

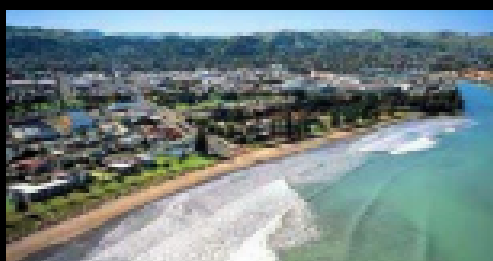


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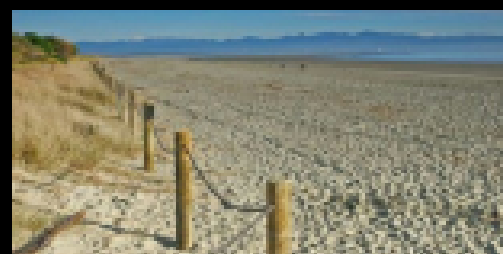
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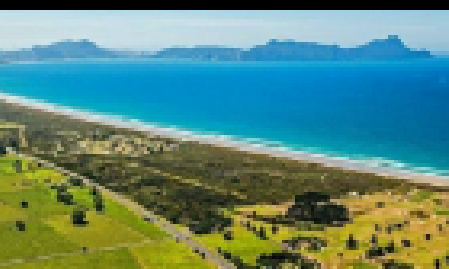
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WELCOME

Volleyball New Zealand are pleased to bring you the fourth edition of our Sideout newsletter. November/December has seen a lot happen with the National Beach Tour getting under way at Mount Maunganui as well as North and South Island Juniors Indoor and Beach Tournaments.

Along with this, we have been busy behind the scenes forming new partnerships with many different businesses whilst also increasing our staff numbers by appointing a Tour Manager.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2019/20

WHAT'S ON IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

Gisborne Slam (VNZ 4 star) 28-29 December

Nelson Super Slam (VNZ 5 star),
Nelson 11-12 January

South Island Development
Camp, Christchurch 13-15
January

North Island Development
Camp, Hamilton 16-18 January

Beach Development Camp,
Mount Maunganui 19-20 January

NORTH ISLAND JUNIORS

The 2019 North Island Junior Secondary School Championships were attended by 96 teams at Trustpower Bay Park Arena, Tauranga.

Division 1 Girls saw Westlake Girls beat Trident in 2 sets with Rangitoto beating Otumoetai in the bronze medal game. Division 2 saw an all Waikato final with Te Awamutu beating Taupo with Otumoetai finishing third. Division 3 saw Otumoetai beat Dargaville in the final with Westlake Girls beating Takapuna in the bronze medal game.

In the Boys draw, Western Heights beat Whakatane in the Division 1 final with Rangitoto finishing third. Division 2 saw Te Puke take home the trophy ahead of Rosmini with Gisborne coming in third place. Division 3 saw Matamata beat New Plymouth in 3 sets with Tikipunga winning the bronze medal game.



SOUTH ISLAND JUNIORS



The 2019 South Island Junior Secondary School Championships had 67 teams enter with 42 of those in the girls draw.

Girls Division 1 was won by Burnside High School who beat Cashmere High School in 2 sets with Waimea College finishing third. Girls Division 2 was won by Nayland College with Maribyrnong coming in second place. Riccarton High School beat Linwood College to win bronze.

Boys Division 1 title was taken by Nelson College who beat King's High School in the final with Waimea College finishing in third place. The Boys Division 2 championship was taken by Linwood College who beat St Andrews College in 3 sets. Southland Boys High School beat Central Southland College in 2 sets to claim the bronze medal.

SKY SPORT PARTNERSHIP

VNZ Chief Executive Toni-Maree Carnie is pleased to announce a partnership with the New Zealand Sport Collective and Sky Sport. New Zealand sport is set to get a massive boost thanks to a ground-breaking grassroots sport initiative launched yesterday by Sky and Olympian and former America's Cup sailor Rob Waddell. More than 50 National Sports Organisations and rights-holders have come together to form the New Zealand Sport Collective, led by Rob Waddell. Together, they will be part of Sky Sport Next, a platform designed to be a launching pad for some of New Zealand's most popular grassroots sports and rising young talent. "This is a great opportunity for Volleyball", says Carnie. "We are an up and coming sport and have clearly suffered from a lack of promotion and television coverage. We have 2 disciplines within the game and internationally they are extremely popular television sports. We need to provide and promote the broadcast opportunities so volleyball can become a household sport in New Zealand". The events will be streamed, and highlights packages available, on the Sky Sport Next YouTube channel and some content will be broadcast on Sky Sport, Sky's sport streaming service Sky Sport Now, and Sky's free-to-air channel Prime.



VNZ CHARITY DONATION

Volleyball New Zealand are proud to announce that we have donated some of our old balls to a charity worker (Mike Horner) from Wellington.

During the last 10+ years Mike has been working with villages along the Mekong River in Northern Laos to enable them to build and/or replace schools for their children. Funding for these projects has come both from Mike & his wife directly and through donations from other people who share their wish to assist what is a very underdeveloped/resourced part of a relatively poor country. Typically these villages have had very basic buildings and few learning resources. Their objective has been to provide a weatherproof, safe structure where the children can have an opportunity to get, at least, some basic education. Many villages have been attempting to provide some learning in buildings that, here in New Zealand, we would consider suitable only for providing temporary shelter for animals. What they enable them to construct is far from the buildings you see at, for example, here in Wellington Hutt Valley High School - or Auckland Grammar ! But 'our' buildings do provide the opportunity....through teachers who are so obviously keen to teach and children who are so obviously keen to learn....for the next generation to develop both themselves and their communities in ways not possible for their parents. One school can accommodate between 80 and 100 children. Their belief is that if the building lasts 25 years, that represents up to 2,500 years of education....and that's a worthwhile investment.

We hope to be able to contribute to more projects such as this in the future.



NATIONAL BEACH TOUR

Volleyball New Zealand and BeachedAz Events are proud to announce G.J. Gardner Homes as the Principal & Naming Rights Partner of the NZ Beach Tour now to be known as the G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour. G.J. Gardner Homes are New Zealand's most trusted home builder and we very much look forward to their partnership as we build and develop Beach Volleyball across New Zealand. Welcome aboard!

The first G.J. Gardner Homes New Zealand Beach Tour Event of the season was held at Mount Maunganui on the 7/8 December. 47 pairs entered the tournament, with 12 teams in Men's, Women's and Junior Boys teams and 11 in the Junior Girls category.

G.J. Gardner Homes are a building firm who predominantly build homes across New Zealand, Australia and USA. G.J. Gardner will be sponsoring the entire beach tour in 2019/20 as the naming right sponsor.

The Men's Open was won by Johann Timmer and Mike Watson, with Griffin Muller and Rene Kapa finishing in second place after being defeated 21-17, 21-18. Third Place was shared between Brad Fullerton and Paora Morunga and Alani Nicklin and Tom Hartles.



The Women's Open saw Shaunna Polley and Julia Tilley beat the American Pairing of Sarah Seibert and Ivey Schmitt in 3 sets 21-13, 15-21, 15-11. Third Place was won by last years National Tour Winner Francesca Kirwan and Olivia MacDonald along with Renei Ursem and Tamara Otene.

This year also has also seen the creation of the Junior Joust tour for Junior Boys and Girls. The winners of each of the Junior Joust events win a pair of Dirty Dog Sunglasses each.

The first winners of this new event for Boys was Campbell Forsyth and Chicaine Paniora, who beat Jaylon Paki and Rhys Howard 21-17, 21-12. The Bronze medal place was taken by Connor Goodwin and Grady Forbes who beat Salem Tuaeu and Kani Paniora 21-13, 22-20.

The Girls event was won by Kayla Allison-Carnie and Olivia Merriman with Olivia Goodwin and Mollie Allison finishing in second place after a 21-16, 21-18 win. Third place was secured by Ella Kidd and Meg Kale who beat Tamara Iles and Riley Bartosh 21-18, 15-21, 15-6.



TOUR MANAGER INTRODUCTION

VNZ is pleased to introduce Jeff Miller our new (very) part time Tour Manager.

With significant experience as an owner/director of a tour company, arranging travel for groups including volleyball teams. Jeff has all the skills required to add significant value to the VNZ staff and positively impact the tours that VNZ provide.

Jeff shared "I've been volleyball-adjacent for some time. My family is still heavily involved in playing, coaching and administrating. This role is a great opportunity for me to use my agent skill set to get the best for Volleyball New Zealand. As a Travel Agent I've always said 'I'm sending people where they'd rather be'- this is no different."

VNZ welcome Jeff to the team.



Development Teams Expression of Interest

The following survey is an expression of interest for athletes who wish to be considered for the Junior and Youth development squads in 2020. The selection process for these teams will be done via observation and feedback by VNZ and National Coaches at key events over the summer. In order to be selected for these teams, you must attend at least one of the following events:

Indoor: New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships or the January Development Camps.

Beach: New Zealand Secondary School Beach Championships, IPC Beach or January Development Camps.

Name*

Gender*

☐ Female

☐ Male

Birth Date*

Email*

Preferred email contact.

Caregivers Email*

Phone Number

UPCOMING TOURS/CAMPS

2020 is going to be a busy year for all involved in Volleyball New Zealand. Our Representative Calendar has been published on both our website and on social media. Each team has their own calendar that will have been sent to your age group coach as well.

If you have any further queries regarding the calendars, feel free to contact the VNZ office.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

VNZ continues to introduce 'Expression of Interest (EOI)' for NZ representative teams. Currently EOI's are open for Age Group Indoor Development teams, World University Champs and EOI's are to found on the VNZ website or follow the below link.

<https://www.123formbuilder.com/form-5152705/>

DEVELOPMENT AND RTC COACHES REQUIRED

Volleyball New Zealand is looking for coaches to help run our Junior Development Teams and also help to run our Regional Training Centres (RTCs) next year.

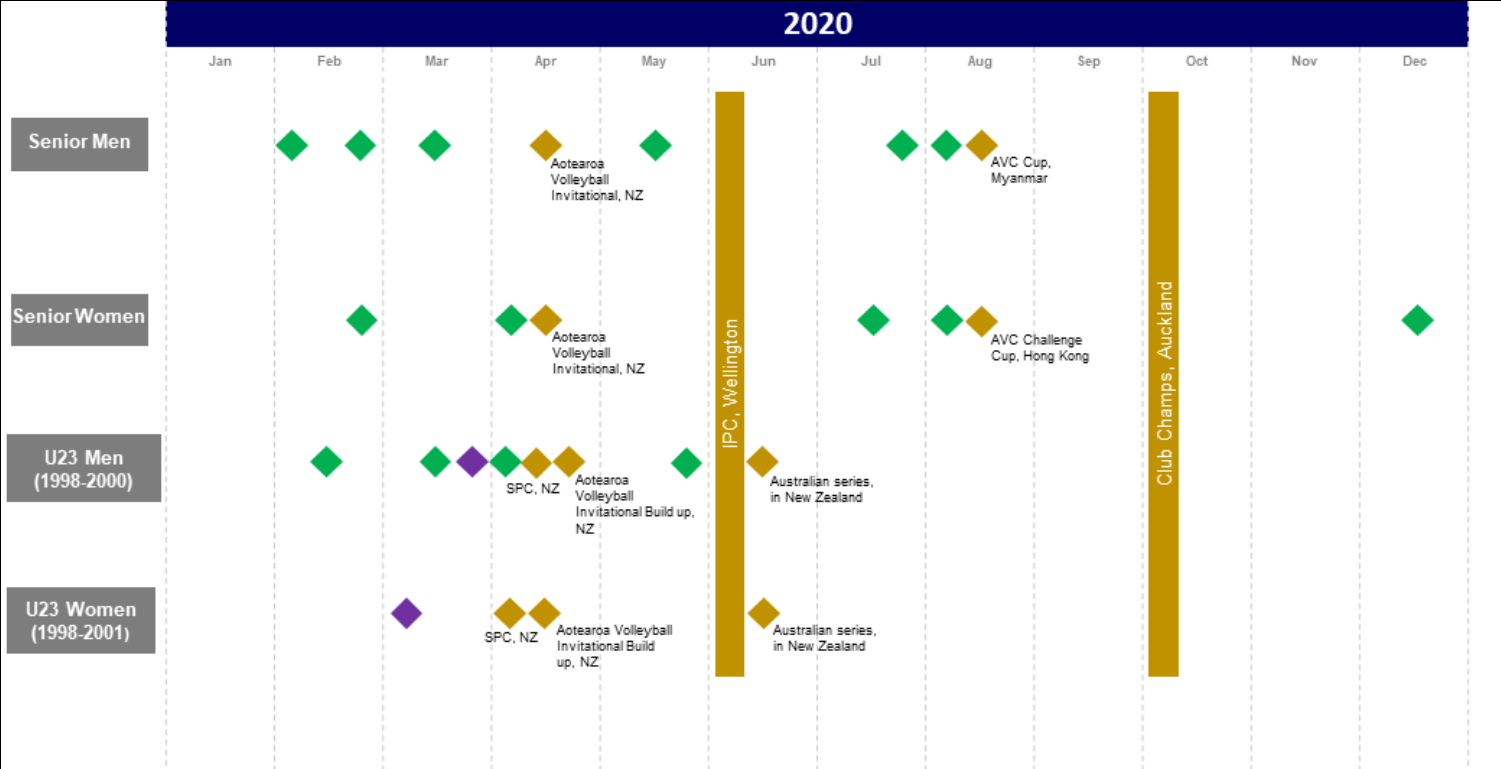
If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please email Dave Keelty at development@volleyballnz.org.nz expressing your interest and attach a CV/Cover Letter.

Keep an eye out on social media next week for the Athletes invited to be part of the RTC programme in 2020.



REPRESENTATIVE CALENDAR

Please note these dates are intended to be a guide only, and are subject to change. There are also events and/or training camps that may be added at later dates. For specific dates and details, visit Volleyball NZ's website here. <https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/performance>
Please see the separate Regional Training Centre (RTC) calendar for RTC events, which will be published early 2020.



BOARD MEMBERS

VNZ has appointed a new Chair and Deputy Chair. Lucy Pomeroy is the new Chair of VNZ with Donna Milne being appointed as the Deputy Chair.

Lucy has served on the Volleyball New Zealand Board since 2016, including as Deputy Chair since 2018, and has demonstrated a commitment to volleyball and to the role of the Board. Lucy is a past NZ Women's beach volleyball representative and NZ Women's indoor team captain. Lucy lives in Auckland and works as Senior Investment Manager at the Health Research Council.

Lucy says "The Board's strong focus for the new year is on enhancing connections and coordination across the VNZ community, which reflects our strategic intent to build capability in our regions and associations, and we look forward to engaging with you and supporting Toni-Maree and her team in this ongoing work."

Donna lives in Invercargill and has been on the Volleyball New Zealand Board for just over 3 years. She is also the chair of Volleyball Southland and she currently works as a Customer Relationship Manager for Focus Technology Group Limited.

Congratulations also to recipients of Volleyball New Zealand Awards at the AGM.

- Jock Murley (Otago) - Life Membership
- Tony Thomas (Tasman) - Service Award



TIME OUT



With summer upon us, Volleyball New Zealand moves swiftly from Junior indoor volleyball events in the North and South Island to the New Zealand Beach Tour and its local competition, the Domestic Beach Tour.

Beach Volleyball provides not only a wonderful social opportunity for athletes but also fantastic off season training for indoor athletes. New Zealand's top beach athletes are also competing for Olympic qualification early next year.

Be sure to support them around some of our most beautiful beaches during the NZ Beach Tour!

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