

# **ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

# Celebrating



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## **2019 Affiliate Members**







































# **2019 Associate Members**







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### 2019 Overview

#### **Board and Executives**

#### **Board of Management**

Boris Georgieff (President)

Adam Pollock (Vice-President)

Russell Egan (Finance Director)

Vicky Andrews

Greg Potter (resigned June)

Todd Rankin (elected June)

Terry Rudder

Shaun Scott (elected June)

Rhiannon Tooker (resigned June)

#### Staff

General Manager

**Events Manager** Club Services Coordinator

Pathways Coordinator

Membership Database Administrator (Part Time)

Accounts Manager (Part Time)

Administration Officer (Part Time)

Communications Officer (Part time)

IT Coordinator (Casual)

**PVL** Coordinator

Gary O'Donnell (appointed October)

Jon Gibbs (resigned October)

Damien Searle

David Stokes

Todd Kropp

Jill Kelly

Susan McQuinn

Sam Unicomb (resigned December)

Victoria Cameron

Nathan Dang (resigned June)

Kent Scotney

#### **Affiliates**

Aces United Volleyball Club

Ausghan Sports Club

Brisbane Volleyball Club

Bundaberg & District Volleyball Association

Cairns Volleyball Association

**Dragons Volleyball Association** 

Easts Volleyball Club

Fraser Coast Volleyball Association

Gladstone Volleyball Association

Gold Coast Volleyball Club

Griffith University Volleyball Club

Gympie Volleyball Association Kingaroy Volleyball Association Norths Volleyball Association QUT Volleyball Club Redlands Volleyball Association SD Volleyball Toowoomba Volleyball Association UQ Volleyball Club

USQ Volleyball Club

Volleyball Sunshine Coast

#### **Commercial Affiliates**

Beach Volleyball Gold Coast Bracken Ridge Indoor Sport Arena Indoor Sports Arena Rockhampton Sandstorm Beach Club Volleyball in Paradise

### **Board and Executives cont. Volleyball Queensland Schools Sub-Committee** Roy Bruynius (Chair) Domnic Aguiar Ben Booth **David Ethell David Kuchler** Shannon McCartney Rudi Scheel Tim Walsh Adam Pollock (Board representative) **Queensland Beach Volleyball Committee (QBVC)** Natasha (Tash) Contant (resigned August) Steve Mears Vicky Andrews (Board representative) Boris Georgieff (Board representative) Craig Marshall (ex-officio) Damien Searle (ex-officio) **Queensland Volleyball Referee Committee (QVRC)** Jaek Passier (Chair) **Shane Clouston Darren Grimsey** Chris Kelly Tanya Kowald Linda Ribinsky Terry Rudder Russell Egan (Board representative) **Sponsors** Queensland Government - Department of Housing & Public Works City of Gold Coast Suzuki Queensland **GAME Clothing** Mikasa **Pivotal Motion Physiotherapy** The Gap SHS **Volleyball Queensland Affiliations** Volleyball Australia **QSport** Queensland Olympic Council (QOC) Commonwealth Games Australia (Qld Division)



2019 was another successful year for Volleyball Queensland (VQ) highlighted with continued growth in key areas but also indicators of challenges which lie ahead of the organisation as we plan for the future.

Our membership grew 6.4% to 7549 members. These are members of our affiliates and clubs as well as thousands of school students who participate in our many Schools Cup events. It is particularly pleasing to see the significant growth in juniors now playing for our affiliates and clubs in formal competitions such as State Championships, the Queensland Beach Volleyball Tour and the Junior Premier Volleyball League. The development of our junior volleyball athletes by our affiliates, clubs, our Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) Volleyball program and our State Junior programs supports the enormous work done by the schools to identify and develop these volleyball athletes.

Our five Queensland Schools Cup events again saw record entries:

- - 516 teams for our three indoor Queensland Schools Cup tournaments (509 teams in 2018)
- 220 teams at Beach Schools Cup in its first year at Coolangatta (160 teams in 2018 Suttons Beach, Redcliffe)
- 179 teams competed at Primary Schools Cup for school years 4-6 (162 teams in 2018)

We welcomed a new affiliate, the Kingaroy Volleyball Association to VQ and we also saw the merger of Fraser Coast Volleyball Association with Hervey Bay Volleyball under the Fraser Coast banner.

Our Volleyball State Championships at the Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre had 88 teams participating across multiple divisions (78 teams in 2018). Brisbane Volleyball Club (BVC) again won the Presidents Shield with a strong performance across both open and junior divisions. BVC also won the men's Premier Division and Dragons won the women's Premier Division.

Our Beach Volleyball State Championships were again held on the promenade at Surfers Paradise. In difficult conditions, including fading light, Jordan Johnson (nee Mowen) and Jo Baldwin (nee Kyranakos) won the women's Premier Division with Matt Reeves and Joel Berry winning the men's Premier Division.

Entries continued to grow across the Queensland Beach Volleyball Tour (QBVT), which saw a record 795 teams participate (20% increase over previous season). The Premier Volleyball League (PVL) consolidated to grow slightly to 82 teams from 13 clubs in both senior and junior divisions.

The evolution of Grand Prix Volleyball continued with Gladstone Thunder winning the overall Club Champion after the three rounds. Gladstone Thunder won the women's title and Toowoomba Titans won the men's title. Discussions with our affiliates throughout the state have resulted in a move to a single QLD Country Championship event in 2020. It is hoped that our regional affiliates will be able to compete in both the QLD Country Championship and the QLD State Championship as well as other club tournaments around the state.

VQ celebrated a major milestone at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner with 170 guests. The Golden Jubilee was a great night to catch up with many of the people that started and developed our great sport in Queensland. The organizing committee did an amazing job of organizing the event and had the difficult task of selecting the "Players of the Decades" and "Teams of the Half Century" from Queensland's finest volleyball athletes, both Indoor and Beach.

On the court, Queensland performed exceptionally well in the six national championships:

- 1<sup>st</sup> overall Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships, Bunbury WA (April 2019)
- 1st overall Australian Junior Volleyball Championships, AIS Canberra (October 2019)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Women's AVL Super League Finals
- 1st Men's AVL Super League Finals
- 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Open Championships (Women)
- 1st Australian Open Championships (Men)

I thank our loyal Pirates sponsors that supported our men's and women's programs again this year. The continued support from our clothing sponsor GAME Clothing, Pivotal Motion Physiotherapy and Mikasa is a critical part of the success of the Pirates programs.

On behalf of the Board, I sincerely thank the VQ & QAS Volleyball staff for their professionalism, dedication, and commitment – Jon Gibbs (below), Damien Searle, David Stokes, Todd Kropp, Craig Marshall, Chris Todd, Dean Bielanowski, Susan McQuinn, Jill Kelly, Sam Unicomb, Nathan Dang, Victoria Cameron, and Kent Scotney. Gary O'Donnell joined VQ as our new General Manager in October and we look forward to working with Gary as we begin a new era for VQ.

I would also like to thank my fellow Board Members for their active contributions in Board discussions and their tireless efforts in steering the strategic direction of volleyball in Queensland. I thank both Rhiannon Tooker and Greg Potter for their significant contribution to the Board over recent years. Rhiannon has been a very valuable member of the Board where she was able to bring her varied experience as a national team and professional athlete as well as her experience as a school and elite level coach. Rhiannon was able to

Board Meeting Attendance						
Name	Position	Period	Meetings Scheduled	Meetings Attended		
Boris Georgieff	President	Full year	12	12		
Adam Pollock	Vice President	Full year	12	11		
Russell Eagan	Treasurer	Full year	12	12		
Vicky Andrews	Member	Full year	12	6		
Terry Rudder	Member	Full year	12	9		
Rhiannon Tooker	Member	to 22 June 19	6	6		
Greg Potter	Member	to 22 June 19	6	5		
Todd Rankin	Member	from 22 June 19	6	6		
Shaun Scott	Member	from 22 June 19	6	6		
Jon Gibbs	Secretary	to 25 Oct 19	10	10		
Gary O'Donnell	Secretary	from 25 Oct 19	3	3		

combine this experience with her career skills as well as a strong interest in the challenges facing female athletes. Greg Potter brought his financial management and business skills as well as strong advocacy for the needs of affiliates and clubs. Greg's focus on financial and governance issues assisted the Board to make strong strategic and tactical decisions for the future of the sport, both beach and indoor, in Queensland. I welcome Shaun Scott and Todd Rankin who were elected to the Board in 2019. Shaun and Todd bring extensive professional skills and experience to the Board as well as true passion for the sport.



I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Jon Gibbs for his eleven years of leadership and service to VQ. Jon has always had a strong passion for everything volleyball ever since his time working for the Australian Volleyball Federation (now Volleyball Australia) in Sydney many years ago. Jon came to VQ at a time when the organisation needed to rebuild and re-establish itself in the volleyball community. Jon put together a new team and with the Board, set about to build a strong financial base for VQ. Jon's mantra was "build it and they will come". He was ambitious for the volleyball community and sought out opportunities for new affiliates, new competitions, new events and access to new facilities. The development and growth of the VQ Schools Cup series of events, that now include both indoor and beach events, are a legacy of Jon's drive and belief in the value of volleyball to the school communities as well as the volleyball community more broadly. VQ is bigger, stronger and more capable after Jon Gibbs contribution as General Manager.

The Queensland Government continues to support VQ through its Industry Development Program (QSRIDP). Our organisation could not operate without the generous support of the Queensland Government, which continues to set the national benchmark in supporting the sports industry and in particular, the community sport sector. I would also like to acknowledge the continued support we receive from the QAS, Volleyball Australia, and the City of Gold Coast.

I look forward to seeing you on the court.



Volleyball Queensland recorded a \$54,776 loss in 2019. As was noted last year, despite the audited result reflecting a surplus of \$38,691, on a cash basis we considered the true 2018 position to be a loss of approximately \$10,000 due to a once-off gain on receipt of Commonwealth Games beach equipment, valued at \$59,046.

After several years of operating profits, building VQ's net equity, this year's loss is the result of:

- Full staffing compliment and associated overheads;
- Flat revenue growth (2%);
- Loss of AJVC event management income;
- Ongoing unfunded VQ initiatives (as referred to in last year's report: Communications Officer, professional photographer, livestreaming of selected events);
- Underperforming social leagues;
- Lagging price increases in major competitions.

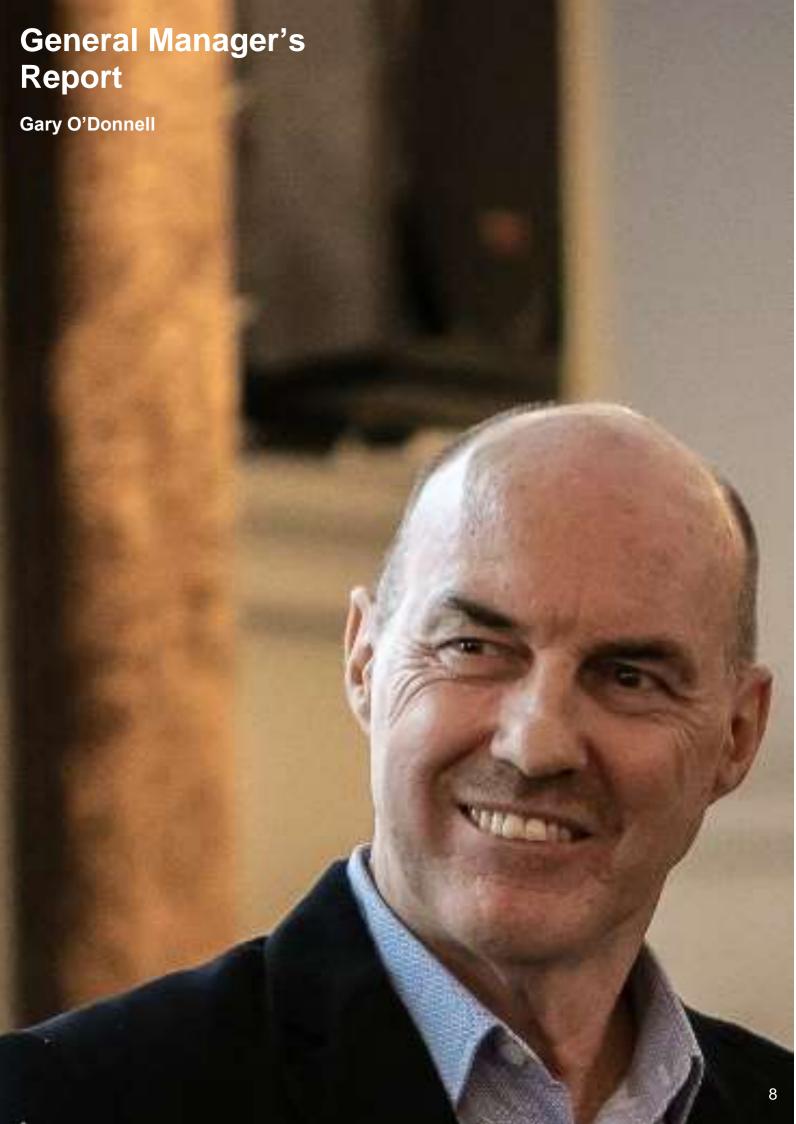
Outstanding debts, particularly in relation to representative competitions, continues to be a cause of concern for VQ's cashflow management. It is my recommendation to affiliates that all representative competition participation moves to a cash upfront basis.

As was flagged by me last year, despite record entries in our major VQ events and representative tournaments, this has not converted to sufficient profit margin to fund VQ's other activities. The Board and affiliates will need to decide whether prices increase or services decrease as the current pathway is unsustainable in the long term. Volleyball, when compared to other sports, is very affordable.

Our net equity fell to \$142,720 as at 31 December 2019. Cash at bank is sufficient combined with our Sport and Recreation Queensland funding (which has been guaranteed by the Queensland Government for the remainder of 2020 due to COVID-19) to maintain a skeleton of operations throughout 2020. The Board has met regularly during the shutdown to consider VQ's financial position and determine sustainable operating arrangements.

We understand the financial challenge COVID-19 presents to our affiliates and other sports. The Board's main priority is preserving VQ during the shutdown to prepare for relaunch when activities can recommence. It is not clear yet whether any further Queensland or Commonwealth government will be available for sporting associations aside from the already known JobKeeper announcement.

Russell D Egan Finance Director



I extend my thanks to the Volleyball Queensland Board for the opportunity to be its General Manager.

Given my commencement in late October 2019 this report will be brief, focussing on my observations of where the organisation is 'at'. However before I do so, I did have the good fortune to see the sport in operation in the November – December period.

The Queensland Pirates home rounds against Victoria and Canberra Heat were a lot of fun, great volleyball and the matches played at the Nissan Arena were a standout for the AVL. I had the pleasure of reporting on the outstanding success of those matches to the annual general meeting of Volleyball Australia for its awareness and to act as a calling to the other state volleyball associations to match Queensland's efforts.

I attended the Volleyball Queensland Awards Dinner at the Brisbane Convention Centre, the night was excitable in line with its youthful and the young at heart attendees, which was followed up with stopping into a round of the QBVT at Sandstorm where the juniors were going full steam and the open age finals were on court and lively to say the least.

The year wrapped up for me with a stop in at the AVSC and the unforgettable Pirates successes in the AVL twin five set finals at Carrara, with great success for each of the womens and mens teams.

And so to where I started, where is the organisation at.

Volleyball Queensland is the envy of all state and territory volleyball associations a point that should not be missed, nevertheless aspiration to improve and be better is important.

The President and Finance Director reports represent matters well and I paraphrase their thrust as the organisation having continuous growth, while going through growing pains.

Those challenges are evidenced in the operating loss position over the last two years and while this is not in itself poor if planned, the platform built when consolidated can be positive.

I anticipate that consolidation will be a key aspect to the work of Volleyball Queensland over the coming period and look forward to the challenge in that task with those who wish to engage that process.

I like you, look forward to reviewing this report and commend you to read it cover to cover, on the efforts of your fellow members, the Board, its committees and Volleyball Queensland staff led programs and projects.

In closing I acknowledge the support and leadership of the Board through President Boris Georgieff and the work of the staff team.

The COVID-19 pandemic will impose itself on the organisation, which will endure. Our volleyballers' health is another matter. Stay safe, stay healthy.

Regards

Gary O'Donnell

General Manager

**Meet the Rest of the Team** 





Damien Searle **Events Manager** 



David Stokes
Club Services Coordinator



Todd Kropp
Pathways Coordinator



Jill Kelly

Membership Database

Adminstrator (Part Time)



Susan McQuinn
Accounts Manager
(Part Time)



Sam Unicomb
Administration Officer
(Part Time)



Victoria Cameron

Communications Officer



Nathan Dang
IT Coordinator (Casual)



Kent Scotney

PVL Coordinator

#### **Communications Report**

In March 2018, Volleyball Queensland recognised the opportunity to improve its communication practices with its member base and wider Volleyball Queensland community. To achieve this, a Communications Officer role was created so that dedicated support could be provided to creating a strategy that would deliver impactful change.

The objectives of this strategy were to:

- Improve sentiment towards, and strengthen, Volleyball Queensland's relationship with its members
- Promote and increase participation at Volleyball Queensland events
- Raise the profile of Volleyball Queensland with the wider community and partner organisations (sponsors)

This has continued into 2019 with tactics including:

- A monthly newsletter sent to members, highlighting achievements and upcoming events
- Planned content schedules for Facebook and Instagram
- Creating regular and engaging mechanisms to encourage two-way communication between Volleyball Queensland and stakeholders and increase interest in upcoming events
- Regular website audits to ensure consistency of branding and the user experience and that information being publicly shared is up-to-date and easily digestible

In 2019, the implementation of this strategy has indicated some key learnings and success. For example, Facebook receives consistently higher engagement with album uploads of professional photographs from Volleyball Queensland events and the popular "caption this..." and meme posts. Overall, while daily impressions dropped by 30%, this has seen a 34% increase in both followers and likes and a 51% increase in daily reach.

Instagram is also a platform with great potential with members sharing their images with the Volleyball Queensland account for reposting more widely – it was also recognised by social media website, Shunt for rapidly doubling in growth in the first few months of 2019. Over the course of the year, the following on Instagram grew by 66%. This platform will receive greater attention in 2020 to further leverage it to Volleyball Queensland's advantage.

It is also worth noting that on both Facebook and Instagram, growth has been achieved with organic content as opposed to paid advertising. Importantly, across both platforms there has been a positive shift in sentiment towards Volleyball Queensland with the organisation viewed and engaged with in a more positive manner by members. A comparison of key statics for each platform is summarised below:

	Facebook Followers	Instagram Followers	Newsletter Opens	Website Users
January 2019	5,713	1,156	22.7%	N/A*
December 2019	7,674	1,921	17.9%	5,820

\*Google analytics was set up for Volleyball Queensland in November 2019.

Planning ahead, the regular monthly content plans will continue to drive consistent engagement across both Facebook and Instagram but with the addition of event-specific hashtags to help categorise and increase the share-ability of content. It will also be valuable to continue working with a professional photographer, and sharing these photos given the centrality of this to our social media success.

Research will be undertaken to determine the type of content members want to receive in the newsletter, to improve the performance of both opens and clicks and help reduce unsubscription. A greater emphasis will also be placed on coordinating sponsorship content to ensure deliverables are achieved while still supporting Volleyball Queensland's wider communications objectives in 2020/21.





Aces United Volleyball Club entered four teams in PVL in 2019. I would like to thank all the players and coaches for their hard work and finished the PVL season with 1 silver and 1 bronze medal in men's divisions. We continued to enter in women's premier division and were competitive against other clubs and had more wins than any of the previous seasons. The premier women's team only narrowly missed the top 4 finals after the last preliminary round. But their improvement is noticeable throughout the season.

The club would also like to acknowledge the effort of our organisation of the Aces Cup tournament. It has become an established annual tournament in March in Brisbane and attracts 25-30 teams every year, including 2-3 interstate teams. The total cash prize in 2019 was \$1000 for division 1 winners.

The club has also been the regular participants of other tournaments, such as Clash of the Titans, Dragons Flaming Chalice, and State Championships. We have also participated in interstate tournaments, such as Good Neighbour in Canberra in November 2019. The highlight in 2019 was the State Championships with 2 gold and 2 bronze medals. We entered a team in men's championship division for the first time and finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have made the top 2 clubs on the president's shield results after the 2019 State Championships, the best ever result for the club.

Our scholarship program has been working well to keep both men's and women's teams competitive. We have been able to nominate premier women's team in PVL since 2016 thanks to the program. Those elite players have also helped the existing players to improve.

#### **Executive Committee:**

President: David Li

Vice President: Albion Huang Secretary: Nicole Chanson Treasurer: Jimmy Tang

Women's Coach Director: Vic Chen Men's Coach Director: Eng-Hong Chiang Junior Development Director: Don Nguyen

#### **Representative Honours:**

PVL Men's Div 1 MVP: Ethan Waugh PVL Men's Div 2 MVP: Sai Ping Tang

#### Teams & Results:

Premier Volleyball League: Premier Women 5th, Div 1 Men 3rd, Div 2 Men 2nd

Dragon's Flaming Chalice: Premier Men 3rd, Premier Women 3rd

State Championships: Championship Men 3rd, Championship Women 3rd, Div 1 Men 1st,

Div 2 Women 1st, Div 2 Men 10th

#### **Awards**

Nil

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our committee and coaching staff for their tireless efforts in 2019, along with the Volleyball Queensland office for their continued support and assistance. Most of all, I would like to thank our fantastic group of players to help the club make steps forward.

David Li **President** 





At Ausghan Sports Club we had great improvements in terms of training, games, and coaching. In addition, the number of players and training sessions have significantly improved from last year. We have more than 6 teams in men's and women's division training and playing games 2 -3 times per week. Moreover, we have more teams in different leagues and tournaments in Queensland and Australia than previous years. For instance, in Metro League Season 2, out of 6 teams in women's division we have 4 women's team playing every Monday nights. We also had indoor volleyball tournaments to encourage new players to participate more in training and games. Overall, the club and players had great achievements and outcomes.

#### **Executive Committee:**

President: Khodarahem Sedaqat Vice President: Eqleema Nadir Shah

Secretary: Dawood Karimi Treasurer: Jalil Touheedi

Coaches: Jalil Toheedi, Nazir Kazimi and Kevin

#### Team & Results:

2019 Metro League Season 1: Women Div 1, 4th

2019 Clash of Titans Mix Tournament: Toowoomba: Div 1 2019 Aces United Volleyball Open Cup: Men Div 1, 5<sup>th</sup>

2019 Flaming Chalice: Men Div 1, 5th, 2 Women's teams Div 2, 6th and 7th

2019 Metro Winter League: 2 Women's teams Div 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

2019 Metro Summer League: 2 Women's teams Div 1, 5th and 6th

2019 The Phoenix League season 1: Women Div 1, 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 The Phoenix League season 2: Women Div 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 QLD State Championships: 2 Women's teams Div 2

#### Awards:

Fifth Afghan Sport Festival, Melbourne: Women's Best and Fairest team: Ausghan Sports Club

Fifth Afghan Sport Festival, Melbourne: Best Hitter, Madina Sedaqat Fifth Afghan Sport Festival, Melbourne: Best Player, Sharifa Gulzari

Fifth Afghan Sport Festival, Melbourne: Coach Award: Jalil Toheedi, Nazir Kazimi, and Samay Haidari Hazara Community Sports Award Coach and top members: Jalil Toheedi, Nazir Kazimi, Khodarahem Sedagat, Dawood Karimi, and Egleema Nadir Shah

Sedaqat, Dawood Karimi, and Eqleema Nadir Shai

Dawood Karimi **Secretary** 





Brisbane Volleyball Club (BVC) continues to operate across a range of programs. Indoors, we continue to run viable social leagues, seasonal tournaments, adult and junior training programs and have maintained our number of entries into all available divisions across both Senior and Junior PVL, GPV and State Championships. Outdoors, BVC continues to work on building the interest in beach volleyball through training sessions and tournaments over at our Arana Beach Volleyball courts and encouraging players to try both disciplines of the sport.

We appreciate the efforts of not only our committee, but our competition managers, referees, coaches, volunteers, supporters and members as BVC would not be the club it is currently without their support. The committee will continue to focus on providing more opportunities to participate in our great sport.

Committee:

President: Adam Pollock

Vice President: Melitta Springer

Secretary: Sabrina Ng

Treasurer: Jennifer Edwards Female Player Rep: April White Male Player Rep: Jade Dickson

General Members: Tim Dakin, Peter Roborg-Sondergaard

Melitta Springer Vice President





While Bundaberg Volleyball has had a relatively slow year, we have welcomed new members and players during 2019. While our club is still very small, we have been able to compete at both indoor and beach volleyball tournaments around Queensland. I am very proud of our small crew that is committed to train throughout the year, and travel to compete in these tournaments.

With Kathleen recently moving to Bundaberg, we are excited to introduce a league focussing on youth development. This will be a great way for school aged players to play in a more competitive environment and further build their skills. This will also build a good foundation to grow the Bundaberg Volleyball club, and where we will further develop an open league.

#### **Executive Committee:**

President: Matt Brain Secretary: Olivia Ferguson Treasurer: Koby Lister

Tournament & Youth Development Officer: Kathleen Tuimaseve

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated players in supporting Bundaberg Volleyball – especially the players who have put in the time and effort to help train and coach the younger players. I look forward to watching the club grow as we continue to bring both social and younger players into the competitive scene, and create a bright future for Bundaberg Volleyball.

Matt Brain **President** 





2019 saw Cairns Volleyball move into a transitional phase with new players, teams and clubs joining the wider playing group. Junior involvement is on the rise on the back of last year's FNQ Schools Cup event and this has started to trickle into our senior competition.

Our local competition throughout the year was well attended especially by the men's playing group which was a switch from previous years where ladies had higher participation. The level and rivalries between teams certainly heated up with teams coming from 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places during the regular season to knock off top teams and play an exciting A grade final series. The social competitions were good fun with a lot of sportsmanship and members putting their hands up to help out when needed.

Our representative teams turned over with a relatively new roster and late start. We had a men's and women's team attend State Titles in Division 1 and struggled against unfamiliar opposition who had clearly benefited from PVL competition. In saying this, there were some great close games and a few stand-out wins to savour with experience being the major take home from the event.

We hosted our own small indoor event being the Cairns Cup which Townsville once again took away from us but the Cairns Men's team gained revenge by finally taking out the Townsville Classic while the Women lost in a close final. We continue to work with Townsville and see renewed interest and growth under their new committee.

Beach volleyball was well attended all year with a strong group of local players meeting a few times a week at the Esplanade Courts. Training sessions were held most weekends over the cooler period for women's players with good attendance. Joel and other experienced ballers continue to coach and encourage all levels of beach Volleyball weekly for the Active Living Program. Cairns held the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games and beach volleyball was a showcase sport with 5 courts running pretty solid for three days straight in what was a huge weekend with 71 teams and 183 games over 4 divisions. No event on the QBVT calendar was held in Cairns this year, but we hope to continue conversations to reinstate Cairns as an attractive option as players once again begin to see value in our regional events.

Juniors once again had amazing growth off the back of the FNQ Volleyball Schools Cup with 35 teams attending and over 300 individual players. Rivalry between schools is heating up and next year promises to be even bigger with three days already locked into the calendar and schools further across the district pencilled in to attend. Thanks to Shane Clouston for attending, Tammy Collins who has been instrumental in this transformation, and Brian Geck who continues to encourage and train students in his spare time. The interest inside the school system is growing and lobbying continues to once again reinstate volleyball as a Peninsula sport for 2020, if not 2021.

It was my last tenure as president for CVA and hope the next committee continues to promote and grow volleyball under testing conditions in the Far North. I also acknowledge all the regional affiliates, individuals, and clubs who have helped me feel less insane and promoted change and direction in the sport which covers all of Queensland and the complex challenges that entails.

Thanks.

Darren Saint **President** 





2019 was another fantastic year for Dragons, which saw us continue to grow and improve as a club in all areas.

#### **Premier Volleyball League**

Dragons continued to build upon years of success in the Premier Volleyball League, and was awarded the Club Championship for 2019! This is a fantastic achievement given the strong competition put forward by our fellow clubs, and remains a

testament to our professional coaches and coordinators, the quality of our program, and most importantly, the character of our members. In particular, we recognise the exceptional achievements of our senior women's program, winning gold in each division.

We entered 17 teams in the Premier Volleyball League, with notable results including:

Seniors Juniors

Premier Women: Gold Under 18 Girls 1: Silver Division 1 Women: Gold Under 18 Girls 2: Silver & 4<sup>th</sup>

Division 2 Women: Gold

Premier Men: 4<sup>th</sup>

Division 2 Men: 4<sup>th</sup>

Under 18 Boys 1: 4<sup>th</sup>

Under 18 Boys 2: Bronze

Under 16 Boys: 4th

#### **Junior Training Program**

Dragons continues to invest in and develop junior athletes through our Junior Training Program, on a year round basis. Welcoming up to 60 athletes each school term, we are delighted to see how far these athletes have come in their development, with many tipped for higher honours. 2019 also saw the launch of the Dragons Junior Academy, designed to provide junior athletes with enhanced training and development opportunities.

#### **Open/Casual Training**

Dragons open/casual training membership continues to grow; based out of Corinda SHS, we have continued to offer training and development opportunities for athletes of all skill sets, including those just starting out. These sessions remain popular due to their value for money and year round format, with up to 40 athletes attending each weekly session.

#### **Phoenix League**

2019 saw the launch of the Phoenix League, a new volleyball league run collaboratively by Dragons and Easts Volleyball Club. Held on Monday nights at Mansfield SHS and surrounding venues, the Phoenix League has welcomed over 40 men's, women's, and mixed teams from across Brisbane. The Phoenix League has already become a great success, attracting some very talented players and teams across the various divisions, whilst offering value for money in a quality competition format. Dragons entered 7 teams across the divisions in 2019, and we hope to continue to grow the Phoenix League in future years.

#### Chalice

Our annual Flaming Chalice tournament continues to draw in some of the best athletes and teams from around Queensland and Australia. With over 80 teams across 10 divisions and age groups, including men's, women's, and mixed, we would like to thank everyone who participated, and hope to see you in the 2020 edition of Chalice.

#### **Other Competitions**

Throughout 2019 we attended a range of other competitions, including the Queensland State Championships, Queensland Masters, and Coffs Harbour JacaNana tournament.

#### Committee:

President: Ben Cooper Ordinary Member: Angel Scanlon
Vice-President: Michael Lofgren Head Coach – Women: Boris Georgieff
Treasurer: David Dunn Head Coach – Men: Darren Wilson
Secretary: Nathalie Honorio Head Coach – Juniors: Angel Scanlon

Ordinary Member: Stephanie Hayden

Affiliate Reports cont.

Easts Volleyball Club





2019 has been a very important year for Easts with the aims of rebuilding the Club. We have had strong representation from our adult teams with four (4) senior teams participating in the Premier League Volleyball competition and State Championships. Our strongest growth has been with our junior teams with five (5) boys and four (4) girls competing. I must acknowledge and thank all of the members on the administration, coaches, parents and players for making 2019 another very successful year for the club. Without the dedication, commitment and drive from these key stakeholders in our club we just wouldn't exist.

We had some outstanding results this year where our teams were champions in PVL Div 2 men; PVL U18 boys; State Championships Div 2 men; Flaming Chalice Div 2 men; Coffs Jacaranda - Div 2; VQ Masters Womens 40+; TVA Clash of the Titans – Div 2; Phoenix League – Mens Div. Congratulations to all players who played for Easts this year – your contribution has been outstanding. Our club could not have achieved these fantastic results without the significant contributions of our coaches, who guided and showed our young players to set goals and achieve their dreams. I would like to thank Todd, Angus, Glenn, Lauren, Kirsty, Mark, Amy and Cristina for such a great year and look forward to what we have in store for 2020.

It has been very pleasing to see so many of our young players making representation in the VQ State indoor and beach teams with a strong representation moving forward to be participant in the Australian Indoor and Beach Junior teams.

I must sincerely thank the executive committee who have been the backbone and strength behind the reformation of the club. Their tireless efforts this year are gratefully appreciated and the club could not operate without their ongoing support.

#### **Executive Committee:**

President: Trevor Hunter Vice President: Peter Worthy Secretary: Heather Booth Treasurer: Gary Pittorino

#### **Teams and Results:**

Junior Premier Volleyball League Under 18 Boys Div 1 – black: 2<sup>nd</sup> Under 18 Boys Div 2 – orange: 1<sup>st</sup> Under 18 Girls Div 1 – black: 2<sup>nd</sup> Under 18 Boys Div 2 – orange: 4<sup>th</sup> Under 16 Boys Div – black: 2<sup>nd</sup> Under 16 Boys Div – orange: 5<sup>th</sup> Under 16 Girls Div – black: 2<sup>nd</sup> Premier Volleyball League Div 2 men (black) – 1<sup>st</sup>; Div 2 men (orange) – 10<sup>th</sup> Div 2 women 9<sup>th</sup>

Queensland State Club Championships:

Mens Div 2: 1st / 2nd / 5th Womens Div 2: 10th Under 19 Boys: 3rd Under 16 Boys: 1st / 4th Under 19 Girls: 3rd Under 16 Girls: 2nd / 6th

Lastly and most importantly, I would like to thank our playing group for their impressive efforts on the court and ongoing support of the club off the court. On behalf of the committee, we are looking forward to welcoming each and every one of you back for another successful year in 2020.





The Fraser Coast Volleyball Association (FCVA) continues to grow our player base, and the range of opportunities for players to play volleyball on the Fraser Coast. In 2019, both Fraser Coast Volleyball and Hervey Bay Volleyball Associations took steps towards merging as one combined association serving Maryborough, Hervey Bay and surrounding areas. The result has been a stronger member base that is supportive of an expanded range of opportunities for our players.

During 2019, FCVA offered an extended indoor season for men's, women's and mixed competitions. This new format has encouraged a number of players to return to the sport after years of absence. The indoor season was successful with good player numbers and finals being held in mid-September. In October, we began a season of beach volleyball to gauge player interest in establishing a more long term beach volleyball option. The season was successful with teams in men's, women's and mixed social. A season of beach volleyball will be offered again in 2020 with the view to establishing this as a fixture on the annual calendar.

The club would like to thank our two host venues Aldridge Sate High School which supplies the indoor venue, and Granville Hockey Club for the use of their beach volleyball facility. Our relationship with the school continues to be a mutually beneficial one. The use of the Granville facilities for the newly established beach competition has been greatly appreciated as we establish competitive beach volleyball on the Fraser Coast. Discussions continue to advance with Aldridge State High School and community about the proposed construction of a new multi-purpose venue to host both indoor and beach volleyball.

Hervey Bay played host to a round of Grand Prix Volleyball. Fraser Coast Volleyball entered teams in this event, playing against visiting teams. This was the first time teams from our club had entered such a competition in quite some time and a positive sign of things to come. Thanks to all of the players and club members who worked tirelessly to put on a great weekend of volleyball for our visiting clubs.

We have been able to attract new players from both Maryborough and Hervey Bay. Both Maryborough and Hervey Bay host a Regional All Sports Expo that allows the general public to see the sports on offer in the area and to put interested persons in touch with members of those clubs. In 2019, Fraser Coast Volleyball had a presence at that event.

Our club provides our junior representative players with fundraising, travel and coaching support each year. Special thanks to our fundraising coordinators for their efforts. This work is assisting our rising stars to continue to travel to the city, interstate and internationally to seek higher levels of training and competition to improve their standard of volleyball.

#### **Executive Committee:**

President: David Burns Secretary: Katie Jackson Treasurer: David Ethell

Draw and Referee Coordinator: Jett Nickson Head of Coaching Junior: Ashley Keleher Head of Coaching Senior: Tim Oates

Publicity; Amanda Kruger Committee: Flavia Oates

#### **Representative Honours:**

Volleyball Australia

Thomas Roberts 2003/2004 Australian Junior Men's Development Program Diarmid Chappell 2003/2004 Australian Junior Men's Development Program

Volleyball Queensland AJVC

Thomas Roberts 17yrs Queensland Men Diarmid Chappell 17yrs Queensland Men Queensland School Sport

Thomas Roberts Queensland Open Boys, Tour of Singapore and Malaysia Declan Burns Queensland Open Boys, Tour of Singapore and Malaysia

#### **Results 2019 FCVA Indoor Season Competition**

Men's Winners: Hervey Bay Mixed Winners: Scuds

Women's Winners: Good Mix

#### Results 2019 FCVA Beach Volleyball Competition

Men's Pairs Winners: Tom Roberts and Diarmid Chappell Women's Pairs Winners: Charlee Hopper and Maddie Johnson

Mixed Four's Winners: Katie Jackson, Ash Keleher, Dave Ethell, Michael Barnett

I would like to thank the past and present committee of the Fraser Coast Volleyball Association for their dedication to providing a viable volleyball competition on the Fraser Coast. I also thank our members who continue to support our club and our sport.

David Burns **President** 







2019 saw many significant changes for GVA, from leadership & coaching, to new faces on our representative teams, and new equipment on our courts.

After dedicating many years to growing and developing our club, our President and Head Coach, Terry Rudder, moved back to Brisbane and left us with some rather large shoes to fill:

- A huge thanks to Sarah Coombs for stepping up to the President role this year and leading
  the charge in getting all our policies and procedures up to scratch. Sarah's immense efforts
  have really set us up for the years ahead in making sure that we are looking after all our
  members to the best of our abilities.
- After many years under a single "Head Coach" model, the change to a whole new coaching team was both challenging and rewarding. Our members benefited from experiencing a variety of coaching styles and our newer coaches took the opportunity to get lots of experience under their belts. I can't thank our coaches enough for stepping up to the plate so that all our members continue to have the opportunity to further their skills on the court.

Thanks to grant funding received from Orica and the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, the new lights and scoreboards installed just in time for the start of season 1 have really improved our playing environment this year.

Our men's and women's representative teams competed in both Dragons Chalice and GPV this year, with many of our players taking the opportunity to get along to the Australia v China VNL game while they were in Brisbane for round 2 of GPV. It was great to see lots of new faces in the line-up this year, and their efforts and commitment paid off with silver and gold medals.

For the second year running, GVA supported the Gladstone Industry Leadership Group's volleyball competition for Domestic Violence Awareness Day. Many of our players also participated in this event, taking the opportunity to share their love of volleyball with their workmates.

During the year, two of our younger members, Charlotte & Chelsea, received scholarships to colleges in USA, and one of our junior members, Georgia, was selected in the Queensland Maroon team for AJVC. With all the hurdles that regional players face to make it at such a highly competitive level, it was truly special to be able to celebrate not just 1, but 3 star players, all in one year. Congratulations girls!

#### **Executive Committee:**

President: Sarah Coombs

Vice President: Abe Zadelzeidah Treasurer: Selena Anderson Secretary: Nathan Elvery Committee: Ali Vercoe Committee: Nathan Coombs

Committee: Nathan Coombs Committee: Elmira Esfahani Committee: Brett Wakefield Committee: Adrian Webb

Coaches: Nathan Coombs, Adrian Webb, John Egerton, Rebecca Bimrose, Brooke Fennell,

Stephen Vercoe, Jack Sisley and Charlotte Orgill





2019 has been another fantastic year for the GCVC, through the season our athletes engaged in our Elite Athlete Program which encompasses Chalice, PVL & State Championships. We have seen a steady increase of athletes engaging in this program and gaining exposure to a number of other volleyball opportunities as a result.

The club has continued to focus on developing volleyball for all age groups and has been inundated with junior athletes attending our social training sessions held in Reedy Creek.

The club also continues to gain interest from a number of senior athletes looking to enter the sport for the first time or returning to the sport not having played since high school. As a club we are focused on providing both training and playing opportunities for these athletes and as a result held another successful mini comp in the later part of the year.

We have also seen growth in the number of individuals engaging in the club for non playing roles and through the support of Volleyball Queensland, we have run both Level 2 coaching and officiating courses to help develop club volunteers alongside teaching staff of supporting schools. We have a focus to continue to develop these non playing roles with the desire to hold a level 3 Coaching accreditation in the near future.

In the later part of the year the club hosted its second awards night with great success selling out the event held at the Nerang RSL & Memorial Club. This was a great opportunity for the members of the 2019 EAP to bond outside of the volleyball court and was a credit to all members involved who were able to pull off such an amazing event. We look forward to seeing the annual awards night regular event in the GCVC calendar.

I would also like to thank our upcoming 2020 major sponsor the Nerang RSL & Memorial Club who have thrown support behind the club we look forward to building our partnership with this great establishment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our club volunteers from coaches, executive committee and parents/family members who go above and beyond for this great club and make it such an enjoyable organisation to be a part of.

#### **Executive Committee:**

President: Brett Bennett Vice President: Gloria Vicario

Secretary: Tracy Klein

Treasurer: Marie-nella Lamartinière Committee: Peter Grootenboer

Committee: Matt Rule

Committee: Michael Trainor Committee: Eryn-Kate Pepyat Committee: Scott Button

Committee: Sean McPhail

Brett Bennett **President** 





The Griffith University Volleyball Club (Griffith Raptors) has had an exceptional year of growth and competition in 2019. In 2019, the Griffith Raptors were able to achieve their goal of expanding many aspects of the club and ensuring a friendly environment for its members to grow. The Griffith Raptors entered teams in majority of competitions across the board and are very proud of the efforts made by participants, team leaders, coaches and those behind the scenes.

In November of 2019, the control of the Griffith Raptors was passed on to a new committee. The previous committee wishing to go forward in another direction with a new club. The Griffith Raptors would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous committee for building the club to what it is today. The club would also like to thank and congratulate all those who represented the Griffith Raptors in 2019.

The focus of 2020 is to have a strong participation, development and representation of our Raptor players. The Griffith Raptors are very excited for the new upcoming IVL season and participation of other universities. We believe with the help of our new team leaders and members this will be our best season to date.

#### **Previous Executive Committee:**

President: Brad Flavel

Vice President: Cameron Gore

Secretary: Britney Lakin

Treasurer: Chamath Dharmasiri

#### **New Executive Committee:**

President: Edward Gessler

Vice President: Ashley Stevenson

Secretary: Andrea Bernabe Treasurer: Martin Rollo

#### **Teams & Results:**

PVL:

U16 Girls: Gold U18A Girls: Gold U18B Girls: Gold

Division 2 Women: Bronze

Division 1 Men: 4<sup>th</sup> U18B Boys: 4<sup>th</sup>

#### State Championships:

U16 Girls: Gold U18 Girls: Bronze

Division 2 Girls: Bronze and 4th and 5th

Division 1 Men: Bronze and 4th

Edward Gesler
Newly Elected President



## **G**YMPIE

# **V**OLLEYBALL

## **A**SSOCIATION

The 2019 season was always going to be one of change with the retirement of the Tin Can Bay team and the redistribution of their remaining players. Season 1 reinforced the improvement of the youth in the club with the Gympie High boys team leading the ladder for A Grade most of the season but then being pipped in the semi-finals by their teachers playing in Hit That. Season 2 also highlighted the rise of the juniors but this time in the women's competition where All Set pushed Gingerbreads the hardest they have had for many seasons (although the Gingerbread dynasty did remain intact both seasons and they are now only one win away from equalling Tin Can Bay's 10 in a row).

At the same time the juniors were showing their improvement in the internal club competition, there was also an increase in representative competition involvement with Gympie teams playing in both Grand Prix Volleyball and Premier Volleyball League, and based upon the ages of many of the players in these teams Gympie Volleyball is looking at only improving in these areas over the coming years.

The internal competition participant numbers remained stable after the 23% growth in the previous five years and games are still having to be squeezed into tight time frames to complete each round with the available facilities, but 2019 also had a future opportunity for the club to expand with Gympie Council announcing a plan for building a new indoor sports stadium which will allow Gympie to expand from a two court venue to a full three court venue. This combined with the continued growth in the junior players places Gympie Volleyball in a strong position for years to come.

#### **Executive Committee:**

President: Russell Morrison Vice President: Matthew Harris

Secretary: Mary Harris Treasurer: Colleen Gosden

Games Coordinator: Natalie Hobdell Women's Coordinator: Donna Hourigan

Assistant Women's Coordinator: Abbey Stokes

#### **Representative Honours:**

Wide Bay School Zone: Shaylee, Luna, April, Libby, Aden, Riley, Lachlan, Hayden, and Joel

#### **Results & Awards:**

Women's:	Dropkicks Gingerbread	Sugar and spike Bed Bugs	Clayden Vidler Abbey Stokes
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B Grade: C Grade:	Stamindors Dropkicks	Can You Dig It Sugar and spike	Matt Elson
A Grade:	Hit That	Spartans	Craig Hewitt
Season 1	Winners	Runners Up	Player of the final

Season 2	Winners	Runners Up	Player of the final
A Grade:	Hit That	Spartans	Jono Scheuber
B Grade:	Can You Dig It	Downey Dingoes	Curtis Dray
C Grade:	Dropkicks	Sugar and spike	Joseph Philpot
Women's:	Gingerbread	All Set	Libby Seed

**Russell Morrison** 

**President** 





Kingaroy Volleyball Assoc. Inc. was established this year for the purpose of (a) providing opportunity for people in the South Burnett region to become active and participate in volleyball and (b) to provide the local high school teams with match experience in preparation for Queensland Senior Schools Cup.

The main activity of the club, thus far in its early stages, has been the Wednesday night men's and women's competition. In our first season we have four teams in both men's and women's divisions, consisting of 4 school teams and 4 adult teams.

The club would like to acknowledge the efforts and support of its members in assisting with the establishment of the club. From helping with organising competition formats, attracting new members and sponsors and assisting with operations during our Wednesday night competition. We are looking forward to see how our first season progresses and what scope the club has for the future.

#### **Executive Committee:**

President: Peter Collins Secretary: Marilla Reid

Treasurer: Rebecca Pulsford and Sarah Cush

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Volleyball Queensland, in particular its General Manager Jon Gibbs, for their support and assistance that they have provided our club during our application and establishment phase.

Peter Collins **President** 





2019 saw another very strong year for Norths, with five (5) senior teams and two (2) junior teams participating in the Premier Volleyball League (PVL) competition. First and foremost, I would like to thank all administrators, coaches and players for making 2019 another very successful year for the club. Norths are a club driven by volunteers and would not be able to run without the support of those volunteers.

The Norths committee would like to acknowledge the significant contributions of our volunteer coaches, who in 2019 again came from within our own ranks. On behalf of the playing group I would like to thank Kylie Garlick, Todd Rankin, Emma Whyte, Dakota Williams, Steph Sweeper, Michaela Campbell, Sam O'Rourke, Cody Miller, and Emily Baldry.

Keeping consistent with previous years, Norths had a strong representation in the men's and women's Pirates AVL programs as well as Queensland and Australian indoor and beach junior teams.

#### **Executive Committee:**

President: Bryce Kelly

Vice President: Emily Baldry Secretary: Robyn Kelly Treasurer: Todd Rankin

2019 saw Norths Volleyball host our very first trivia night at Aspley Hornets early in the season as a fundraising event for the club. This is something we are keen to make an annual event and invite people from all clubs to join in on the fun.

In 2020, Norths are focused on building up our junior program and filling all our Senior PVL teams.

Lastly and most importantly, I would like to thank our playing group for their impressive efforts on the court and ongoing support of the club off the court. On behalf of the committee, we are looking forward to welcoming each and every one of you back for another successful year in 2020.

Bryce Kelly **President** 





The Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Volleyball Club has seen unprecedented growth in the past few years and we would like to thank all the committee, coaches and players for their efforts. Since the commencement of the club, our teams have grown more competitive each year with still more growth to come. Watching the teams and players grow each year has been wonderful to see and is our focus moving forward in 2020.

As a club that focuses on the growth and development of University students, we are happy to see many prosper in competition. Throughout the years we have many of our players achieving great results throughout a vast variety of competitions. We are very proud to see our PVL teams grow and players loving to play for the club.

#### **Executive Committee:**

President: Patrick Healy Vice President: Kelsey Doyle Vice President: Paddy Kerin

Treasurer: Ben Smith

Secretary: Gabryela Sellars

Coaches: Kelsey Doyle & Paddy Kerin

#### **Representative Honours:**

Queensland U19 Women's AJVC: Tanvi Joshi

Queensland U19 Women's AJVC Coach: Nathan Eikenbary & Kelsey Doyle

Queensland U15 Women's AJBVC Coach: Nathan Eikenbary

#### **Teams and Results:**

Australian University Games 2019:

Division 1 Men's 3<sup>rd</sup>

Premier Volleyball League 2019:

Men's Division 16th, Men's Division 26th, Women's Division 17th

#### Awards:

Men's Division 1 MVP: Kelsey Doyle Men's Division 2 MVP: Tyron Esposito Women's Division 1 MVP: Chloe Martinelli

Men's Division 1 Most Improved: Jackson Cooke Men's Division 2 Most Improved: Will Wilson

Women's Division 1 Most Improved: Rebecca Reseigh

Life member awards: Andrew Bannerman

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the committee and coaching staff for their efforts both this year and last. Also want to thank QUT for their support of the club as it continues to grow.

Most importantly, we would like to thank the students and the players that continue to join us ever year. With all of you it makes the club such a fantastic place, we wish all our players the best of luck in future endeavours.

Patrick Healy President





Redlands Volleyball Association (RVA) has continued to provide top-level competitive and social volleyball opportunities for all ages in its 43rd year!

Monday night remains a very popular social competition where all skill levels are accommodated in a family friendly environment. Schools and local groups used this competition to develop their team's skills with regular touches all year round in a relaxed environment.

Our second major offering, PVL (Premier Volleyball League), for high level competition and pathways to State and National selection has seen significant growth and representation from our member base. RVA players continue to be selected in elite level pathways, Queensland Pirates (Chris Phillips, Alex Pearce, and Connor Spence), Australian teams (Luke Bloomer, Matthew Kemp, Luke Sloan, Lucas Josephson) and too many representative players to list.

The men's PVL teams consisted of Premier men's, Division 2, and U/18's while our women's program saw growth with fielding the same number of teams in Division 1, Division 2, and U/16's and an additional Division 2 team. Congratulations to our Division 1 women's team who were successful in winning bronze. Thanks to all who participated in 2019.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our committee, coaching staff, volunteers, and partnerships with schools within our affiliate, we have been able to not only sustain but deliver a product of high quality with exceptional service for members. Our solid financial position forms the basis for our longevity moving forward and creates many prospects to expand and develop our brand, RVA, further. With the support of our members new and old, we have many opportunities to grow and build this great club if we invest time in our relationships with the community and each other and provide more than just a product, but a culture people want to become a part of.

I sincerely would like to thank our coaches, support staff and committee members for their commitment to our program by attending meetings, formulating quality coaching programs, training and facilitating our many platforms of competition for players. Rolf Vogelbusch (PVL Coach and Vice-President), Catherine Birch (PVL Coach and Treasurer), Jackie Bertram (Secretary), Dakota Russell (Court Manager and Members Services), Michael Plumlee (PVL Coach), Tristan Broodryk (PVL Coach), Ashley Noble and Jill Noble (PVL Coach and Manager), and Sarah Barber (PVL Coach) have each gone above and beyond with their commitment, dedication and professionalism supporting RVA's members and committee.

Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge the continued support from Redlands College and Ormiston College who accommodate our association as a priority.

Melanie Gramenz **President** 





Another good year for the Dogs. We continue to provide an alternative to some of the larger and well-resourced clubs, allowing athletes to compete in PVL and JPVL at a low cost, whilst maintaining the excitement and enjoyment of playing club volleyball.

We again expanded on the number of teams we entered in PVL, with men's Premier Division, Division 1 and Division 2 teams, as well as Under 16 teams in both boys and girls.

The Premier men's team started slow in the season, dropping many close matches, but stormed home late to narrowly miss the finals, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> and causing a few upsets on the way.

The Division 1 men's team spent much of the season at the top end of the ladder, but faltered at the finals, and finished a credible 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

Our Division 2 men's team had a great season of development of their game, but had a great time as a team. Many of the players got an opportunity to play up in Division 1 and Premier Division, which was an exciting experience.

The Under 16 teams enjoyed the chance to play with students form other schools, and also be coached by someone different. Thank you to Toby de Broughe and Lucy Watkins for their work with our Under 16 boys and girls teams respectively.

We had some great individual achievements from our athletes throughout the year. Blair Campbell and Reilly Kirk both represented Met North at Queensland School Sport State Championships, and won a silver medal. Tom Edgar continued his professional contract at JT Thunder and also represented the Volleyroos in the Olympic qualifiers. In amongst this, he still found time to take the court for "The Dogs" at PVL, which was a really exciting experience for everyone. He was also named as Volleyball Queensland's "Player of the Decade".

In 2020 we intend to focus on the development of the women's side of the club, as well as expand on our junior age-groups offered, and look forward to bringing on board some great new coaches.

David Kuchler President





Toowoomba Volleyball Association Presidents Report 2018/19 Season.

The Toowoomba Volleyball Association (TVA) has enjoyed another strong and successful year with both the Tuesday and Wednesday night competitions again operating at or close to capacity. My sincerest thanks go to the Competition Managers, Jason and Leanne (Tuesday), and Cheryl Norman (Wednesday) for continuing to run a fantastic and healthy competition.

I would like to make special mention of the relationship that continues with "The Fit Lab" who provide major sponsorship to the volleyball community in several different capacities. I can only see positives that can come for high performance players who may look towards representative volleyball.

On the representative front, the Toowoomba Titans program has gone from strength to strength. There has been fantastic attendance and solid results obtained, by members, at several tournaments across the year, notably the men's and women's team success at the Grand Prix event with TVA men bringing home the Men's Champions silverware. This year also saw a number of TVA players represent the QLD Pirates and QLD Buccaneers that represented QLD in the National AVL and Australian Volleyball Championships which is a testament to the quality of players that the association develops.

Each year TVA looks forward to assisting VQ in the running of the Intermediate Schools Cup being held in Toowoomba. This is a great opportunity for Toowoomba Volleyball members to be involved in the operation and organisation of such a large tournament. A big thank you to Cheryl Norman, the venue managers and court managers whose continual efforts make the tournament a success for both VQ and TVA. These efforts will make any future decisions to relocate the tournament difficult should VQ ever look to do so.

As with any club, ours does not function without people willing to give their time on the committee with this year welcoming a number of new faces as well as being supported by some extraordinary members who have contributed to TVA for many years. Finding a great group of passionate volleyballers willing to work within the association is a great thing.

Yours in Volleyball.

Jaek Passier President





In 2019, The University of Queensland Volleyball Club (UQVC) had continued success in Premier Volleyball League (PVL), State Championships, and other events hosted by affiliates of Volleyball Queensland. UQVC maintains a strong membership base of approximately 100 athletes and looking to extend into more divisional teams in the future and introduce junior girl's teams with a vision of regaining Club Champion status.

UQVC entered four men's teams, three women's teams, and two junior boy's teams into PVL. Our Premier men and women had outstanding results with the men winning PVL and placing second at the State Championships, whilst the women claimed bronze in PVL and silver at the State Championships. Our divisional teams are climbing the ranks ending with a 2<sup>nd</sup> in men's Division 1 in PVL. Other teams finishing just out of the finals for PVL and our juniors claiming a 1<sup>st</sup> in Under 16s and 3<sup>rd</sup> for Under 19s.

UQVC continues to support the Australian Volleyball League / National Titles with over 10 male and female athletes committing to high level volleyball for the Pirates / Buccaneers program. UQVC looks to continue its strong relationship with key stakeholders in the Pirates program to ensure quality volleyball is filtered back into the Queensland PVL arena on a weekly basis.

Andrew Maclean **President** 





2019 was a rollercoaster year for USQ Volleyball Club. Due to external work commitments our President had to resign his position. Chris has been an invaluable contributor to development and life of the club and his resignation was met with great sadness. However, the Executive Committee stepped up and continued on with his good work.

The club successfully ran two seasons of the Toowoomba Social Volleyball league. A social level competition aimed at developing those new to volleyball alongside more experienced players for a great level of competition.

The USQ Firehawks represented the club at Clash of the Titans, Flaming Chalice, Volleyball Queensland Grand Prix Volleyball, Queensland State Championships, and Frosty Balls and performed admirably in both skill and attitude.

The club hosted Friday night training where anyone interested was welcome to attend and this proved very popular with regular attendees traveling substantial distance to get there every week.

As a club we will look to build on the work of 2019 to make 2020 even better.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to sincerely thank the members, players, coaches, and executive for all of their dedication and work in 2019. It has been a fantastic year and we look forward to the future!

#### **Executive Committee:**

Vice President: Tim van Drimmelen

Treasurer: John Napier Secretary: Warwick Milne

#### **Representative Honours:**

Volleyball Queensland U/17 girls: Ella Milne

U/15 girls Darling Downs and Queensland School Sport: Ella Milne

Volleyball Australia AVA 2020 scholarship: Ella Milne

Dig, set, spike.

Warwick Milne **Secretary** 





#### 2019 recap:

VSC missed out on playing PVL & GPV in the 2019 season however we had a Division 1 men's team play under SDV's banner and finish 5<sup>th</sup> for the season. We played in Dragons Flaming Chalice, Aces Cup, Clash of Titans and State Championships – earning ourselves 3x gold medals and 2x bronze medals across both genders.

We plan to continue playing standalone events and also supporting PVL under SDV's banner.

#### Goals for 2020:

VSC continue to work closely with The Sandpit Beach Volleyball and hope to push more kids into beach volleyball events & training.

We will also reach out to the local indoor volleyball competitions and offer trainings / Volleyball Queensland sanctioned events for them to participate in.

We would like to thank Volleyball Queensland for their ongoing support and the opportunities they provide.

#### **Executive Committee:**

President: Toby de Broughe Secretary: Rebecca Smith Treasurer: Stephen Austin

#### **Board Members:**

Jeffrey Bampton Nathan Gathercole Paul Mounter Korey Apps

Toby de Broughe **President** 



#### Queensland Pirates Men & Women

#### Australian Volleyball League

Having won the 2018 AVL (undefeated) the Pirates Men earned the right to represented Australia at the 2019 Asian Men's Club Volleyball Championships (18-26 April, 2019) in Taiwan. The team finished 8<sup>th</sup>, the best result by an Australian team in the 20 year history of the event.

In 2019 the Australian Volleyball League (AVL) was modified in format and re-branded as the AVL Super League. Each State was invited by Volleyball Australia to enter one team per gender, backed by the State Body, to compete in a home-and-away season, with the top four teams in each gender advancing to the AVL Super League Finals (Gold Coast, 7-8 December).

During the home-and-away series the Queensland Pirates hosted teams from NSW (UTSSU Shield), VIC (Melbourne Vipers) and ACT (Canberra Heat), and travelled to SA (Adelaide Storm) and WA (WA Steel). The experienced Pirates Men's team went undefeated for the full home-and-away season, dropping just 3 sets in the 10 games played. However, the route to the Finals was much tougher for the young Pirates Women, with 6 of their 10 matches going to 5 sets, winning 5 of them and finishing with an 8-2 win-loss record. Undoubtedly the highlight of the home-and-away season was the Pirates home round vs Canberra Heat (16-17 November), played at the new Nissan Arena and alongside Volleyball Queensland's 'Future Stars' camp, thereby exposing the next generation of potential Pirates to the current stars. The matches attracted record crowds and featured a high level of presentation, including professional live streaming. The round was acclaimed by Volleyball Australia as the blue-print for how the AVL should look in the future.

The home-and-away results saw both the Men and Women Pirates enter the Finals as #1 seeds, where both Pirates teams had comfortable 3-1 wins in their respective Semi-Finals before playing epic 5-set finals. Playing in their 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive AVL gold medal match the Pirates Men took on their old nemeses Canberra Heat, the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the Final has come down to these two teams (the Pirates taking 4 of the previous 5 meetings). The Pirates were again victorious 3:2 (25-22; 25-19; 22-25; 23-25; 15-9). Inspired by their male counterparts, the Pirates Women jumped out to a 2 set lead in their Gold medal match against the Melbourne Vipers, before being pegged back, and ultimately going down 2:3 (25-20; 30-28; 16-25; 15-25; 12-15).

# Australian Open Volleyball Championships (Gold Coast, 5-7 December)

Held in conjunction with the AVL Super League Finals was the Australian Open Volleyball Championships. This event was open to AVL teams not playing the Finals, as well as other open teams. The Pirates entered 2 development teams in each gender (Pirates 'Black' & 'Maroon') made up of players in the larger Pirates training group who were not named in the Finals teams. The Pirates men's teams won Gold and Bronze medals while the Pirates women won the Gold medal, with the other team finishing 4<sup>th</sup>.



## **Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships**

For the third consecutive year, the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships (AJBVC) were held in Bunbury, Western Australia, 14-18 April, 2019.

Queensland was represented by 25 teams, comprising of 56 athletes, six coaches and one Head of Delegation. Teams competed in U15 (3-a-side), U16, U17, U18, and U19 (all 2-a-side) Divisions.

In often cold, blustery and rainy conditions the Queensland teams performed admirably, winning six gold, four silver (three of which were against other Queensland teams) and three bronze.

Special mention must also go to the U15 Girls who took gold, silver and bronze.

These impressive performances resulted in Queensland retaining the Andy Burdin Shield for Champion State for a record fifth straight year.

For the results history of AJBVC visit: https://www.vq.org.au/play-learn/junior-qld-beach-teams/



## **Australian Junior Volleyball Championships**

Following three successful years of Volleyball Queensland hosting the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships (AJVC) on the Gold Coast, in 2019 the competition returned to Canberra for AJVC's 30<sup>th</sup> year.

The competition offered Boys and Girls divisions across U14, U15, U17 and U19 age groups. Queensland was represented by 170 athletes, 34 coaches, four physios and two VQ staff.

Hosted by Volleyball Australia, the event was played across three venues: AIS Arena, AIS Training Hall, and Lynham Indoor Sports Centre.

Queensland finished the tournament with four gold, four silver, and two bronze, successfully retaining the President's Cup.

Three Queensland athletes were also named Most Valuable Player of their respective divisions. These athletes were:

Jasmine Fleming (U17 Girls) Lucy Watkins (U19 Girls) Elijah Tabuarua (U19 Boys)

Queensland was also represented at the event by 10 referees, two referee delegates and Chief Referee - Jaek Passier. Performing to a high standard throughout the competition, Queensland's Michele Herbert was named Referee of the Championships, while Brighid Scanlon was named the Top Junior Referee.

For the results history of AJVC visit: https://www.vq.org.au/play-learn/junior-qld-indoor-teams/



## **Queensland Academy of Sport Volleyball Program**

In the 2019/20 scholarship period, the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) Volleyball Program continued to grow, adding an Emerging Talent Centre on the South Coast (supported by Benowa State High School) to those in North & South Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, and the Darling Downs, thereby increasing the opportunities for young talent. The program also continued to develop the concept of a full-time daily practice environment for targeted athletes and help them prepare for high performances representing Australia at junior, youth or senior level along with Queensland senior representation.

Queenslanders dominated national team selections in both beach and indoor volleyball at the youth, junior and senior levels. Special mentions to:

- Taliqua Clancy (pictured), bronze: Beach Volleyball World Championship (Hamburg, Germany)
- Taliqua Clancy, 2x gold, 1x silver, 1x bronze: FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour; 1x gold Asian Beach Volleyball Championships
- Volleyroos Men, silver: Asian Men's Volleyball Championships with Tom Edgar named MVP, Lincoln Williams, Beau Graham
- Mark Nicolaidis, Connor O'Neill, Alisha Stevens, Marcus Ferguson, Tim Dickson: World Beach Games (Doha, Qatar)
- Tyler Nix, Mark Nicolaidis (pictured), Brianna Mears, Kayla Mears (both pictured), and Tiaan Smith: U/21 Asian Beach Volleyball Championships
- Mark Nicolaidis, James Takken and Alisha Stevens: U/21 World Beach Volleyball Championships

Three QAS Volleyball elite squad athletes qualified to present the Olympic Unleashed program throughout schools and the community, whilst numerous other athletes also took up mentoring opportunities in the volleyball community (e.g. coach or mentor at AJBVC, AJVC, Emerging Talent Centres, and Talent Search Camps).

The QAS Volleyball coaching staff supported national teams by coaching at international competitions (e.g. VNL, Asian senior & junior championships in beach volleyball & volleyball), national senior & junior camps in both disciplines and accommodating national athletes training in Brisbane through the QAS Volleyball Program facilities and staff.

The QAS Volleyball Program also made its online University of Queensland sports science/sports medicine volleyball specific website available for the coaches throughout Queensland by including it in the annual membership of the Queensland Volleyball Coaches Network.

The QAS Volleyball Program in numbers:

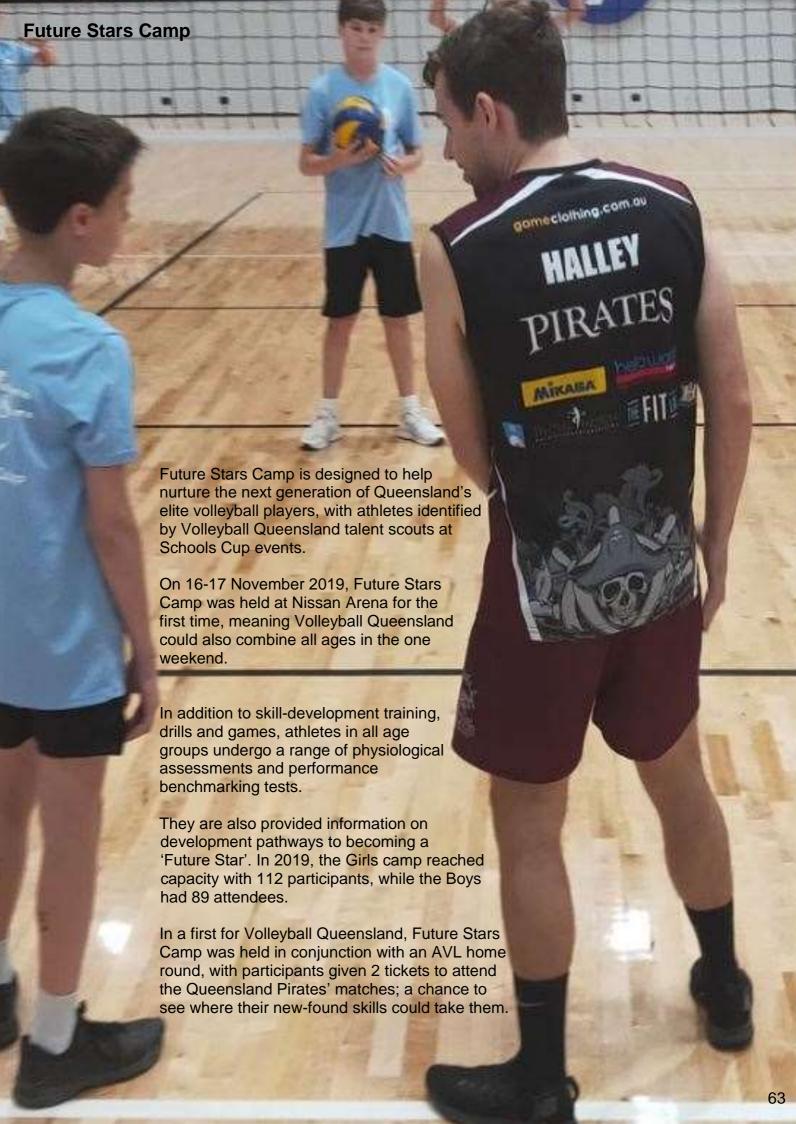
- 1 Head Coach
- 2 Full-time Assistant Coaches
- 1 Part-time Staff
- 7 Support staff
- 10 Volleyball Facilities used (beach and indoor)
- 540 Scholarship athletes in 2019/20 (an increase of 176 athletes from 2018/19)
  - o 10 Individual Elite Performance Athletes (5 females & 5 males)
  - o 32 Elite Athletes (16 females & 16 males)
  - o 58 Development Athletes (28 females & 30 males)
  - 430 Emerging Talent Athletes (230 females & 200 males)
  - 10 Regional Athletes

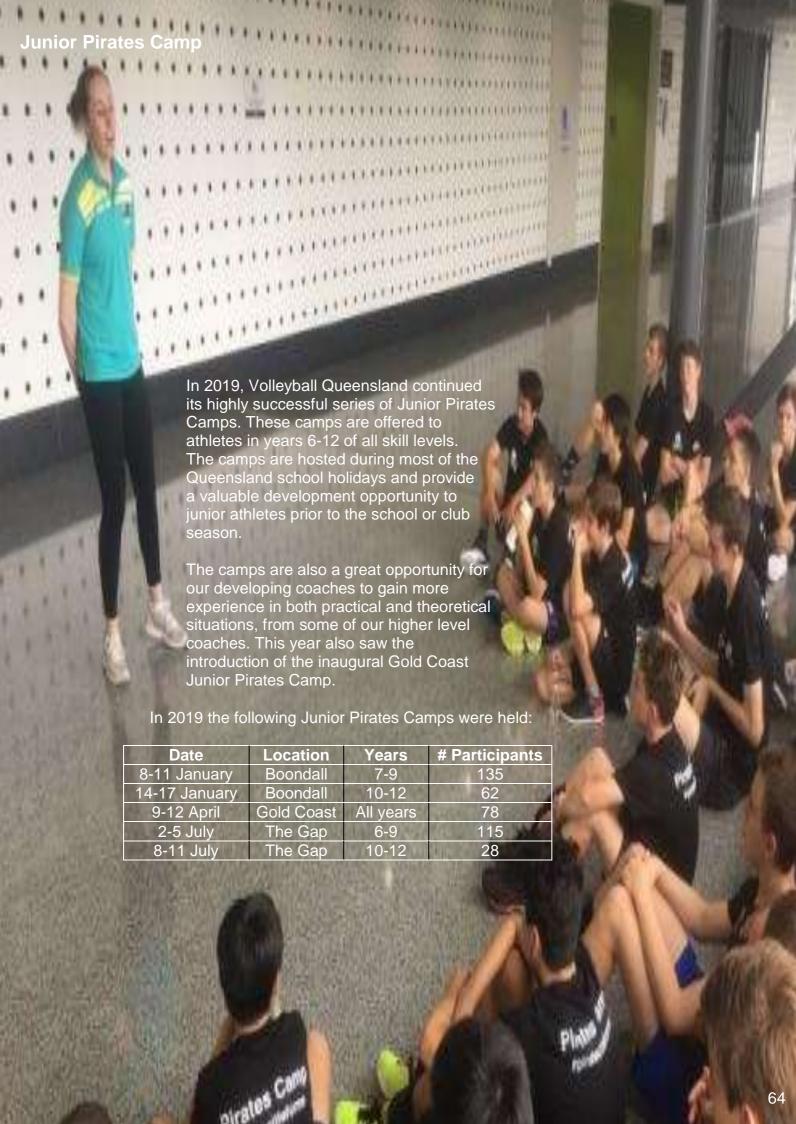






# **Development Activity** Volleyball Queensland is invested in the development of volleyball coaches and referees throughout Queensland. To ensure this development is continued, a series of coaching courses are held throughout the year, both face-to-face and increasingly online. The online Level 1 coaching and refereeing courses provide grounding for those new to the sport, or at the start of their development as a coach or referee. Notably, in 2019 courses were held in Weipa and Mornington Island and Volleyball Queensland also held a Level 3 coaching course at which 26 participants attended. During 2019, coaching and refereeing courses achieved the following numbers: Referee Coach # Courses # Participants # Courses # Participants Face-to-face 407 15 180 23 **Online** N/A 106 N/A 267 In total, Volleyball Queensland helped 134 coaches and 501 referees achieve accreditation.







## **Premier Volleyball League**

In 2019, Premier Volleyball League (PVL) once again proved why it is the highest level of Volleyball played on a weekly basis in South-East Queensland.

This competition was hosted at a range of new and existing unrivalled facilities including Nissan Arena, The Gap State High School, Logan Metro Indoor Sports Centre, Redlands College, Coomera Indoor Sports Centre, and Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre.

PVL saw a record 99 teams take the court (57 Senior Teams and 42 Junior Teams) across 12 Divisions, in a season that consisted of 14 Senior rounds and 9 Junior rounds.

Volleyball Queensland would like to congratulate Dragons Volleyball Association who were crowned Club Champions, after the conclusion of an epic Grand Finals Series played at Nissan Arena on Sunday 18 August.

Volleyball Queensland would like to thank Kent Scotney (PVL Competitions Manager), all chief referees, venue supervisors, sports trainers, referees, coaches, volunteers, Rogue Gun Photography, and most importantly, the players who were part of the biggest PVL season since its inception.

For the results history of PVL visit: https://www.vq.org.au/competitions/premier-volleyball-league/pvl-results-page/



## **Queensland Beach Volleyball Tour**

The Queensland Beach Volleyball Tour (QBVT) is the highest level of beach volleyball played in the State. The 2019/20 season comprised of 10 tournaments and was presented by five promoters.

Although this season featured a reduced number of tournaments (down from 13 in 2018/19), participation numbers reached record numbers (see graph below).

This summer featured:

607 players (224 Men, 171 Women, 103 U19 Boys, and 109 U19 Girls)

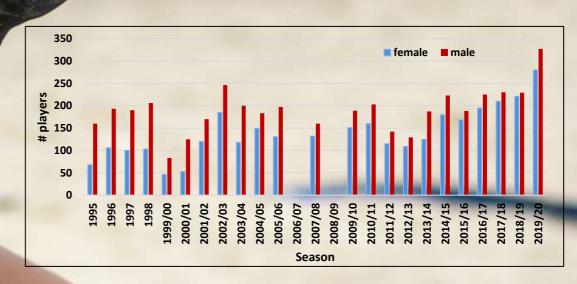
795 teams



The previous QBVT record for the single largest tournament, set last summer at the Mooloolaba Major (100 teams), was eclipsed four times, with the highlight being the Queensland Open presented by The Sandpit (145 teams).

In 2019, Volleyball Queensland was the promotor for two events: the Queensland Open and the season-ending QBVT Championships. The finals of the QBVT Championships were held in conjunction with the first day of Beach Schools Cup at Coolangatta, giving students the opportunity to see the best players in Queensland. The 'Champs' also included the QBVT Player Awards, held at Greenmount Surf Club. The Awards are voted by the players and include skill-based awards, Most Improved, and Most Valuable Player awards. The Best Tournament was also presented, with The Queensland Open winning in 2019/20.

Volleyball Queensland wish to thank the players, promoters, supporters and the Volleyball Queensland Beach Committee for their ongoing support.



#### **Queensland State Championships**

Volleyball Queensland's State Championships played host to a wide variety of affiliated and non-affiliated volleyball associations and clubs from across the state.

In 2019, the Queensland State Championships was again hosted at the Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre, and saw a record 88 teams across 10 divisions take the court over two action-packed days.

Teams travelled from across the state as far as Bundaberg, Cairns, Fraser Coast, Gin Gin, Gympie, Toowoomba, and Townsville.
Baulkham Hills Volleyball from New South Wales also took part for the third consecutive year.

Brisbane Volleyball Club (BVC) continued its three-year dominance at this event, as the Club again retained the VQ President's Shield, awarded to the best performing association or club across all divisions.

Volleyball Queensland would like to thank Live Streaming Brisbane, for covering the Men's and Women's gold medal matches in the Championship Division, Pete McConnon (Queensland State Championships Competitions Manager), all chief referees, venue supervisors, sports trainers, referees, coaches, volunteers, Rogue Gun Photography, and most importantly, the players who were part of our record-breaking event.

For the results history of Queensland State Championships visit:

https://www.vq.org.au/competitions/tournament s/qld-state-championships/



#### **Grand Prix Volleyball**

In 2019, Grand Prix Volleyball (GPV) was played across three rounds and taken to the following regions:

Round 1: The Glennie School, Toowoomba from 18-19 May.

**Round 2:** The Gap State High School, Brisbane from 29-30 June.

Round 3: Hervey Bay State High School, Hervey Bay from 20-21 July.

Hosting the competition in Brisbane for Round 2 also provided athletes and spectators the opportunity to attend the FIVB Volleyball Nations League at Nissan Arena.

Volleyball Queensland would like to thank Anglicans, BVC Bears, Gladstone Thunder, Gympie Stingers, Hervey Bay Volleyball Inc, TVA Titans, and USQ Firehawks for their participation.

VQ congratulates the following winners and medalists:

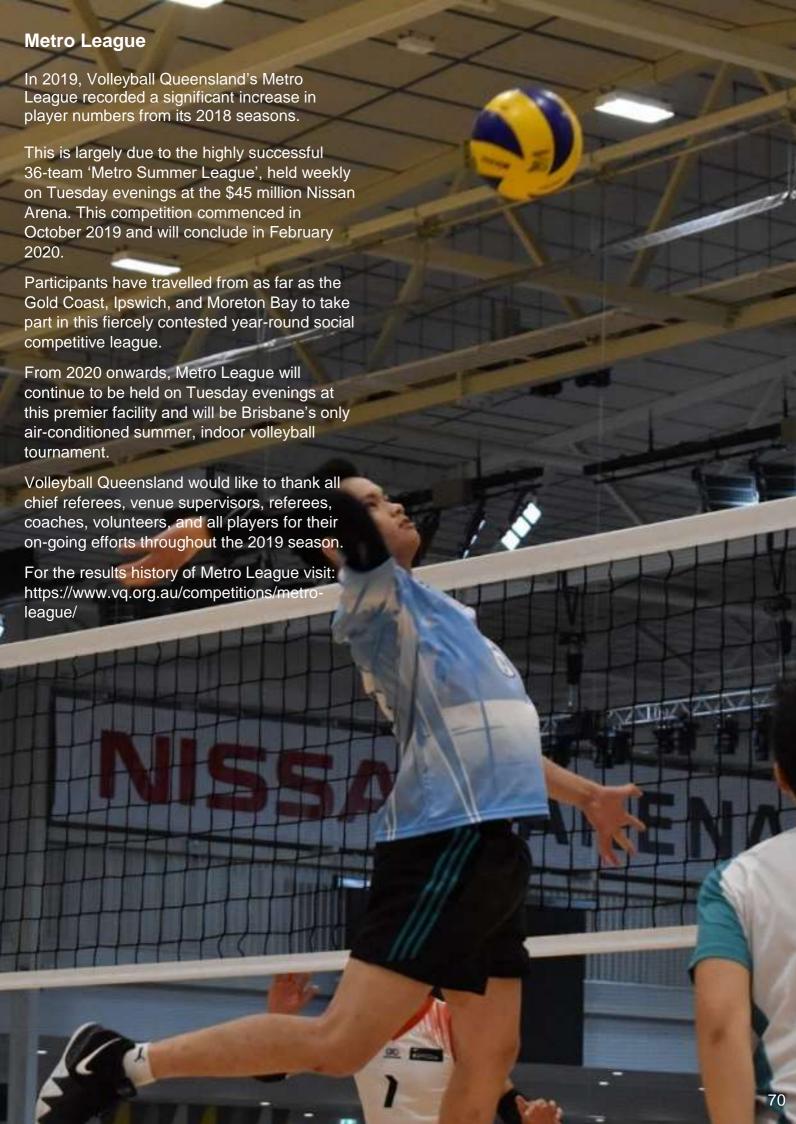
Club Champions: Gladstone Thunder

Women's Division Winners: Gladstone Thunder

Men's Division Winners: TVA Titans

Women's Division Runners Up: USQ Firehawks
Men's Division Runners Up: Gladstone Thunder
Women's Division Third Place: BVC Bears
Men's Division Third Place: BVC Bears





#### **Spiker Sports**

In 2019, Spiker Sports increased to 12 teams, up from 10 teams in its 2018 seasons.

All participants enjoyed the 45-minute matches and scoring system in this social, mixed-gender volleyball environment.

From 2020 onwards, Spiker Sports will be held on Wednesday evenings at the state-of-the-art Logan Metro Indoor Sports Centre.

Volleyball Queensland will also look to host Spiker Sports at new regions including Ipswich, Springfield, Redcliffe, and Morayfield, in order to attract significant numbers of new 'grassroots' participants, whilst also securing the growth and longevity of this competition in future years.

Volleyball Queensland would like to thank all referees and players for their on-going efforts throughout the 2019 season.

For the results history of Spiker Sports visit: https://www.vq.org.au/competitions/spikersports/



#### **Queensland Masters**

In 2019, the inaugural Queensland Masters was offered to three age groups, 30+, 40+, and 50+, to complement the biennial Pan Pac Masters Games on the Gold Coast.

This tournament hosted both indoor volleyball (men and women) at Nissan Arena and beach volleyball (men, women and mixed) at Sandstorm. The event also featured a Saturday evening social event which included food, beverages and prize giveaways throughout the evening.

After a highly successful two days of competition, featuring a total of 149 participants across both disciplines, Volleyball Queensland is pleased to announce that the Queensland Masters will become a regular feature on the VQ events calendar.

Volleyball Queensland would like to thank all venue supervisors, referees, coaches, volunteers and all players for their participation.

For the results history of Queensland Masters visit: https://www.vq.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2019/12/QLD MastersIndoorResults.pdf

https://www.vq.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2019/12/QLD MastersBeachResults.pdf









#### **Beach Schools Cup**

For many students, Beach Schools Cup (10-11 March) is their first experience of beach volleyball and as one of the most popular Schools Cup events has shown exceptional growth since 2014 (see graph below).

In 2019, Volleyball Queensland took the decision to relocate the event to Coolangatta Beach, home of the 2018 Commonwealth Games Beach Volleyball, as it provided space for more courts.

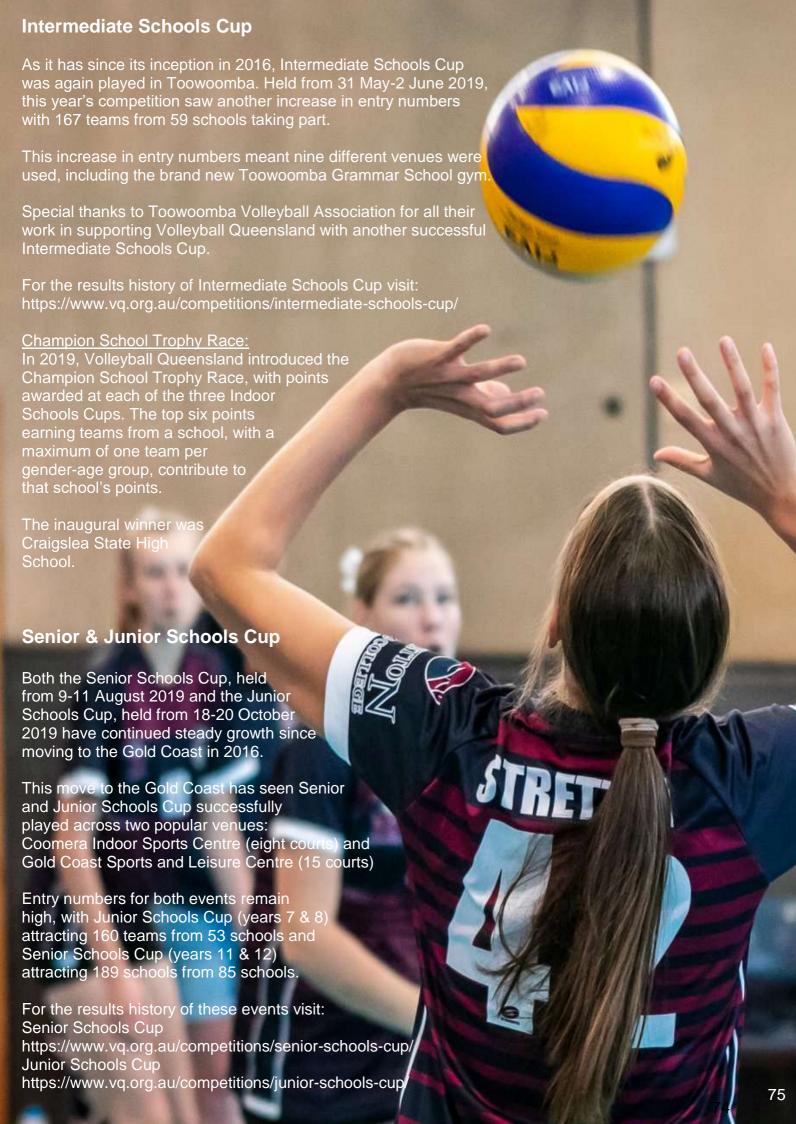
The following 2019 statistics demonstrate the continued growth of Beach Schools Cup:

220 teams (160 in 2018)

880 participants (640 in 2019)

30 courts (21 in 2018)









#### **Sporting Schools**

Volleyball Queensland, in partnership with Volleyball Australia and Sport Australia, is invested in working with schools throughout Queensland to increase children's participation in volleyball. Using the Sporting Schools website, Volleyball Queensland is able to assist schools with the supply of teaching resources, coaches and volleyball equipment for individually tailored volleyball programs for their students.

Sporting Schools sessions have been provided on an as requested basis across Terms 1-4 and most are conducted during school hours. These sessions can be teacher delivered, coach delivered, independent provider delivered or a combination of teacher and coach delivered.

In 2019, there were 38 programs delivered to 35 schools.

	Teacher Delivered	Coach Delivered	Independent Provider
# Programs	21	14	4
# Sessions	Unknown	159	85
# Coaches	21	9	2





#### **Life Members**

Kent Adams

Russel Borgeaud

Roy Bruynius (pictured)

John **Byrnes** 

Richard Clews

Shane Clouston

Kevin **Dobson** 

Greg Gall

Boris Georgieff

Gary Gilchrist

David **Kelly** 

Jim Lester

Barry Malezar

Peter Marr

Beth Medlin

Peter Morrison

Randel Robertson

Sue Robertson

Terry Rudder

Ross Symonds

Brenden Turner

Brian van der Weide

Bernice Wilkins (nee Clews)

Darren Wilson



#### **Distinguished Service Awards**

Kent Adams

Robert Bischoff

Alistair **Brown** 

Hans **Brantz** 

Roy Bruynius

Steven Burton

John Byrnes

Linda Chang

Loraine Clews

Shane Clouston (pictured)

Bob Coupland

Pamela **Dobson** 

Kevin **Dobson** 

Alan **Duff** 

Vanessa Exintaris

Greg Gall

Boris Georgieff

Gary Gilchrist

Chris Hannam

Peter Hastie

Chris Hillman

Di **Hind** 

Kevin Howard

Annette Huygens-Tholen

Scott Humberstone

Richard James

Valdis Jansons

Greg Johnson

Dave **Kelly** 

Jim Lester

Penni Lewer

Craig Marshall

Wendy Mills

Ros Moran

Peter Morrison

Cheryl Norman

Mark **Norman** 

Mark Pythian

Anne Marie Riordan

Randel Robertson

Margaret Simpson

Bryce Trevilyan

Brenden Turner

Bernice Wilkins (nee Clews)

Darren Wilson



## Inductee for Life Membership - John Byrnes

John Byrnes has been involved with volleyball in Queensland for over 40 years and during this time he has made significant contributions as a Queensland representative player, referee, coach and administrator. It is my pleasure to nominate John for Life Membership to Volleyball Queensland.

### Summary of participation Player

1968-69: Pimlico State High School, Townsville

1970-75: Club & representative, Townsville Volleyball Association

1976-78: Souths Volleyball Club

1979-89: University of Queensland Volleyball Club

1976-86: Queensland Senior Men Current: Queensland Masters

#### Referee

1976: B grade Referee 1979: National Referee

1981-2002: International Referee

Current: Level 4

#### Coach

1969-74: Club coach, Townsville Volleyball Association 1970-74: Townsville Volleyball Association Senior Women 1980-83: University of Queensland Volleyball Club Women

2012-2015: Mount St Michael's Junior Girls

2009 -: Brisbane State High School Junior Girls and Boys

Current: Level 3

#### Administration

1970-72: Committee member, Townsville Volleyball Association

1977-80: Treasurer, Brisbane Volleyball Association

1979-87: President, University of Queensland Volleyball Club

1980-83: President, Queensland Volleyball Association

1999-2003: President, Queensland Volleyball Association

1984-87: Chairman, Queensland Volleyball Referees Commission

1992-94: Chairman, Australian Volleyball Referees Commission

#### **Events**

Over 15 national schools cups in Canberra and Melbourne as Referee Supervisor

Over 25 national senior and junior championships many as Chief Referee

Referee Supervisor, Sydney Olympics 2000

National Technical Official, Sydney Paralympics 2000

Over 15 senior international events as International Referee including Athens, Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Christchurch, Doha,

Hong Kong, Jakarta, Kuwait, Manila, Rome, Tehran,

Hyderabad and Seoul





#### 50th Anniversary Celebration

Volleyball was first played in Queensland at Dutton Park State High School in 1969 the same year that QVA Inc. was officially established on the 14 July. Since then, volleyball and beach volleyball has shown wonderful growth in Queensland and 2019 marks Volleyball Queensland's 50<sup>th</sup> year.

On Saturday 22 June 2019, Volleyball Queensland celebrated this milestone at Hillstone St Lucia by hosting a Golden Jubilee gala dinner that reunited the volleyball community and honoured players from each decade, the team of the half century, and our coaches and referees. We also celebrated the growth of beach volleyball in Queensland over the past 32 years since 1987.

Volleyball in Queensland has produced some incredible home-grown talent over the past 50 years including Commonwealth and Olympic Games athletes Natalie Cook, Taliqua Clancy, and Tom Edgar, as well as up-and-comers Mark Nicolaidis and Phoebe Bell.

Today, Volleyball Queensland is the home of beach and indoor volleyball in Queensland, comprising of over 7000 members and 25 commercial and affiliate clubs.

Volleyball Queensland would like to thank the event's Organising Committee of Roy Bruynius, Jon Gibbs, Matt Grinlaubs, Teresa Lloyd, Peter Marr, Gary O'Donnell, and Kerry Styles and extend our appreciation to the 166 people who attended.



#### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration cont.

#### **INDOOR PLAYERS OF THE DECADES:**

**YEAR FEMALE MALE** Roy Bruynius 1969-1979 Janelle Wasley Steve Lugge Anne-Marie Riordan 1980-1989 Angela Clarke Scott Newcomb 1990-1999 Majella Brown Shane Van Beest 2000-2009 Rachel Rourke 2010-2019 Tom Edgar (pictured)

#### **BEACH PLAYERS OF THE DECADES:**

YEAR FEMALE MALE
1987-1999 Anita Palm Lee Zahner
2000-2009 Natalie Cook (pictured) Josh Slack
2010-2019 Taliqua Clancy Isaac Kapa

#### WOMENS INDOOR TEAM OF THE HALF CENTURY:

POSITION ATHLETE/OFFICIAL

Passer/Hitter: Majella Brown, Linda Dempsey

and Janelle Wasley

Setter: Kerry Mitchell, Denise Evans

and Sharon Browning

Middle: Katarina Osadchuk (pictured),

Anne-Marie Riordan and Adrienne White

Libero/Defender: Liz Brett

Opposite/Universal: Angela Clarke and Rachel Rourke

Coach: Amanda Fielding Assistant Coach: Vanessa Exintaris

Referee: Chris Kelly

#### MENS INDOOR TEAM OF THE HALF CENTURY: (pictured)

POSITION ATHLETE/OFFICIAL

Passer/Hitter: Roy Bruynius, Russell Borgeaud,

Zane Christensen and Wayne McNamara

Setter: Bruce Bourner and Scott Newcomb Middle: John Newcomb and Travis Passier

Libero/Defender: Darren Donaldson

Opposite/Universal: Tom Edgar, Steve Lugge

and Shane Van Beest

Coach: Russell Borgeaud
Assistant Coach: Randel Robertson

Referee: John Byrnes

#### **WOMENS BEACH TEAM OF THE HALF CENTURY:**

ROLE RECIPIENTS

Athletes: Natalie Cook and Taliqua Clancy

Coach: Lauren McLeod Referee: Linda Chang

#### MENS BEACH TEAM OF THE HALF CENTURY: (pictured)

ROLE RECIPIENTS

Athletes: Lee Zahner and Josh Slack

Coach: Craig Marshall Referee: Damien Searle















#### **Annual Awards Evening**

The Volleyball Queensland Annual Awards Evening was held on Saturday 30 November at Brisbane & Exhibition Centre, with a total of 196 people attending.

The night celebrated the full range of Beach and Indoor competitions throughout 2019, including AJBVC, Beach Schools Cup, PVL, GPV and Queensland State Championships, whilst also recognising individual achievements.

Volleyball Queensland would like to congratulate all award winners and extend our appreciation to those who attended.



Queensland

#### QBVT NUMBER 1 PLAYERS (2018/19):

Danielle King Chris Blake

#### 2019 BEACH SCHOOLS CUP CHAMPION SCHOOL:

The Gap State High School

#### 2019 JUNIOR INDOOR FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Jasmine Fleming

#### 2019 JUNIOR INDOOR MALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Connor O'Neill (pictured)

#### 2019 SENIOR INDOOR FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Kylie Garlick (pictured)

#### 2019 SENIOR INDOOR MALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Will Mercer

For the full list of 2019 Volleyball Queensland Annual Beach and Indoor Awards visit:

https://www.vq.org.au/about/awards/











#### **Membership Report**

Membership numbers for the year 2019 continue to show the steady increase seen over previous years.

This year Volleyball Queensland introduced an on-line transfer system which was well embraced. This replaced a time-consuming, downloadable form system, and although some minor enhancements are planned in the future, the new system has achieved its intended efficiencies.

Volleyball Queensland Affiliates	2019 Members	% increase from 2018	Junior	Senior
Aces United Volleyball Club Inc.	81	9.5	5	76
Ausghan Sports Club Inc.	35	150.0	11	24
Brisbane Volleyball Club	806	11.0	311	495
Bundaberg & District Volleyball Assoc.	21	-32.3	0	21
Cairns Volleyball Association	65	-45.4	17	48
Dragons Volleyball Association	348	14.9	224	124
Easts Volleyball Club	289	37.0	236	53
Fraser Coast Volleyball Association	47	17.5	17	30
Gladstone Volleyball Association	94	-3.1	25	69
Gold Coast Volleyball Club	152	-4.4	95	57
Griffith University Volleyball Club	134	21.8	86	48
Gympie Volleyball Association	210	-0.5	68	142
Kingaroy Volleyball Association	61	-	34	27
Norths Volleyball Association	112	-13.8	61	51
QUT Volleyball Club	94	30.6	21	73
Redlands Volleyball Association	212	-20.9	151	61
SD Volleyball	70	37.3	41	29
Toowoomba Volleyball Association	538	40.1	383	155
UQ Volleyball Club	103	-6.4	43	60
USQ Volleyball Club	30	-9.1	1	29
Volleyball Sunshine Coast	45	-37.5	25	20
AFFILIATE SUBTOTAL	3547	10.2%	W.	

Volleyball Queensland Members (not represented above)	2019 Members	% increase from 2018	
Queensland Beach Volleyball Tour	98	32.4	
Schools Cups	3472	5.7	
Other	432		
MEMBERSHIP TOTAL	7549	6.4%	



#### **Queensland State Beach Teams**

**U15 GIRLS:** 

Ruby Lonsdale Monique Jones Kaitlin Watson

Natasha **Neilson** Kayla **Stevens** Lily **Strati** 

Aleah **Hill**Jaime **Titmus**Olivia **Walsh** 

**U16 GIRLS:** 

Charlotte **Duncan** Michela **Strati** 

Charlee **Hopper** Saskia **Jones** 

**U17 GIRLS:** 

Brianna **Mears** Kayla **Mears** 

Jasmine Fleming Caity Meale

U18 GIRLS:

Annelies Jones
Alisha Stevens

Sarah **Ashdown** Lucy **Watkins** 

Alanna Campbell Stella Vicario

Brodie **Baker** Amelia **Takken** 

**U19 GIRLS:** 

Hannah Karrasch Elenoa Sing

**COACHES:** 

John Kuhn
Kylie Marshall
Steve Mears
Tiaan Smith
Chris Todd
Gloria Vicario

**U15 BOYS:** 

Ethan Crawford Zane McDonald Finnian O'Hare

James Clark Thomas Goh Archer Springer

Kaedyn **Dodd**Blake **van Doren**Damon **Walsh** 

**U16 BOYS:** 

Taliesin **Drake** Jeremy **McEvoy** 

Ben **Hood** Caleb **Sala** 

**U17 BOYS:** 

Jordan Cox Thomas Goody

Billy **Greber** Max **Johnson** 

Thomas **Roberts**Matthew **Watkins** 

**U18 BOYS:** 

Ben **Booth** Ethan **Waugh** 

Eithan **Hill** Chaz **Pucko** 

**U19 BOYS:** 

Elijah **Tabuarua** Jefferson **Morrow** 

Ruben **Gale** Jake **Greber** 

Isaac **Ngauamo** Connor **O'Neill** 

#### **Queensland State Indoor Teams**

#### **U14 GIRLS - MAROON:**

Olivia Barclav Genevieve D'Arcv Monique Jones Chloe Lipscombe Olivia McKenzie Lina Mueller Maisie Peebles Yma Smith Kayla Stevens

Lily Strati **COACH:** Paul **Dhu** 

**ASSISTANT:** Tim Wilson

#### U15 GIRLS - MAROON:

Chelsi Coker Josephine Foster Ayla **Harmer** Aleah Hill Kayla Hill Ruby Lonsdale Natasha **Neilson** Lesley Smith

Jaime Titmus

Olivia Walsh

**COACH:** Trish Morris

**ASSISTANT:** Kelsey **Doyle** 

#### U17 GIRLS - MAROON:

Mariya **Bykova** Charlotte **Duncan** Jasmine Fleming Anuprita Ghalsasi Brielle Kettleton Brianna Mears Kayla **Mears** Olivia **Miller** Georgia Snow Alisha Stevens

**COACH:** Dean Bielanowski **ASSISTANT:** Kylie Marshall

#### **U19 GIRLS - MAROON:**

Sarah Ashdown Sophie Ballard Anniston Chappell Khiani Dodd Chloe **Durston** Annelies Jones Elenoa Sing Madeline **Sheppard** Sophie Thornton Lucy Watkins

**COACH:** Chris **Todd** 

**ASSISTANT:** Rachel **Georgieff** 

#### **U14 GIRLS - WHITE:**

Kione Arthy Lara Chard Hannah Christie Alexa Gomop-as Matisse **Grant** Breeahna Hill Stephanie Marshall Meg Phillips

Mea-Nicole Graham Seymour

Phoebe **Smith** 

**COACH:** Kathleen Tuimaseve **ASSISTANT:** Cristina **Draguceanu** 

#### **U15 GIRLS - WHITE:**

Finn **Bottomley** Kayla Cantrill Mackayla **Dhu** Willow Gossen Lara Hadzivukovic Jaime Miller Cheney Pascoe Sasha Petrenko Nadia Pignat Sasha **Templeton** 

COACH: Trish Bielanowski **ASSISTANT:** Grace Marshall

#### **U17 GIRLS – WHITE:**

Eva Brac Bethany **Davis** Kasey Hogan Sharna **Homer** Saskia Jones Ella Milne Chloe Ryder Maya Siwek Michela Strati Annelise Willis

**COACH:** Monique Fulcher **ASSISTANT:** Kirsty **Keay** 

#### U19 GIRLS - WHITE:

Brodie Baker Thea Biss Alanna Campbell Tanvi Joshi Rebecca Olwata Lily Rowe Jethur Santos Jemma Sutherland Amelia **Takken** Stella Vicario **COACH:** Jessica Croucher

**ASSISTANT:** Alex Strati

#### Queensland State Indoor Teams cont.

#### U14 BOYS - MAROON:

Leo Callaghan Nicholas Craig Tom Graetz Kai Lawrence Koen Miller

Timothee Phillippe

Ryan **Smith** 

Kye Alexander Van Beest

Ethan **VanderWal** Hussein **Yusaf** 

**COACH:** Aidan Molloy

**ASSISTANT:** Darren Wilson

#### <u>U15 BOYS – MAROON:</u>

Beni Allen
Thomas Boxall
Lachlan Cawdell
Ethan Crawford
William Fineran
Seta Jovic-Peru
Rohan Mackie
Jack Palmer
Benjamin Taylor
Xander Van Driel

COACH: Lindsay Baker ASSISTANT: Egor Kalinin

#### U14 BOYS - WHITE:

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Sam **Orford** Ryan **Smith** Mitchell **Trenow** Sasha **Voznessenski** Damon **Walsh** 

COACH: Nathan Dang

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Tobias Hunt

Max Jolly-Perrett

Ky Kowe
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Zane McDonald
Finnian O'Hare
Josh Scott
Cooper Stevens

COACH: John Christie
ASSISTANT: Gloria Vicario

#### **U17 BOYS - MAROON:**

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Will D'Arcy
Billy Greber
Lucas Josefsen
Matt Kemp
Cale Martin
Jeremy McEvoy
Aiden McKellar
Tom Roberts
Harry Wilsen

COACH: Cam Bettenay
ASSISTANT: Lauren Wann

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Luke Bloomer
Diarmid Chappell
Sean Chiang
Ben Hood

Joachim McMahon Liam Scheel Tristian Smedley Matt Watkins

COACH: Hershad Ghalsasi ASSISTANT: Adrian Webb

#### U17 BOYS - SILVER

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Ben Davies
Elijah Dixon
Jack McIntosh
Ali Rahmanian
Caleb Sala
Tom Scott
Ajax Smith
Josh Sneesby
Jake Weber

COACH: Vevin Mathew

**ASSISTANT:** Mark Nicolaidis

#### <u>U19 BOYS – MAROON:</u>

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Sam Flowerday
Zac Hyams
Reilly Keogh
Connor W O'Neill
Jonah Pearce
Joe Simmons
Michael Smith
Elijah Tabuarua
Ethan Waugh

COACH: Shaun Scott ASSISTANT: Rhys Cox

#### U19 BOYS - WHITE:

Ben **Booth** 

Lange Curr-Parkes

Ruben Gale Chris Hodges Cale Hoskings Ari Klein

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