



# SIDEOUT

JUNE 2020



## WELCOME

The last few months have been a challenge. No-one expected to experience a pandemic and have to learn to cope with the limitations. But we did! It is now that we start to rebuild and develop our path going forward. Things for volleyball may have changed, events cancelled but we are still playing and this experience has provided us with new opportunities to try new things.

***"Improvidus, apto, quod victum"***  
(Improvise, adapt, overcome: Marine motto)

## WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH

Development Camps  
12-13 July Hamilton  
14-15 July Dunedin

Frequency RTC's starting in  
July

25 July Club Volleyball Zone  
Window

# BOARD TALK

As we emerge from lockdown, we can all look forward to getting back to playing volleyball whether on the court, beach or in your local park. We recognise the ongoing challenges of responding to COVID-19 as well as the opportunities to develop new ways of delivering volleyball. Efforts of the VNZ Board, VNZ staff, regional and local providers are collectively leading us forward. The Board's core governance role remains the same, although we have adapted our approach as required, and this newsletter outlines some of what we have been doing.

## Communication

With the change and disruption which is taking place there is a heightened need for effective communication. The Board has updated its communication policy. Many of the Board have joined CE led discussions with Associations over internet based forums. The Board continues to advocate for volleyball by targeting communications with key external stakeholders. There is a unique opportunity for strengthened connections within the wider sports system as people work together to ensure the viability of the sector as a whole.



## Financial, Risk, Audit Committee (FRAC)

Work has ensured clarity of VNZ's short term financial position to the end of the financial year. Revenue is forecast to be lower through to the end of the financial year (June 2020), the majority of which is offset by reduced operating expenditure with the shortfall from reinvesting operating profit. We have assessed the potential impacts of different scenarios on the operating budget and cash flow for the next 12-18 months. We will continue to update these, and we feel some confidence that there will be opportunities for the growth and development of volleyball.

## Health and Safety

As stated in the Board principles established in response to COVID-19: 'The wellbeing and safety of VNZ staff and members are top priority, and if there is uncertainty we will value looking after our people ahead of the benefits of restarting business operations. Retaining national and regional staff capability is a priority.

## Future Proofing

The Board is monitoring the wider social and economic issues affecting sport and how consideration of these can best be incorporated into our forward planning. The CE regularly meets with Sport NZ, School Sport NZ and member groups, providing feedback to the Board to help shape our thinking. Our focus remains to enable participation in volleyball at all levels.

VNZ BOARD



## INTRODUCING LAUREN FLEURY NEW BOARD MEMBER

Lauren, has been involved with volleyball since college (winning a National title with Otumoetai College). She has represented New Zealand since being selected in the U19 team back in 2001. Her experiences include a scholarship to McNeese State University and the prestigious University of Notre Dame where she completed her PhD in Organic Chemistry. She was also the recipient of the Southland Conference Female Student Athlete of the Year, USA.

Lauren helps coach and mentor Wellington volleyball athletes and joins us as she wishes to gain governance experience and assist in growing the game for all. Lauren is also affiliated with the Tainui Iwi.



## THE CE'S MESSAGE

TONI-MAREE



We are so pleased that volleyball was one of the first sports able to be provided in the community once many of the Covid-19 regulations were lifted. Congratulations to all those Association's who had worked tirelessly through the lockdown readying themselves for the resumption of play.

It was disappointing not to be able to schedule NZ Secondary School Champs for 2020 but after consultation with the local community it was not going to support the VNZ values of collaboration, access and wellbeing. We will continue to look for opportunities for our young people to continue playing the game and developing their skills. Club Champs in October is still an opportunity for school teams to play in an event. See further information under Events.

Thank you to all those who engaged right across the spectrum of media over the last few months. We valued being able to serve you.



# EVENTS

## JULY DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

The July Indoor Development Camps for Secondary School aged athletes will be held for the North Island from the 12th-13th of July in Hamilton (at the Peak). The South Island camp will be held from the 14th-15th of July in Dunedin (at the Edgar Centre). The camp fee is \$100. Registrations will be open until the 3rd of July. The link for registration can be found on the homepage of the VNZ website.

## REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRES

Frequency Regional Training Centres (RTC) will finally get underway in July. These will provide top athletes around NZ a training opportunity with some of NZ's top coaches in four locations - Auckland, Tauranga, Palmerston North and Christchurch.



**July Development Camp**

 VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND  
POIREWA AOTEAROA

**Hamilton @ The Peak**  
**Sunday 12th - Monday 13th**  
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**Dunedin @ Edgar Stadium**  
**Tuesday 14th - Wednesday 15th**

**Camp Fee \$100!**

**For secondary school aged athletes**



# OTHER EVENTS

*NZ Club Championships:* These will be run 30 September - 2 October in Auckland. Schools welcome!

*North and South Island Junior Secondary School Championships:* these will be run in November this year.

*NZ Secondary School Championships:* these will NOT be held this year in October.

*NZ Provincial Championships:* these will NOT be held this year.

# COACHING SURVEY

Volleyball NZ has put together a working group to review what we offer in the coach development space. The working group consists of Dave Keelty, Johann Timmer and Colleen Campbell from Volleyball NZ, Leanne Turrell from Wellington, Grant Harrison from Northland, Sam Ryburn from Canterbury and Simon Walters from AUT University. Andy Rogers from Sport NZ will also be part of the group at different times to guide and offer feedback.

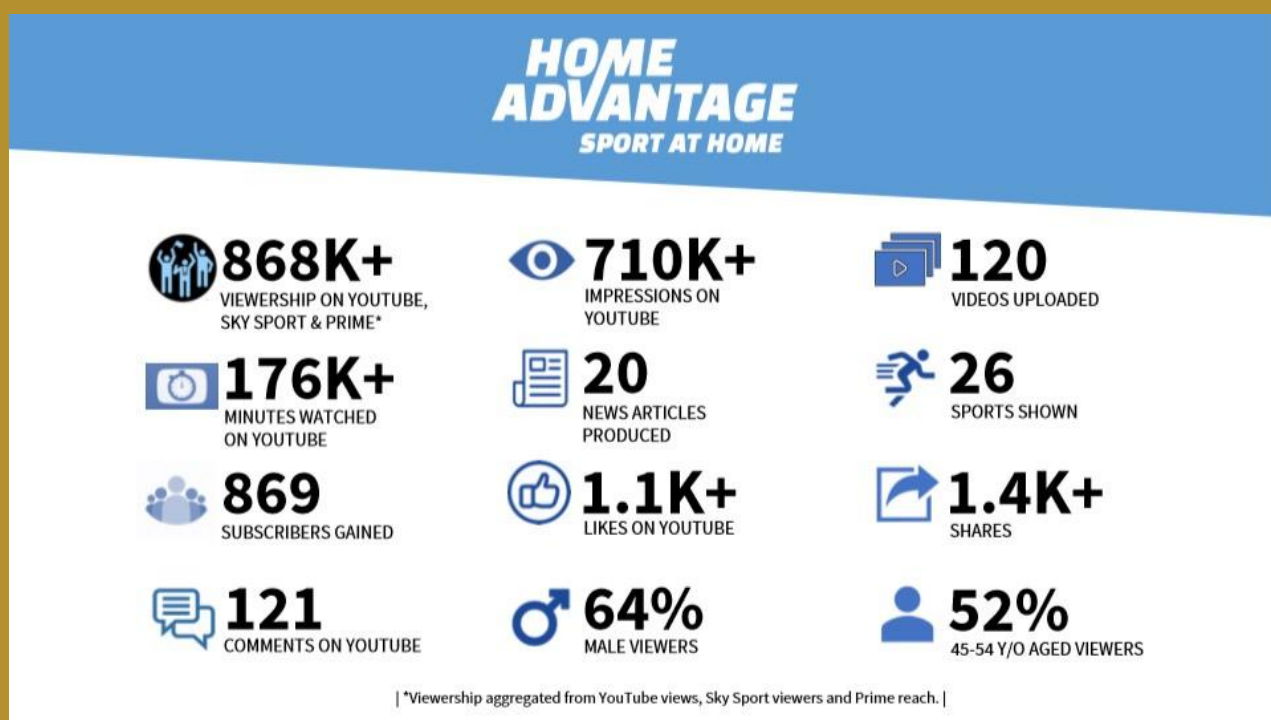
The group will be working together over the next few months to shape and improve our coach development system. The first part of this work is to get a picture of the positives and areas we can improve on, in what is currently done. A survey has gone out to our community via social media, and if you are a coach, we encourage you to complete this survey. The link is below.

<http://www.123formbuilder.com/form-5504741/form>



## SKY SPORT AND HOME ADVANTAGE

Do you remember Home Advantage? The series has now wrapped up but has been a success. It became a joint initiative between sports organisations, Sky Sport Next, Stuff and the NZ Sport Collective to deliver sport during lockdown. Below are some of the statistics from the series. The videos are available for viewing on the webpage [www.homeadvantage.kiwi](http://www.homeadvantage.kiwi).





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