



**HUNTER  
VOLLEYBALL**

**2022  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**Hunter Volleyball Inc (2000657)**

# President's Report

Looking back on 2022 and at all of the volleyball that took place in our region last year, has been so energising during the process of preparing this Report. Another 12 months has passed and the Hunter community has thrived due to opportunities to play, and gather with friends, in so many different places!

The Committee's focus for 2022 was to continue to **improve the quality** of everything we delivered, to **expand participation opportunities**, and to make **sustainable long-term decisions** underpinning our programming, resourcing, and importantly our financial position.

As a regional affiliate the conversation about state and national support was ongoing throughout the year through the Committee's **advocacy** for regional resourcing to support grass-roots participation, and particularly consideration for regional pathways - and closing the gaps - for entry into State performance and event schedules. These are challenging conversations which will continue for years to follow because a regional voice is critical. Despite Hunter Volleyball's ongoing efforts to develop comprehensive services as a regional association, to provide clear pathways for participation and representation, and to drive broad community engagement which raises the profile of volleyball, there is still a lot of work to do to achieve meaningful consideration, parity, or action in State planning and resourcing for all those operating volleyball associations in regional areas of NSW.

The Hunter Volleyball **financial position** remains stable, returning a net profit of \$11,155.36 contributing to Total Equity of \$32,333.91 for the financial year ending 31 December 2022. Reviewing annual budget-setting principles, registering for GST and engaging a professional bookkeeper, and embedding monthly processing continues to increase our capabilities in the administration of the association on behalf of our members. Developing a small funds buffer over the past few years will ensure that as future venue equipment and hiring obligations arise we can service these without passing costs directly onto members. The Committee acknowledged all Members' commitment to pay for their volleyball participation. We continue to position volleyball as an accessible sport at all levels, amongst many competing options within the local community recreation market.

We have maintained a very positive relationship and benefited from our reputation as good community hirers, from the administrators of **Hunter Sports High School** at Gateshead. Access to a single court in S Block has transformed our association. In 2023, we have been offered a third night (Thursdays) to deliver even more programming to juniors and seniors. Working with the school leaders, we hope to achieve some minor equipment upgrades and storage solutions to support our use three days per week, and maintain a highly engaging, accessible and positive experience for all who visit there.

Expansion to **Maitland** remains a priority and we hope, again, that next year will be our year to secure a venue and launch programs which support the growing demand for volleyball closer to home.

A key topic for future consideration by our whole sport is the appropriate home of volleyball in the **Newcastle LGA**. At the time of writing this Report, news of the Newcastle Stadium redevelopment at a new site in Broadmeadow has been announced and now more than ever, a considered voice for multi-sport venue opportunities must be heard to ensure volleyball's future is not irreparably impacted by narrowly-focused lobbying of Local and State Governments for the development and repair of facilities. Building community and commercial partnerships with Newcastle Basketball is critical for the long term access to volleyball courts within Newcastle city.

Discussions around the establishment of a **volleyball venue** must continue in earnest by preparing a business case for sustainability, and sharing a vision for a “home” for volleyballers to gather, build community, play and train. Pursuing concepts for a small site that houses a mix of beach and indoor courts plus performance training spaces, will create a future for Hunter Volleyball which enables us to play and train in our own timeframes, and provides some independence to operate in the region. Research into State funding sources for Regional Facility Development and Centres of Excellence, as well as collaborations with the NSW Office of Sport (Hunter), Local Government, and other sporting codes will amplify our voice and progress volleyball’s status as a highly engaging, global sport for all.

Our **HV Committee** worked tirelessly throughout 2022 to deliver an extensive schedule of participation programs, coach development, representative programs, and social competitions. We trust that reading the following pages of the 2022 Annual Report you will smile and experience a sense of pride for being part of something exciting, which continues to grow with every passing season. As always, tell a friend and encourage them to get involved today.

A **volunteer’s contribution** is immeasurable but never unseen or unappreciated. As often as possible during 2022 I gave shoutouts to everyone who contributed to the provision of Hunter Volleyball activities. Everyone who comes five minutes early to the venue to help setup the net and scorers tables, teams who instantly start to pack down the court at 10.00pm when games finish, kids and parents who help with “the tub”, the trolley and volleyballs every week, everyone who comes to a beach tournament an hour or more before game to carry shovels, portable courts, prizes, eskies, and all of the paraphernalia required to deliver an event on the sand.

I see you all and am truly grateful that you made your volleyball experiences possible, by being awesome on and off the court.

To all of the **parents and carers** who have been with us over the past few years, your energy and support continues to drive us and we hope to continue representing you well in the years ahead. You’ve shown great commitment by bringing your own chair to sit on, offering advice to the kids from the sidelines, sharing ideas to help us make this association great, and enjoying the smiles and engagement your child shows in this recreational space. Thank you for believing in us and how we may add value to their lives, as we push them only just a little bit to try harder, to be open to changing habits, and to learn how to rely on others for group and individual success.

We acknowledge the tremendously positive culture that exists within our parent community.

This is my last report to Members in the role of President, after an exciting three year period. In the transition to new association leadership, I encourage everyone to speak up, to share ideas, and actively create the type of community association you want to belong to, for many years to come. These three years have changed my life; the role has given me great purpose, connected me with this tremendous community, shown me how players grow and adapt over time; provided thousands of hours of excitement in service to the sport we all love. I continue to wish only the best and the greatest of success for Hunter Volleyball and every individual who supports it.



**Michelle Slack-Smith**  
President

# Association Administration

Life Membership of Hunter Volleyball Inc. was awarded to Mark Pichler and Graeme Bowley at the AGM on 12th March 2022, at Nobby's Surf Club. The award of Life Membership bestowed upon Greg Miller in 2013 (under the Newcastle Volleyball Association) was also endorsed as a Life Membership under the new Association, ensuring the continuum of volleyball's administration and history is recognised within this Region.

Both Graeme and Mark have given themselves tirelessly to the Newcastle District Volleyball Association, Newcastle Volleyball Association and the new Hunter Volleyball Inc over many decades, providing coaching, administration, event assistance, general volunteering and leadership of various committees over their time. The community thanked both Graeme and Mark, as they presented engraved decanters as a token of our appreciation, and marking their place in our history.

The Committee elected at the AGM was Michelle Slack-Smith President (returning), Danielle Tansu Vice President (returning), Nienke De Vlieger Secretary (returning), Mark Kozono Treasurer, Kristy Charlton General Committee Member, Graeme Bowley Public Officer (returning) and General Committee Member, and Ashlyn Collins General Committee Member (to 19/9/22).



 4 Programs <b>80</b> Players U13, U15 boys and girls	 4 Programs <b>210</b> Players U15 Mixed Triple Ball U17 Boys / U17 Girls U18 Mixed City of Origin	 8 Teams <b>75</b> Players <b>44</b> Games
 4 Social Tournaments Australia Day Halloween Junior 3s by the Sea Christmas	 23 Teams 3 Seasons <b>342</b> Games	 6 Rep Teams 72 Players 9 Coaches 8 Tournaments
 <b>HUNTER VOLLEYBALL</b>		
Servicing the Hunter Region of NSW including Newcastle and Lake Macquarie - expanding into Maitland in 2023		
382 Members - 34% U18 / 66% Adult		

# Coach Induction and Development Workshop

Every year, Hunter Volleyball conducts a formal coach induction workshop for those new to the HV Coach Network. We set out our association's expectations for engagement with our members, ways of communicating with Members and each other, priorities for delivering Child Safe Sport, joint accountability, and providing an overall system of supportive technical development the whole network for the benefit of others. It has been tremendous hosting these Inductions over the past three years and seeing the number of coaches joining our network increasing, seeking out their pathway to experience the game from new perspectives.

As part of the 2022 representative season and broader coach network engagement, the Division 1 Men's Head Coach Tony McDaniel presented a Coach Development Workshop in May for interested coaches to assist with personal development in the role of coaching juniors and seniors alike. During the workshop a range of off court topics were covered (including developing culture, personal organisation, selection and management) as well as on-court matters (including group and individual training plans, common approaches to the HV Offense system) and much more.

The event was hugely beneficial for those in attendance and set the scene for future development activities and squad performances throughout the remainder of the representative season.



*Some members of HV's 'blue army', providing support and advice to our community in 2022*

# Junior Development

U15 Spikeroos continued this year on Monday and Wednesday afternoons in both Term 1 and 2, before a break and returning in Term 4 as an Introduction to Volleyball for 21 excited U13 kids! The Spikeroos programs are essential to development of awareness, coordination, muscle memory and confidence in youngsters learning a whole range of new skills and a new language that is volleyball!

Heart-felt appreciation to these amazing coaches - **Arman, Bailea, Danielle, Isabelle-Joy, Mark, Michael, Michelle, Mitch and Monique** - who shared their love of the game, and encouragement to players in our youngest programs.

We know that you have made a positive and lasting impression on these young participants!



# Junior Social Competitions

Our **U17 Boys and Girls Junior Social Competitions (JSC)** returned this year over a 10 week season in Terms 1-2, and the standard of play from both returning and new players was highly competitive, giving parents a great showcase of the season on Finals Night! The JSC is an important learning environment for all in both game and officiating responsibilities, and is the pre-cursor to selection in the inaugural Junior Volleyball League.

## Boys Finals 2nd May

Bronze Black (Monique)

Most Improved Howard

def Sky (Eric)

Most Improved Finlay

Gold Navy (Dani)

Most Improved Riley

def Red (Michael)

Most Improved Flynn



## Girls Finals 4th May

Bronze Grey (Dani) Most Improved Genevieve

def Red (Michael) Most Improved Charlotte

Gold Black (Bailea) Most Improved Amelia

def Blue Most Improved Emily



Thanks to our coaches for your guidance this season!

Girls coaches: **Mark, Bailea, Michael, Danielle**

Boys coaches: **Monique, Michael, Eric, Danielle**



In Term 3, we launched our first **U15 Junior Social Competition**, modelled of the Alberta Volleyball (CAN) "Triple Ball" modified competition. This was a great success for those new to the game and those who had completed the Spikeroos skill programs. Thanks to **Mitch and Michelle** for leading the teams in this competition, and to our U17 Junior Social Competition players - **Nas, Issy, Bella, Darcy, Jackson, Ray and Alan** - who came along to assist throughout the Triple Ball competition with refereeing and coaching too! On Finals night 5th October, Matchies def The Wiggles 2-1 (27-25, 25-19, 22-25).

Rounding out the year we played a fun, five week mixed **U18 City of Origin Challenge**, a last hoorah for those entering senior competitions in 2023 and an energetic way to round out a huge volleyball year for Juniors! We introduced some new coaches the ranks for the five team competition which saw teams selected based on residential address (effectively representing our three catchment areas of Maitland & Surrounds, Newcastle and Lake Macquarie).

Thanks to everyone for getting involved in some highly spirited competition, the rivalry was real between the players and coaches - **Arman, Jackson, Keano, Michelle, Raymond** - right down to final whistle with countbacks in both games confirming the winners.

Gold Medal	Newy Red def Lake Blue 1-1 (20-25, 25-14, 10-5)
Bronze Medal	Lake Gold def Newy Blue 1-0 (26-24, 20-21)
5th Place	Newy White



# Junior Volleyball League

The future is here! Launching the Junior Volleyball League has been three years in the making, disrupted by COVID-19 lockdowns, but thankfully the stronger for it! The inaugural season saw four boys and girls teams contest the League over an 11 week season (May - September). The League format included selection trials, pre-season training and officiating workshops, weekly games and a fortnightly team training session.

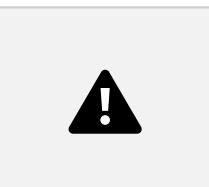


This season's program was sponsored by the Grill'd Local Matters community fundraising program and the teams enjoyed a social night out at Grill'd Kotara mid-season to show our appreciation to the store. We had custom medals designed and produced by EPIC Medals and were thrilled at the quality of these which will be valuable keepsakes for our inaugural League finalists.

Having over 60 parents and friends attend the Finals fixtures was so thrilling to see the support for our region's best juniors who improved exponentially over the course of this first season, and for many, over a three year period of participating in Hunter Volleyball junior programs!

## SEASON FINALS RESULTS - 12TH SEPTEMBER

BOYS DIVISION	GIRLS DIVISION
1 <sup>st</sup> Sharks (Coach Jordan)	1 <sup>st</sup> Panthers (Coach Dani)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Redbacks (Coach Michael)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunbirds (Coach Mark)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Panthers (Coach Eric)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sharks (Coach Michelle)
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunbirds (Coach Mark)	4 <sup>th</sup> Redbacks (Coach Murielle/Hayley)
MOST IMPROVED AWARDS	
Howard Lewis (Redbacks)	Honour Toa (Sharks)
MOST VALUABLE AWARDS	
Michael Robertson (Sharks)	Hannah Button (Panthers)



A warm congratulations and acknowledgement to the cohort of coaches - **Danielle, Eric, Hayley, Jordan, Mark, Michael, Michelle, and Murielle** - who lead this year's program, from the initial planning session which defined the League's objectives, culture and preferred outcomes, to the conduct of matches, mentoring of players, peer mentoring and support, and the rollercoaster of finals night when the hopes and dreams of our junior players and their parents shone a spotlight on all of the good work done throughout the season.

As this League matures over the coming years, we are seeking expansion through teams designated to represent Newcastle, Maitland, and Lake Macquarie in a home and away format, making this a true inter-city, regional competition.



# 3's by the Sea Junior Beach Volleyball

This new competition format was launched this year to draw indoor players out into the sunshine and fill the gap left when the indoor season ends. Seven teams contested this eight-week competition (less two rained out weeks) and it was clear from the outset that the highly competitive players were not mucking around ... big serves, big energy, and big celebrations made it a lively Saturday morning spectacle!



It was fantastic having parents spectating, enjoying the summer sun, and providing great atmosphere and commentary on the kids' performances throughout the competition, adding to the background entertainment that organised beach volleyball activities present to the broader community when enjoying the city's beaches. We hope to expand this style of competition further in the 2023/24 Summer to ensure that more juniors learn and develop outdoor volleyball skills also.

## SEASON FINALS RESULTS - 12TH NOVEMBER

### Girls

Gold	Team Ay!! def ELLF's 2-0 (21-12, 18-14)
Bronze	X Factor def E-Crew 1-0 (21-11)

### Boys

Gold	Back in Black def DRJ 2-0 (21-8, 21-18)
Elimination	DRJ def Ocean's 11 1-0 (21-19)



# Hunter Volleyball Representative Program

## Senior Program



The 2022 Representative program was a comprehensive team development model, delivered in two Phases. Preliminary selection trials were conducted and squads selected for training and tournaments between March and May, before a secondary phase of targeted selections was conducted for the balance of the season June to November. Overall, there were 22 training sessions and 9 tournament appearances between February - November.

The training program lead by **Head Coaches Tony and Danielle** (Division 1 Coaches), focused on developing whole-of-squad offense and defensive systems, taking some players out of their established routines or comfort zones, in order to be efficient in the execution of techniques, dynamic in movement and decision-making, as well as creating an effective pathway for player transitions between Division 1 and Division 2 teams. **Diego and Tom, and Simon** coached the Division 2 men's and women's teams respectively and saw a number of great individual and team performances delivered over the course of the season.

The teams enjoyed showing off to their local community during evening Exhibition Matches which featured match announcers, music, and crowd activities, and we also hosted Sydney North Volleyball teams for one-day scrimmage matches.



*Exhibition Match Teams - May 2022*



Tournament experiences were challenging this year, with HV teams facing: highly variable opposition teams from one event to the other; noticeably different mindset in teams competing and applying the Rules between various State Cup events; removal of two Club Championship events from the State Calendar and replacement with standalone State Cup events; pressure on their resilience as teams moved between divisions to test themselves and convert their training intensity into game-day performances.

There was a real buzz as we travelled as a senior squad to Canberra for the Good Neighbour tournament. Thanks goes to Graeme Bowley for assisting the teams with group transport and shuttling over the course of the weekend!

Bunking in together at Canberra Park, supporting each other across multiple venues, sharing meals and downtime together, and celebrating some spectacular on court performances by the teams was the highlight to mark the end of the 2022 season.

What was apparent throughout the season was the development of pride in representing Hunter Volleyball. Leadership shown by the coaches and team captains was exemplary and truly worthy of a mention, which showed us how we can succeed and continue to evolve as a regional association with lofty future goals.

<b>Div 1 Men</b> Adam Griffith+ Arman Zolfaghari Bexley Carter Caleb Elliott Smith Jack Dare Jordan Maxwell Mark Dan Kozono Matthew Kelsey Michael Jones Pierre Nicolay Samuel Forsberg	<b>Div 2 Men</b> Anand Ben Romdhane Blake Anderson Campbell McDonald Cesar Joya Jake Yim TsuzTsun Jeremy Seoung Keano Kozono Marc Jerrico Wong Michael Robertson Phillip White Shae Quenelle Thomas Traynor+	<b>Div 1 Women</b> Ashlyn Collins+ Brianna Jenkins Dorraine Bagacay+ Hayley Andrews* Hayley Forbes Janamarie Hostler Jenna Hollis Kinga Vidor Kris Lam Lucy Coggan Murielle Kluge Nicole Ann Gorospe Rebecca Ardern Trinity James	<b>Div 2 Women</b> Bailea Smith+ Charito Gabato Charlie Rolleston-Collier Hannah Button* Jordana Southgate Layla Mercado Molly Tuppurainen Monique Thompson Nausicaa Fitzgerald* Nienke de Vlieger Pam Fox Saskia Bickerdike Sin Tung Cho
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## 2022 SENIOR RESULTS

State Cup Sydney (March)	2nd Div 1	6th Div 2	3rd Res	5th Div 2
State Cup Central Coast (March)	2nd Div 1	3rd Div 2	3rd Res	3rd Div 2
State Cup Sydney (April)	3rd Res	7th Div 2	1st Res	2nd Div 2
State Cup Illawarra (August)	3rd Res	9th Div 2	1st Res	4th Div 2
State Cup Sydney (September)	10th Res	8th Div 2	5th Res	4th Div 2
HVRT Central Coast (October)	1st Champion Div	3rd Champion Div	1st Champion Div	3rd Champion Div
State Cup Sydney (October)	9th Res	9th/10th Div 1	1st Res	3rd Div 1
Good Neighbour, ACT (November)	6th Div 1	14th Div 2	5th Res	7th Div 2
<b>Most Valuable Player Award</b>	Jordan Maxwell	Marc Jerrico Wong	Murielle Kluge	Layla Mercado

\* Junior girls advancing into the Senior teams for development and specific tournament roles this season

+ Players withdrew during the season

## Junior Program



This season, Hunter Volleyball partnered with the Hunter Academy of Sport to deliver an extended Junior Development and Representative program model. Junior athletes were nominated to join the boys and girls development programs with Hunter Academy of Sport and received education across a number of health disciplines alongside their volleyball coaching. Then Hunter Volleyball conducted open trials for players to represent the region in U18 Junior teams, for a series of tournaments between August - November.



We acknowledge the support of the Hunter Academy of Sport staff for working closely with Hunter Volleyball to develop a cohesive and meaningful program to develop these regional athletes for the rigorous pursuit of competitive volleyball, and hope this relationship continues for many years to come.

The teams were entered into both junior and senior VNSW State Cup events in order to challenge their competitiveness and further develop their skills against more experienced players. Throughout the season, there were many comments from event organisers and other coaches about the presence that Hunter Volleyball had within a venue and the sportsmanship displayed by the coaches and players alike. This is a special nod to the value and the culture developed this season under the leadership of the coaching team.

The squads were lead by dedicated coaches - **Danielle, Simon, Mark, Kristy, Michael, and Jordan** - throughout the Academy phase and into the HV Rep season, ensuring continuity of experience and progression of skill development all season long.



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	<p><b>U18 Boys</b></p> <p>Alex Twaddell Brady Gough Brock Milutinovic Charlie Neill Darcy Adams Ethan Hinds-Cobb Ewan Powell Howard Lewis Luke Sherriff Marcus Ma Michael Robertson William Sheppard</p>	<p><b>U18 Girls</b></p> <p>Ava Smith Connie Bishop Georgia Baldin-Stuart Hannah Button Hayley Andrews Isabelle-joy Gammie Mika Pace Nauiscaa Fitzgerald Ruby Lee Duff Taya Button</p>
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## 2022 JUNIOR RESULTS

Academy Games Wagga (April)	Senior boys - 3rd Junior boys - 3rd	Senior girls - 2nd Junior girls - 4th
RASI Challenge Sydney (August)	Senior boys - 2nd Junior boys - 3rd	Senior girls - 2nd Junior girls - 4th
State Cup Sydney (Adult Div 3) (September)	Senior boys - 7th	Senior girls - 5th
HVRT Central Coast (Adult Div 2) (October)	3rd Challenger Div	1st Challenger Div
State Cup Sydney (Adult Div 2) October	Senior boys - 7th	Senior girls - 8th
State Cup Sydney (Junior Division) November	Senior boys - 3rd	Senior girls - 7th
<b>Most Improved Player Award</b>	Howard Lewis	Connie Bishop
<b>Most Valuable Player Award</b>	Marcus Ma	Hayley Andrews

In October, Hunter Volleyball hosted a regional social tournament on the Central Coast, with the assistance of the Central Coast Volleyball Club. The event featured 15 teams, with visitors from Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie and Ballina making the trek south for a weekend of social rivalry! During the HV Regional Tournament on the Central Coast, the Senior Captains - **Michael and Murielle** - presented representative playing jerseys to the newest members of the junior squads. This was a really special moment as the juniors were all celebrated by the peers and acknowledged for entering the next phase of their playing journeys.



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We held a tournament dinner at the Gosford Golf Club on Saturday night and took the opportunity to profile the junior volleyballers among our five clubs who had earned selection and achieved success in the NSW Phoenix program during the year.

The event truly was a celebration for the regional volleyball community along the East Coast to build community and friendships on and off the court.



#### **HV Members who represented in the NSW Phoenix beach or indoor season 2022**

*Back: Arman Zolfaghari (AJVC), Jordan Maxwell (AYBVC Coach), Shae Quennelle (AYVC)*

*Front: Hannah Button (AYVC), Charlie Neill (AYVC), Kristy Charlton (AYVC Coach)*

# HRIS Volleyball Invitational Series

In 2022, Hunter Volleyball was contracted by Hunter Region Independent Schools sports association, to provide event management services and deliver a four-event series targeted at the 18 secondary schools within the HRIS sport system. It was a great opportunity for HV to connect with this group of schools, and host events in regional communities including Port Macquarie, the Central Coast and Newcastle. A long term goal is for the HRIS to re-introduce volleyball to their representative sport program to ensure that Independent school students have a clear pathway for competition, talent identification and selection to represent in the NSW All Schools competitions and beyond.



Thanks to our hard-working Event Assistants - **Keano and Monique** - for assisting with event delivery, competition management, occasional refereeing, and presentations at multiple events. Having volleyballers step into delivery roles is invaluable and for the junior competitors at these events, having a chance to see their junior coaches in a variety of roles is also inspiring.



## 2022 HONOUR BOARD

Broadmeadow 16 March	Niagara Park 13 May	Port Macquarie 21 June	Broadmeadow 31 August
<b>OPEN BOYS</b> St Philip's Christian College (1) Macquarie College Avondale College St Philip's Christian College (2) <i>Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College, Hunter Valley Grammar School, Central Coast Sports College</i>	<b>OPEN BOYS</b> St Columba Anglican School Lakes Grammar School Macquarie College St Philip's Christian College (2) <i>St Philip's Christian College (1)</i>	<b>OPEN GIRLS</b> St Columba Anglican School Wauchope High School Hunter Valley Grammar School (1) Avondale College <i>Hunter Valley Grammar School (2)</i>	<b>OPEN BOYS</b> Macquarie College Avondale College St Philip's Christian College (1) Medowie Christian School <i>Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College (2), Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College (1)</i>
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# Senior Social Competitions (Indoor)

This season the Committee separated B and C Grades into distinct divisions and launched a model for Promotion & Relegation to be played out at the end of the 2022 Season. The model was launched as a means of determining ultimate gradings in each division, and create the pathway for teams to progress to higher levels of play despite space restrictions limiting the entry of new teams into divisions.

There remains a high demand for new players and teams to join the competition and it's always a challenge delaying new players' entry to the competitions due to space restrictions. In future years, further investigation is needed on competition formats which continue to deliver high quality graded competition, but allow for more teams to compete throughout the year.





News mid-year that Development Approval of the Hillsborough Road stadium redevelopment site was being assessed had everyone jumping with anticipation, however, the site was deemed inappropriate and an alternate location at Glendale was identified but subsequently also determined as unviable. So it was back to the drawing board for our association's future growth prospects, as Newcastle Basketball undertakes further site scoping and Development Applications.

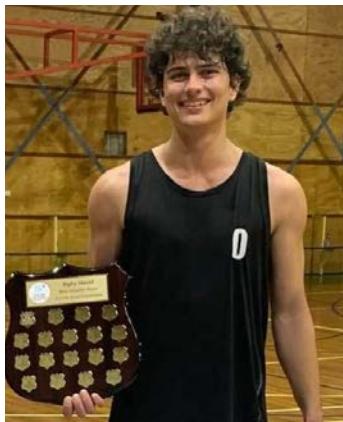
We hosted a pizza and appreciation night for Mark Pichler in August. With the creation of a new Programs Coordinator employee role responsible for delivery of programs and competitions at both venues, Mark finished up his time as venue supervisor and competition coordinator for Tuesday nights after decades of services featuring tens of thousands of scoresheets!

Former Committee member Ian Bell presented Mark with a gift on behalf of some of the playing community. It was a great opportunity for the dozens of new players joining the club on the night to meet Mark, hear about his contribution, and observe his legacy as a new B Grade MVP Award was named in his honour, to be presented for the first time in December 2022.

A new C Grade MVP Award was announced (for presentation in 2023), in honour of Newcastle volleyball stalwart Greg Miller. This created a remarkable suite of three MVP Awards to be presented for Tuesday night competitors following the introduction of the Rigby Shield for A Grade MVP in 2021. Weekly peer voting acknowledges high performing individuals in each round of the competition, and cements the name of three significant contributors to our sport's history and culture for generations to come.



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## 2022 HV NEWCASTLE CITY SEASON RESULTS

### Autumn 8/2 - 31/5

#### C Grade

4th Lag Spikes (Forfeit)  
3rd Eyeballers  
2nd Red Setters  
1st Chalkies

#### B Grade

4th Beta Blockers  
3rd Amigos  
2nd Kiss My Ace  
1st Eclipse

#### A Grade

4th Deez Nets  
3rd Digbys  
2nd Pink Hitters  
1st No Dig'gity

### Winter 7/6 - 26/7

#### C Grade

4th Chalkies  
3rd Lag Spikes  
2nd Catalyst  
1st Red Setters

#### B Grade

4th Amigos  
3rd Kiss My Ace  
2nd Notorious DIG  
1st Saints

#### A Grade

4th Sloppy Sets  
3rd Deez Nets  
2nd Digbys  
1st No Dig'gity

### Spring 16/8 - 6/12

#### C Grade

4th Eyeballers  
3rd Catalyst  
2nd Lag Spikes  
1st Chalkies

#### B Grade

4th Kiss My Ace  
3rd Beta Blockers  
2nd Eclipse  
1st Red Setters

#### ***Pichler Shield -***

***B Grade MVP***  
*Tyron Fofogaolevai*

#### A Grade

4th Digbys  
3rd Pink Hitters  
2nd No Dig'gity  
1st Deez Nets

#### ***Rigby Shield***

***A Grade MVP -***

*Bexley Carter*

The **Wednesday night Women's** competition continues to remain stable at 6 teams, however player attendance fluctuates season-by-season and certainly has the capacity to grow. Scheduling the junior girls programs and social competitions on Wednesday afternoons is an intentional approach to introduce junior girls to the women's competition as their skill and maturity increases every year.

The leader board and season champion continues to rotate with many finals being decided by the team with the most players there on the night. It was fun to host a Neon night with 80's music and add a little extra vibe to the Wednesday venue with various movie soundtrack, reggae, and groovy tunes throughout the year.



## 2022 HV LAKE MACQUARIE SEASON RESULTS

### **AUTUMN 16/2 - 4/5**

#### B Grade Women's

4th Flaming Flamingos  
3rd Sweet Digs  
2nd Outsiders  
1st Cheetahs

### **WINTER 25/5 - 17/8**

#### B Grade Women's

4th Sweet Digs  
3rd Outsiders  
2nd Cheetahs  
1st Flaming Flamingos

### **SPRING 31/8 - 14/12**

#### B Grade Women's

4th Flaming Flamingos  
3rd Sweet Digs  
2nd Cheetahs  
1st Outsiders

# Senior Social Competitions (Beach)

## Australia Day - 26th January

This year's event was a special 25th Anniversary tournament held at Nobby's Beach. A fabulous celebration of a milestone in our association's history and part of the fabric of the social beach volleyball scene. It was a great pleasure seeing experienced players partnering with a junior, to give them an introduction to an organised competition day and boost their confidence as they transition out of junior social activities into senior events in the future. Special mention to Mark Pichler for rounding out delivery of his 26th event, putting in decades of service and sweat for the hunter community.



## 2022 HV NEWY BEACHES EVENT RESULTS

### Women's Division

- 1 Mu & Jenna
- 2 Shardai & Jordie
- 3 Ashlyn & Hannah
- 4 Nienke & Pam
- 5 Ash & Kim
- 6 Lindsay & Sham
- 7 Michelle & Heather
- 8 Taya & Monique

### Men's Division

- 1 Jordan & Bexley
- 2 Michael & Matthias
- 3 Pierre & Adam
- 4 Mitch & Adam G
- 5 Michael & Mark
- 6 Tony & Kurt
- 7 Alan & Jake
- 8 Vincent & Yoshihito
- 9 Uli & Matt
- 10 Chris & Ian

### 11 Arman & Thomas

### Mixed Division

- 1 Glen,Trin, Evan
- 2 Tua, Rene, Glen
- 3 Keano, Nicole, Layla
- 4 Isabelle-Joy, Jackson, Sasha
- 5 Alexandra, Jasmine, Matthias S

## Halloween - 29th October

Fresh from the junior 3s by the Sea competition, we welcomed 6 junior teams to this years' Halloween tournament. For the girls, ELLF's def E Crew (Team Ay! third) while in the boys competition Back in Black remained the dominant team defeating Ocean's 11 (DRJX third).

In the senior competition, 13 teams of Ghouls, Gremlins and Goblins hit the courts in their finest fancy dress to content a pool play competition, followed by a seeded Single Elimination bracket for Champion and Challenger division teams.

SENIOR CHAMPION DIVISION	SENIOR CHALLENGER DIVISION	JUNIORS DIVISION
<p>1st Matthias / Alanna 2nd Jordan / Nas Equal 3rd Jackson / Pam and Brenden / Di Equal 5th Peter / Nienke and Michael / Hayley</p>    	<p>1st Pierre / Jordana 2nd Kurt / Kelsey Equal 3rd Sash / Ulli and Mark / Hannah Equal 5th Alan / Charlotte and Chris / Taya 7th Mitch / Aika</p>    	<p><b>JUNIORS DIVISION</b></p>      

## Christmas - 10th December

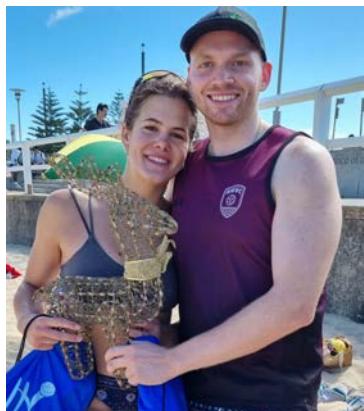
Another picture-postcard day greeted 17 teams which gave the 2022 volleyball season a classic send off, with some fancy dress beach volleyball on Nobby's Beach! The day saw many teams having to dig deep in the hot conditions, battling fatigue, cramping, costume malfunctions, and more as they fought for the elusive HV Beach Towel and other HV merch prizes (which may have been re-gifted at family Christmas festivities the following week)!!

During the lunch break there was an entertaining games segment where players competed in a 3-Legged race, Antler Toss, Team Relays, Shooting Stars and the Xmas Rising partner burying competition. The team relay featuring Nutella + Weet-Bix eating challenges followed by dizzy-bat and Eggnog drinking on a sunny day was a crowd pleaser!

Thanks to everyone for joining in and getting into the spirit of the games.

### Final Placings

1st Sleigh What?!	7th KMax	13th Jingle Ballers
2nd Useless	8th Jingle Bells	14th Team Naughty
3rd Dammit Mark	9th Ball Sleighers	15th Last Minute
4th Peaches & Cream	10th Depeche toi Santa	16th Butt Crackers
5th Kincumber Cuties	11th Colombian Nachos	17th Oh Deer
6th Sugar Rush	12th Sand Habibis	



# **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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