



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Hunter Volleyball Inc (2000657)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hunter Volleyball signed off on 2020 with a bang, and jumped headfirst into 2021 with the energy and enthusiasm of a committee seeing positive changes within volleyball throughout the community. Our 2021 Schedule was comprehensive, with traditional social competitions at Broadmeadow and Gateshead kicking off, new junior programs getting volleyballs in more kids' hands, and a reinvigorated representative program polished to make a splash in tournaments both at home and away. We had our eyes on coach and referee accreditation support to build regional expertise and a growing pool of interested members and supporting looking for new ways to participate.

An exciting Governance event occurred in May (yes, you heard me correctly)! Following a BBQ lunch prepared by our BBQ King Graeme, we hosted the inaugural Hunter Volleyball Inc Annual General Meeting. After the meeting we broke into small groups for a Member Workshop and brainstormed ideas and opportunities for the Association for 2022 and beyond. It was a great forum to bring community members together to gather new ideas, prioritise them and then incorporate into future planning and budgeting. We look forward to continuing this format in future years as we develop the strategies and identify priorities for realising our vision for Hunter Volleyball.



Momentum was developing, energies were high, engagement was increasing and efforts to create a broad regional footprint for volleyball were taking shape.

It was at this point that an unexpected honour was bestowed upon me, courtesy of the advocacy of the Hunter Volleyball Committee and Volleyball NSW. I was sitting at Newcastle Beach enjoying a setting sun, taking a breath during a busy week, and received a call from Volleyball NSW advising that they had nominated me for the 'Community Sport Administrator of the Year' award at the Sport NSW Champions of Sport celebration, and that I had been selected as a finalist. This alone was awkward and more than I was comfortable hearing. However, an invitation to attend the awards ceremony at BankWest Stadium Sydney in June followed, and among a room of equally deserving community sport administrators – many from Newcastle also - I was humbled to win this award. Leading our volleyball community and injecting enthusiasm for big dreams and a clear vision for a successful future has been my passion, taking reward every day in the smiles, friendships, and personal achievements of our members throughout the community whenever they gather to talk about, teach or play the game. Accolades are never the motivation, but this was deeply appreciated.



Volleyball NSW CEO Baz Wedmaier, Volleyball NSW President Lucy Coggan, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans The Hon Natalie Ward MP

Once again COVID disrupted programming. The State and in particular our region were thrown into the spotlight during the latest phase of the pandemic. With all activities halted in August, the community rallied and continued to connect via online trivia, Rules of the Game quizzes, and socially distant outdoor activities at local parks and beaches until we could resume indoor sport at the end of October.

The Committee focused on "back of house" work, ensuring junior programming and representative programs were sustainable as we looked ahead to 2022, and continued the strategic conversations with venues in Maitland so that we can realise our goal of establishing a Participation Hub there by 2022, to meet the growing demand from players and parents alike. Negotiations continue.

Our Newcastle City hub indoor competitions resumed at the end of October, however we were unable to resume any activities at the Lake Macquarie hub at Hunter Sports HS. Junior programs and the representative program were halted midway, momentum was halted, and the spectre of “how far we’d come” hung over us as we headed into the Summer holidays with itchy feet and expectations of what could have been. The beach season beckoned and we got into our Halloween and Christmas tournaments, celebrating the fresh air, sunshine and reconnecting with each other. We hosted a Level 2 Referee Accreditation Course and looked to the future of officiating development. A shortened Spring indoor competition was run on Tuesday nights and a low-key season celebration was held at the Stadium featuring another hearty BBQ, courtesy of Graeme and Pat who worked in dire conditions!

Throughout 2021 we’ve seen so many members getting involved in new ways, and special thanks go to Ulrich Schall and Sasha Zajac for capturing imagery of our events and programs, and to Ross James who’s developing an amazing portfolio of beach imagery capturing the energy and personalities involved in local beach activity! These still images capture the thousands of moments in time which make up our collective experiences of local volleyball, and remind us of ‘that time, that point, that day’ when we gathered and had fun through our shared interest.

On behalf of the Committee, I commend the 2021 Annual Report to you as a record of the year past. Details in the following report cover the financial period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

Opportunities ahead of us in 2022/23 continue to be the engagement with grants and funding providers, consolidating delivery plans for representative programs, engaging regional networks to build participation and competition opportunities outside of metropolitan Sydney, and fine-tuning our governance practices to ensure we expand with effective systems and engaged volunteers.

Personal thanks to the volunteer Hunter Volleyball Committee which met monthly throughout 2021 in person and virtually, continuing to strive for new horizons, our enthusiastic volunteer network including parents and coaches, giving so freely of their time to create opportunities for young and older alike; and once again, to you our valued members who make volleyball the success it is our region and our State.



Michelle Slack-Smith
President

Volleyball NSW Beach Performance Camp & NSW Junior Beach Volleyball Tour 30-31/1/21

Following the inaugural Junior Beach Summer Smash social competition in December 2020/January 2021, Hunter Volleyball encouraged some junior players to join the action of Volleyball NSW's Beach Performance Camps, delivered by State staff and designed to build on players' technical skills, decision-making, and foster the competitive spirit for beach volleyball.

The program challenged everyone and inspired some to pursue more regular beach volleyball competition opportunities during 2021.



Nobbys was transformed into volleyball central in January with 42 teams contesting seven junior divisions, with 14 local players trying their first tournament ever, at home! Congratulations to everyone for your efforts today, including two medalling teams! Well done Haylee/Brianna, Ava/Hannah, Molly/Amelie, Michael/Raymond and Carl/Ji



Pictured Left: Arman and Alan (Silver)



Pictured Right: Jeremiah and Walker (Bronze),

INDOOR SOCIAL COMPETITIONS

SUMMER (FEBRUARY-MAY) FINALS 25/5/21

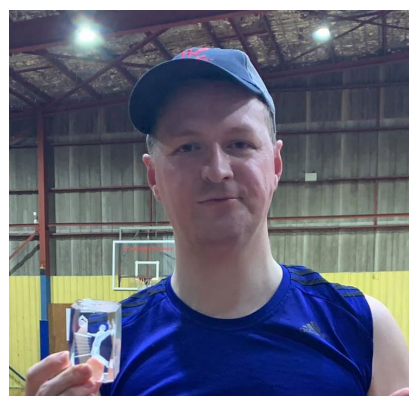
A Grade

1st Digby's

2nd Bobs and Bills

3rd No Dig'gity

4th Pink Hitters



Matthew Kelsey was named the inaugural recipient of the Most Valuable Player A Grade, taking poll position on the perpetual Rigby Shield, established in 2020 in honour of long-serving member Glen Rigby.

B Grade

1st Sets in the City

2nd Saints

3rd Notorious DIG

4th Beta Blockers



C Grade

1st Kiss My Ace

2nd Chalkies

3rd Red Setters

4th Catalyst



SPRING/SUMMER (OCTOBER-DECEMBER) FINALS 7/12/21

1st Pink Hitters

3rd No Dig'gity



B Grade

1st Saints

2nd Amigos

3rd Kiss My Ace



C Grade

1st Red Setters

2nd Chalkies

3rd Kara Suno



WOMEN'S COMPETITION

SUMMER (FEBRUARY-MAY) FINALS 26/5/21



The Women's Summer/Autumn season saw the return of the four foundation teams and culminated in a surprising and entertaining Final! In a see-sawing Bronze final the Flamingos with only 5 players fought hard, but the Outsiders prevailed winning on countback.

The 2020 runner-up Sweet Digs were stunned by the early energy of the Cheetahs, but bounced back hard in the 2nd and final set to claim a well earned victory.

Little did we know that this would be the last full season of competition completed in 2021.



The Winter competition started in June and featured two junior girls teams, taking the competition to an all-time high six teams. The junior teams comprised of our HV U18 Representative players and additional experienced juniors making the transition into senior competition.

We completed nine rounds before the regional lockdown, just ahead of the Semi-Finals which were shaping up to be another close encounter!

Teams	Rank	Points
Sweet Digs	1	29
Flaming Flamingos	2	28
Cheetahs	3	27
Outsiders	4	20
Vixens	5	13
Fury	6	10

BEACH SOCIAL COMPETITIONS

Australia Day 26/1/21

This year's tournament was relocated to Newcastle Beach, and with three courts up we hosted 27 teams in a Mixed 3s, Men's Pairs and Women's Pairs tournament under scorching conditions, causing many hot and sore feet by the afternoon.



MEN'S FINALISTS

- 1 Tua & Rene
- 2 Mitch & Keano
- 3 Michael & Peter
- 4 Matt & Matthias



WOMEN'S FINALISTS

- 1 Shardai & Glen
- 2 Susan & Marisa
- 3 Murielle & Jenna
- 4 Layla & Nicole



MIXED 3'S FINALISTS

- 1 Safe Sets
- 2 TabUli
- 3 Spice Girls
- 4 Burnie Sands



Congratulations Glen & Shardai

Division 3 Winners on the NSW Beach Volleyball Tour South Coast event!



End of Season 2020/21 Social Mixed 27/3/21

The End of season social beach tourney was run and won at Nobbys and perfect (windy) conditions greeted everyone but couldn't dampen the spirits on the day! It was great to have some juniors. Thanks for a great day everyone!

1st Sandy Balls
2nd Lazy Fockers
3rd Beach Invaders
4th Frogs on the Beach

5th The Flying 3/4ths Dutch People
6th Triple Threat
7th Schnullis



Halloween Social 31/10/21



1st Just Keep Swinging
2nd Spooky Spikers
3rd Smashing Pumpkins
4th Bitey Spikers

5th Beach Bums & Creepy Frogs
7th Heads in the Sand & Phantastics
9th Tomb Raiders
10th Ulli & Di

Christmas Mixed Social 12/12/21



Seniors Division

1st Jordan & Kim
2nd Matty & Bexley
3rd Mitch & Diana
4th Layla & Tony
5th Alan & Ash

6th Ulli & Chris

7th Jordana & Kurt
8th Peter & Mark
9th Sheldon & Nienke
10th Diego & Hannah

Juniors Division

1st Team Naughty
2nd Jingle Belles
3rd Gays and Theys

A special thanks to Santa's Helpers Jordana and Ashlyn for coordinating the prize booty enjoyed by everyone, showing great local business support for the Club and its community.

REGIONAL SOCIAL TOURNAMENTS

Hunter Volleyball embarked on a community-building exercise in 2021, reaching out to the network of regional Affiliates, to re-establish playing opportunities for juniors and seniors alike. We were grateful to host two events in the first half of the season and enjoy time on and off the court with visiting teams from Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie and Central Coast. The tournaments created additional training opportunities for the representative teams as they prepared for State Cup tournaments, unearthing some exciting competitiveness and team dynamics which gave the coaching staff great insights into development opportunities and confidence as we built up to tournaments scheduled in the second half of the year.

1-2 May

Junior Boys

- 1 Hunter U18-1
- 2 Coffs Cyclones
- 3 Coffs Tornados
- 4 Hunter U16
- 5 Hunter U18-2

Men's

- Final placings
- 1 Hunter M1
- 2 CVC
- 3 Coffs Harbour
- 4 NUVC

5 CVC Bombers

- 5 Hunter M2
- 7 Port Macq Hitters
- 8 Wolfpack

Women's

- Hunter W1
- Central Coast
- Hunter W2
- Hunter W3

The U18-1 and U18-2 Girls also hit the court for training and games this weekend, extending their progression in the game since State Cup 1 2 weeks ago! Matches against the experienced women's teams helped to build understanding of fast-past games and lead to great training opportunities in the weeks that followed.



19-20 June

Junior Boys

- Hunter
- Central Coast 1
- Coffs 1
- Central Coast 2
- Coffs 2

Men's

- Hunter M1
- Hunter M2
- Central Coast
- Hunter U18B

Women's

- Hunter W1
- Hunter W2
- Central Coast
- Newy
- Hunter U18G



Representative Program

STATE CUP APRIL 2021

Division 1	Division 2	U18 Boys	U16 Boys
Bexley Carter Mitch Gill Adam Griffith Michael Jones Matt Kelsey Keano Kozono Jordan Maxwell Michael Sharland Coach: Tony McDaniel	Carl Dilley Peter Hasser Jenis Mehla Pierre Nicolay Brendan Rutherford Maturino Saifaleupolu Puni Thomas Traynor Arman Zolfaghary Coach: Simon Tuppurainen	Lachlan Chalk Walker Flavell Eli Garmeister James Harrison Jackson Harvey Finlay Riley Michael Robertson Jeremiah Young Coach: Jordan Maxwell Asst Coach: Tony McDaniel	Travis Gray Alexander Long Marcus Ma Joel Miller Brock Milutinovic Raymond Moncrieff William Sheppard Luke Sherriff Wesley Trigg Coach: Michael Jones Asst Coach: Pierre Nicolay
Division 1	Division 2	U18 Girls - 1	U18 Girls - 2
Rebecca Ardern Doraine Bagacay Léonie Borne Glen Brumm Lucy Coggan Nicole Ann Gorospe Jenna Hollis Jana Hostler Trinity James Brianna Jenkins Coach: Trevor Connell Asst Coach: Danielle Tansu	Sin Tung Cho Lynda Davies Nienke de Vlieger Murielle Kluge Diana McClelland Layla Mercado Jordana Southgate Daphne van der Bend Coach: Michelle Slack-Smith Asst Coach: Kristy Charlton	Madeleine Agnew Hannah Button Haylee Carbines Jasmin Cox Isobella Gilbert Alicia Horne Amelie McGarry Elizabeth O'Donnell Brianna Rogers Molly Tuppurainen Coach: Kristy Charlton Asst Coach: Trevor Connell	Taya Button Kiara Drinkwater Nauiscaa Fitzgerald Isabelle-joy Gammie Alex Jones Bailey-Ley Man Isabella Mason Piper Noffke Jasmine Puslednik Coach: Danielle Tansu Asst Coach: Simon Tuppurainen





STATE CUP NOVEMBER 2021

Division 1	Division 2	U18 Girls
Rebecca Ardern Dorraine Bagacay Leonie Borne Glen Brumm Ashlyn Collins Hayley Forbes Murielle Kluge Coach: Tony McDaniel	Sin Tung Cho Lynda Davies Nienke de Vlieger Layla Mercado Michelle Slack-Smith Jordana Southgate Monique Thompson Coach: Michelle Slack-Smith	Madeleine Agnew Hannah Button Taya Button Haylee Carbines Jasmin Cox Alicia Horne Amelie McGarry Elizabeth O'Donnell Brianna Rogers Molly Tuppurainen Coach: Simon Tuppurainen
Division 1	Division 2	U18 Boys
Bexley Carter Julian Chai Jackson Harvey Matt Kelsey Keano Kozono Jordan Maxwell Brad Prior Caleb Smith Coach: Tony McDaniel	Christopher Berndt Daniel Korsman Pierre Nicolay Ji Oliver Anand Ben Romdhane Thomas Traynor Diego Vera Phillip White Arman Zolfaghari Coach: Danielle Tansu	Lachlan Chalk Walker Flavell James Harrison Marcus Ma Finlay Riley Michael Robertson Lucas Wilson Jeremiah Young Coach: Blake Anderson



Representative Squads Scrimmage and Presentation Day 21/11/21

To round out the disrupted 2021 representative season, Hunter Volleyball hosted a training day for the six squads and invited our neighbours from Central Coast Volleyball Club to join us for scrimmage matches and a hearty BBQ lunch cooked by amazing parents and volunteers in some pretty challenging weather conditions!

The day was truly memorable as an opportunity to gather together, celebrate the return to sport, enjoy the sportsmanship between the squads and Clubs, and sign-off on the club's developing representative program.



Without a full year's training and tournaments behind them, Squad Awards were adapted and presented in recognition of contributions made to the culture of teams and personal contributions on the court.



COACHES' AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Back: Thomas Traynor (M2), Matthew Kelsey (M1), Daniel Korsman (M2), Keano Kozono (M1)

Front: Lachlan Chalk (U18B), Monique Thompson (W2), Jasmin Cox (U18G), Nienke de Vlieger (W2), Michael Robertson (U18B), Nicole Gorospe (W1). Absent: Murielle Kluge (W1), Hannah Button (U18G).

SPIKEROOS PROGRAMS

Our 2020 programs were delivered for U15 kids, as their starting point and we saw so many kids desperate to learn the game and learn foundational skills during the eight week programs. In 2021, we expanded this offering to U14 and U16 sessions, doubling them to 16 weeks to deliver a comprehensive grounding in individual skills and accelerate their progression to quality competition.



This program gave participants the foundational skills and instruction in offense and defense positioning, and modified games by the end of the eight week program. Our coaching team lead by Head Coach Danielle Tansu expanded during this time, continually supporting each other. At times, it was a sea of blue coach polos as everyone chipped in to encourage the kids!



JUNIOR MIXED SOCIAL COMPETITION

The inaugural Junior Social Competition was delivered in 2020 as an U16 mixed format. This year, we split into boys and girls competitions and programmed it as an 18U competition with three teams contesting each division. The split saw greater competitive opportunities for the players and the level of competition exceeded everyone's expectations. The 18U competition kicked off the year between February – May, culminating in a thrilling finals night which entertained the players, their parents and their coaches!

	
<p>1st Hank (Simon) 2nd Bin Chickens (Kristy) 3rd Pink Panthers (Dani)</p> <p>Most Improved Player Awards Gabrielle C, Monet M and Alicia Horne Best & Fairest Awards Molly T, Hannah B and Brianna R</p>	<p>1st Team Michael 2nd Team Eric 3rd Team Jordan</p> <p>Most Improved Player Awards Lucas W, Jordan P and Eli G Best & Fairest Awards Jackson H, Arman Z and Jeremiah Y</p>

The 16U Junior Social Competition was scheduled for July -September, with another three boys and three girls teams lined up ready for action! This younger age group comprised many graduates from the U14 and U16 Spikeroos programs, a natural progression to commence weekly competition. Unfortunately, we had only three weeks of play before the regional lockdown, and the courts went quiet for the rest of 2021.

Balance Sheet

Hunter Volleyball Inc As at 31 December 2021

31 DEC 2021

Assets

Bank

NPBS Bank Account	21,178.55
Total Bank	21,178.55

Total Assets	21,178.55
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Net Assets	21,178.55
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Equity

Current Year Earnings	7,605.04
Funds from Unincorporated Association	12,289.36
Retained Earnings	1,284.15
Total Equity	21,178.55

Profit and Loss

Hunter Volleyball Inc

For the year ended 31 December 2021

2021

Trading Income

JNR Match Fees	8,540.00
Membership Income - Adults	3,310.00
Membership Income - Juniors	989.00
Merchandise Sales	806.00
Other Revenue	524.00
Rep Levies - Seniors	10,015.73
Rep Levies Juniors	8,211.90
SNR Competition Fees	36,452.00
Social Tournament Player Fees	8,241.40
Social Training Income	3,453.48
Spikeroos Program Income	7,800.00
Spikezone Income	3,432.00
Total Trading Income	91,775.51

Cost of Sales

Merchandise Cost of Goods Sold	1,094.56
Total Cost of Sales	1,094.56

Gross Profit

90,680.95

Operating Expenses

Administration Assistant	742.50
Affiliation Fees	495.00
Bank Fees	10.00
Coach Uniforms	154.44
Committee Expenses	1,718.07
Competition Supplies	3,516.37
Consultant Fees	440.21
Council Applications & Hire	343.15
COVID Management	381.52
Development Expense - Coaching Costs	4,875.00
Development Expense - Miscellaneous Equipment	26.18
Development Expense - Player Pack	3,873.33
Development Expense - Venue Hire Expense	660.00
Finals Night Expenses	149.27
General Expenses	2,609.59
Marketing	350.00
NSWVRA Training Course Fees	431.22
Printing & Stationery	358.10
Prizes for Competitions/Tournaments	6,472.31
Referees	49.50
Rep Coach Honorariums	197.93

	2021
Rep Competition Entry Fees	5,196.72
Rep Team Uniforms	8,898.50
Subscriptions	311.00
Supervisors/Court Managers	3,375.00
Team Subsidies	3,438.00
Venue/Court Hire	32,731.00
Volleyballs for Junior Participation	864.00
Volleyballs for Rep Teams & Social Comps	408.00
Total Operating Expenses	83,075.91
Net Profit	7,605.04