	1,184
Adult Social	74	741	1,020	1,500	23	176	64	12	3,536
Adult Season	191		22	501		7		38	568
U19	32	1,558	1,365	635	8	19	44	606	4,235
U13	1	12	492	23		11	1		539
Corporate			143			430			573
Corporate Junior			1						1
Upgrade Adult Social to Full				50					50
Total		2,794	3,398	2,729	31	648	159	927	10,686

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Australian Volleyball Federation Inc Committee's Report

The committee members of Australian Volleyball Federation Inc hereby present the financial reports for the year ended 30th June 2008.

Committee Members

The committee members who held office during the year and as at the date of the report are;

The Hon Chris Schacht	President
Gary Gilchrist	Vice President (resigned 20 October 2007)
Kevin Dobson	Vice President (appointed 20 October 2007)
Riad Tayeh	Finance Director
Rosemary Bissett	
Edi Vukosa	(appointed 20 October 2007)
Shane Hennessy	(appointed 20 October 2007)
Joan Perry	Chief Executive Officer (Started 6 August 2007)

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this financial report unless otherwise stated.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Association during the financial year were:

To promote and control volleyball, including indoor, outdoor and beach volleyball, throughout Australia as a human endeavour and to assist its members to achieve this objective.

Operating Results

The loss after tax for the year ended 30th June 2008 was \$353,098 (2007: profit \$89,552)

Significant Changes

There have been no significant changes in the state of the Association's affairs during the financial year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board.



The Hon Chris Schacht
President



Riad Tayeh
Finance Director

Dated 2 October 2008

**Australian Volleyball Federation Inc
Independent Audit Report
to the Members of
Australian Volleyball Federation Inc**

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Australian Volleyball Federation Inc (the association) which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008 and the income statement, statement of recognised income and expenditure and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act (1991, A.C.T.). This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

**Australian Volleyball Federation Inc
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Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion:

The financial report of Australian Volleyball Federation Inc is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act (1991, A.C.T.) including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2008 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act (1991, A.C.T.).



S.S. Rubner
Arnold Stevens Finlay
Level 6, 410 Church Street, NORTH PARRAMATTA NSW 2151

Dated this 2nd day of October 2008

Australian Volleyball Federation Inc Statement by Members of the Committee

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 5 to 16.

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Australian Volleyball Federation Inc. as at 30 June 2008 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Australian Volleyball Federation Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:



The Hon Chris Schacht



Riad Tayeh

Dated 2 October 2008

Australian Volleyball Federation Inc
Income Statement
For the Year ended 30 June 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
Revenues from ordinary activities	2	4,241,076	3,694,660
Auditors Remuneration		(6,000)	(6,500)
Finance costs		(89)	-
Depreciation		(10,551)	(4,250)
Employee benefits		(757,231)	(524,218)
Other Expenses from ordinary activities		(3,820,303)	(3,070,140)
Profit/ (Loss) from ordinary activities before income tax		<u>(353,098)</u>	<u>89,552</u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
These financial statements have been subject to audit and should be read in conjunction with the attached Independent Audit Report.*

Australian Volleyball Federation Inc
Balance Sheet
As at 30 June 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	173,686	380,162
Trade and other receivable	5	211,385	218,930
Current tax assets	10	67,356	-
Other current assets	6	<u>110,787</u>	<u>154,196</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		563,214	753,288
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment	7	66,834	17,770
Intangible assets	8	<u>2,117</u>	<u>2,417</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>68,951</u>	<u>20,187</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>632,165</u>	<u>773,475</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	591,017	384,164
Current tax liabilities	10	-	4,456
Provisions	11	<u>52,073</u>	<u>46,262</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		643,090	434,882
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	11	<u>11,046</u>	<u>7,466</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>11,046</u>	<u>7,466</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>654,136</u>	<u>442,348</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>(21,971)</u>	<u>331,127</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated losses		<u>(21,971)</u>	<u>331,127</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>(21,971)</u>	<u>331,127</u>

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Statement of Recognised Income and Expenditure
For the Year ended 30 June 2008

	<i>Jun 2008</i>	<i>Jun 2007</i>
<u>Retained Earnings</u>		
Opening balance	331,127	241,575
Profit attributable to members	(353,098)	89,552
Closing balance	<u>(21,971)</u>	<u>331,127</u>

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Australian Volleyball Federation Inc
Cash Flow Statement
For the Year ended 30 June 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from grants and other sources		4,440,282	4,011,289
Payments to suppliers and employees		(4,623,002)	(4,004,362)
Interest received		35,947	26,760
Finance costs		(89)	-
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	12	<u>(146,862)</u>	<u>33,687</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(59,615)	(13,819)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>(59,615)</u>	<u>(13,819)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		(206,477)	19,868
Cash at the beginning of the year		380,163	360,295
Cash at the end of the year	4	<u><u>173,686</u></u>	<u><u>380,163</u></u>

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Australian Volleyball Federation Inc
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 30th June 2008

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report and it has been prepared in accordance with requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (1991, A.C.T.), Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

The financial report covers Australian Volleyball Federation Inc. as an individual entity. Australian Volleyball Federation Inc. is an association incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory under the Associations Incorporation Act 1991.

The financial report of Australian Volleyball Federation Inc as an individual entity complies with all Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) in their entirety.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Accounting Policies

(a) Going Concern

Notwithstanding the deficiency of net assets in the association, the financial report of the association has been prepared on a going concern basis. This basis has been applied as the association have negotiated a delayed payment arrangement with a major supplier, have set the new year budgets in a manner intended to recoup accumulated losses and return the association to a net surplus position, and management are closely monitoring cash flows with the committee on a monthly basis. These actions are expected to result in the association being in a position to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

(b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less plus bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown on the balance sheet as current liabilities within short term borrowings.

(c) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

Contributions are made to employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred. All employees are entitled to varying levels of benefits on retirement, disability or death. The superannuation plans or equivalent provide accumulated benefits. Contributions are made in accordance with the statutory requirements of each jurisdiction.

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(d) **Property Plant and Equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Plant and equipment	15% - 33%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

(e) **Income Tax**

The Association is a non-profit organisation and exempt from income tax under the provisions of section 11-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

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(f) **Impairment of Assets**

At each reporting date, the Association reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Association estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

An impairment loss is recognised immediately in the income statement. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but only to the extent that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset. The reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in income.

(g) **Financial Instruments**

Recognition

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on the trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the contractual rights or obligations exist. After initial recognition, financial instruments are measured as set out below:

Loans and Receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Held-To-Maturity Investments

These investments have fixed maturities, and it is the Association's intention to hold these investments to maturity. Any held-to-maturity investments held by the company are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Financial Liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

Fair Value

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

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Impairment

The Association assesses at each balance date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. In the case of available-for-sale, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of a security below its cost is considered in determining whether the security is impaired. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement.

(h) Creditors and Borrowings

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received on or before the reporting date. Trade accounts are settled in accordance with the vendor's terms.

(i) Revenue

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers or members.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Fees received for future periods are shown in the financial statement as unearned income. All other fees including membership levies are accounted for as income at the time of receipt.

Grants are brought to account in the year in which the grant is properly expended. Grants received for the subsequent year are treated as unexpended grants. Grants received during the reporting period for specific purposes that are not fully expended at balance date are also treated as unexpended grants.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(j) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(k) Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

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(l) **Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments**

The committee members evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the group.

Key estimates - There are no key estimates for the current financial year.

Key judgements - Doubtful debts provision.

The committee members have determined that \$12,060 (2007: \$17,740) from the account receivables are considered to be doubtful.

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
2. REVENUE		
Operating Activities		
Grants	1,851,311	1,635,176
Sponsorships	149,687	695,118
Membership Fees, Athlete and Other Contributions	549,449	574,204
World Tour Income	1,145,123	-
Other Income	<u>509,559</u>	<u>763,402</u>
	<u>4,205,129</u>	<u>3,667,900</u>
Non-operating activities		
Interest Income	<u>35,947</u>	<u>26,760</u>
	<u>35,947</u>	<u>26,760</u>
Total Revenue	<u><u>4,241,076</u></u>	<u><u>3,694,660</u></u>

3. AUDITORS REMUNERATION

Arnold Stevens Finlay were the auditors of Australian Volleyball Federation Inc

Audit Fees	6,000	6,500
Other	<u>25,323</u>	<u>22,079</u>
	<u><u>31,323</u></u>	<u><u>28,579</u></u>

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	2008	2007
	\$	\$
4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash on Hand	132	19,839
Cash at bank	<u>173,554</u>	<u>360,323</u>
	<u><u>173,686</u></u>	<u><u>380,162</u></u>
5. RECEIVABLES		
Current		
Trade Debtors	195,900	182,814
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	<u>(12,060)</u>	<u>(17,740)</u>
	<u>183,840</u>	<u>165,074</u>
Other Debtors	27,545	53,856
	<u>211,385</u>	<u>218,930</u>
6. OTHER ASSETS		
Current		
Prepayments	<u>110,787</u>	<u>154,196</u>
	<u><u>110,787</u></u>	<u><u>154,196</u></u>
7. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Plant & Equipment		
Office Furniture & Equipment	104,309	44,694
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(37,475)</u>	<u>(26,924)</u>
	<u>66,834</u>	<u>17,770</u>
RECONCILIATION		
Plant & Equipment		
Net Opening Balance	17,770	8,201
Additions	59,615	13,819
Depreciation Charge	<u>(10,551)</u>	<u>(4,250)</u>
Net Closing Balance	<u><u>66,834</u></u>	<u><u>17,770</u></u>

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	2008	2007
	\$	\$
8. INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
Non-Current		
Patents & Trademarks	2,117	2,417
	<u>2,117</u>	<u>2,417</u>
9. PAYABLES		
Current		
Unexpended Income - Grants	19,129	209,209
Trade Creditors	532,988	110,122
Other Creditors	<u>38,900</u>	<u>64,833</u>
	<u>591,017</u>	<u>384,164</u>
10. TAX ASSETS & LIABILITIES		
Current		
Assets		
Provision for GST	<u>67,356</u>	-
	<u>67,356</u>	-
Liabilities		
Provision for GST	-	<u>4,456</u>
	-	<u>4,456</u>
11. PROVISIONS		
Current		
Provision for Employee Benefits	<u>52,073</u>	<u>46,262</u>
	<u>52,073</u>	<u>46,262</u>
Non-Current		
Provision for Employee Benefits	<u>11,046</u>	<u>7,466</u>
	<u>11,046</u>	<u>7,466</u>

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	2008	2007
	\$	\$
12. CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations With Profit after Income Tax		
Profit After Income Tax	(353,098)	89,552
Non-Cash Flows in Profit after income tax		
- Charge to Provisions	9,391	(6,276)
- Depreciation	10,551	4,250
- Doubtful Debt Provision	(5,680)	8,696
Change in Assets and Liabilities		
- (Increase)/Decrease in trade and term debtors	13,225	113,370
- (Increase)/Decrease in intangible assets	300	300
- (Increase)/Decrease in other assets	(28,403)	86,709
- Increase/(Decrease) in trade creditors	206,852	(262,914)
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities	(146,862)	33,687

13. SEGMENT REPORTING

The Association operated predominantly in one business and geographical segment being the sporting sector by providing facilities and services to members of the association within Australia.

14. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

A significant portion of the Association's income is grant funding provided by the Australian Sports Commission.

15. BUSINESS DETAILS

The registered office of the association is:
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