

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Welcome to the week 16 edition of the 2021 VNZ Association Communication.

Changes to VNZ Youth Programme

New Zealand Captain and current Junior National coach Kim Smith is backing changes to Volleyball New Zealand's youth programme, which aims to widen the talent pool and keep players in the sport for longer.

Volleyball New Zealand has spent the past few months redesigning the programme for under-17 and under-18 teams. Which attend the Asian Championships every two years. Youth players have previously been selected at age 14-15 for a two-year campaign leading into the Asian Champs. But Volleyball Development Manager Dave Keelty says they want to take a more holistic approach.

Click [here](#) for the full article.

School Sport Census Data

The attached data comes directly from schools to School Sport NZ. It includes all athletes who have represented their school in a "meaningful" event or competition in volleyball. You may have more athletes participating in for example beach but if you don't provide a school's event where schools sign up or it is less than 6 weeks, it may not be included in the data. If you think your region's figures are wrong, it might be worth talking to your schools or SSNZ.

Pasifika Advisory Group

The VNZ Board are creating a Pasifika Advisory Group with the key objective of ensuring a Pasifika voice reflecting local Pasifika community needs across NZ is heard for volleyball in New Zealand. Key functions will include advising on how to help grow Pasifika engagement in volleyball on prioritizing resources to ensure Pasifika thrive through volleyball and bringing knowledge and extra insights to volleyball in NZ to address the needs of Pasifika.

We are looking for diversity in age, gender, and geographical location as well as volleyball experiences and involvement from community through to performance. Meetings would be 2-3 times annually with costs covered for any meetings requiring travel.

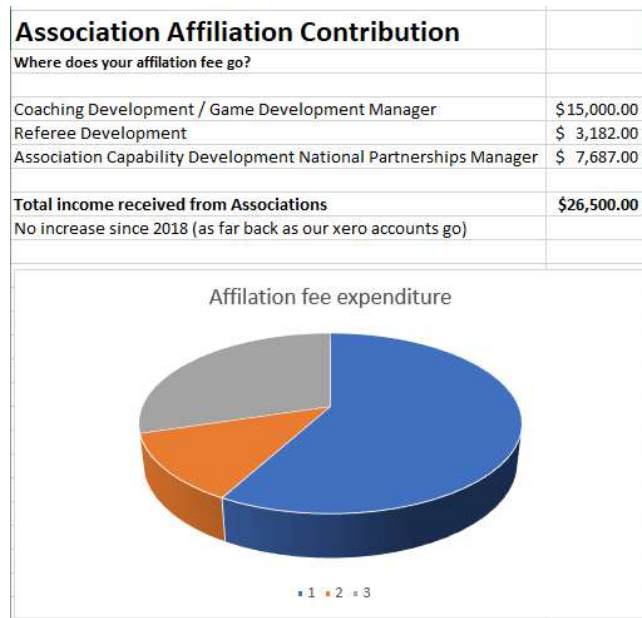
Associations are requested to nominate personnel (no more than two per region) with name, contact number and email and to forward this information to the Pasifika community so there is a depth and breadth of representation. Nominations to admin@volleyballnz.org.nz by May 4 2021.

Celebrating Scholarship Athletes

VNZ would like to help celebrate the successes of our Volleyball Scholarship Athletes. Please feel free to send news, updates, and status that you would like VNZ to share on our Social Media platforms to info@volleyballnz.org.nz

Association Affiliation Contribution

Association fees are a key contributor to the functionality of VNZ, feeding into on the ground resource of staff. Below is a pie graph that shows currently how it is distributed.



6M Court Volley Nets

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Ministry for Pacific Peoples – Funding application Support

Ministry for Pacific Peoples is an organisation that supports and works alongside Pacific communities to co-design and deliver new initiatives and approached to improve outcomes for Pacific people.

Click [here](#) to register for their Languages Funding Workshop and find out more about them.

[VNZ Association Communications 2021](#) on website.

School Volleyball Participation

Data from 2019 & 2020 NZSSSC Census



	Indoor		Beach	
Association	2019	2020	2019	2020
Bay of Plenty	1680	2073	338	330
Canterbury	3220	3870	36	43
Gisborne	70	144	0	0
Hawkes Bay	614	918	0	10
Manawatu	1187	1406	0	0
Auckland	2720	3453	4	19
Harbour	1319	1710	184	124
Northland	565	808	173	179
Otago	1259	1400	0	0
Southland	661	721	2	0
Taranaki	364	613	116	166
Tasman	868	959	16	12
Waikato	1267	1631	14	8
Wellington	1841	2435	2	6
Total	17,635	22,141	885	897

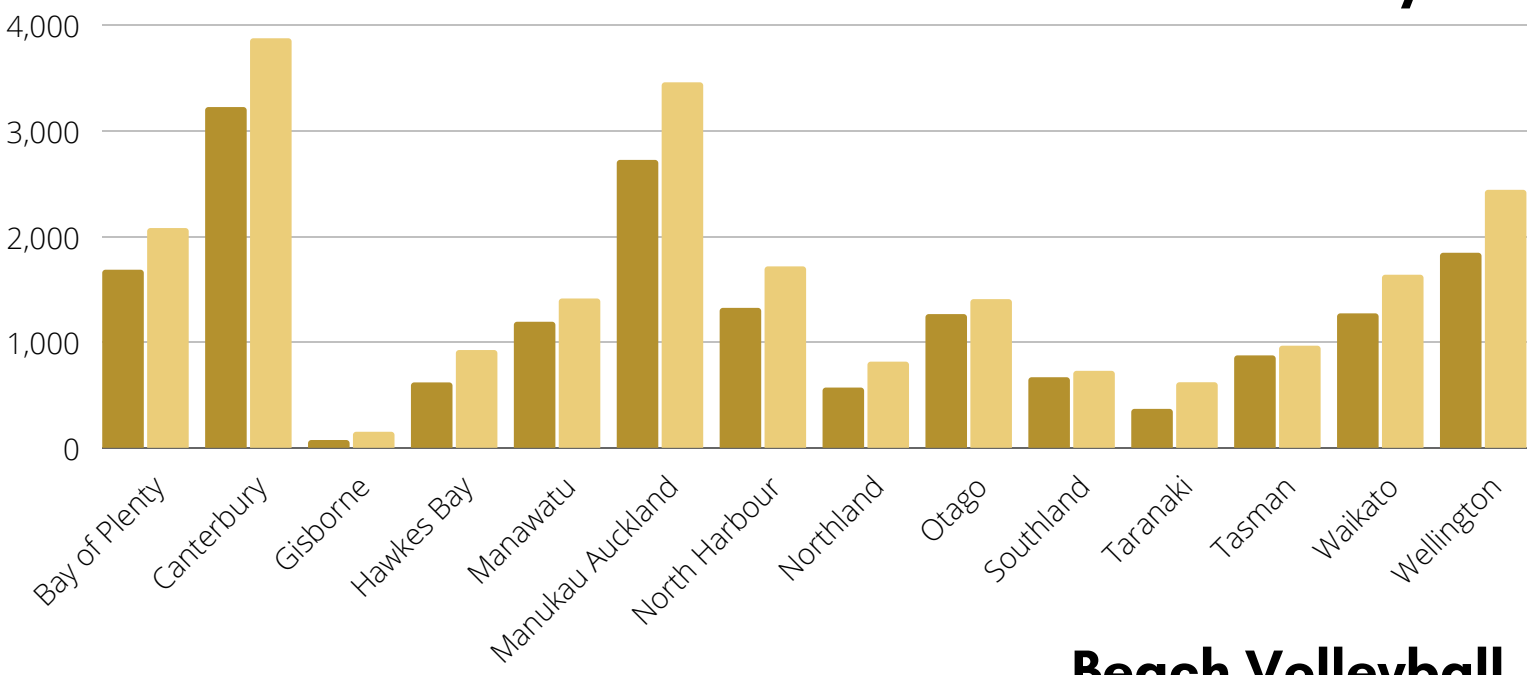
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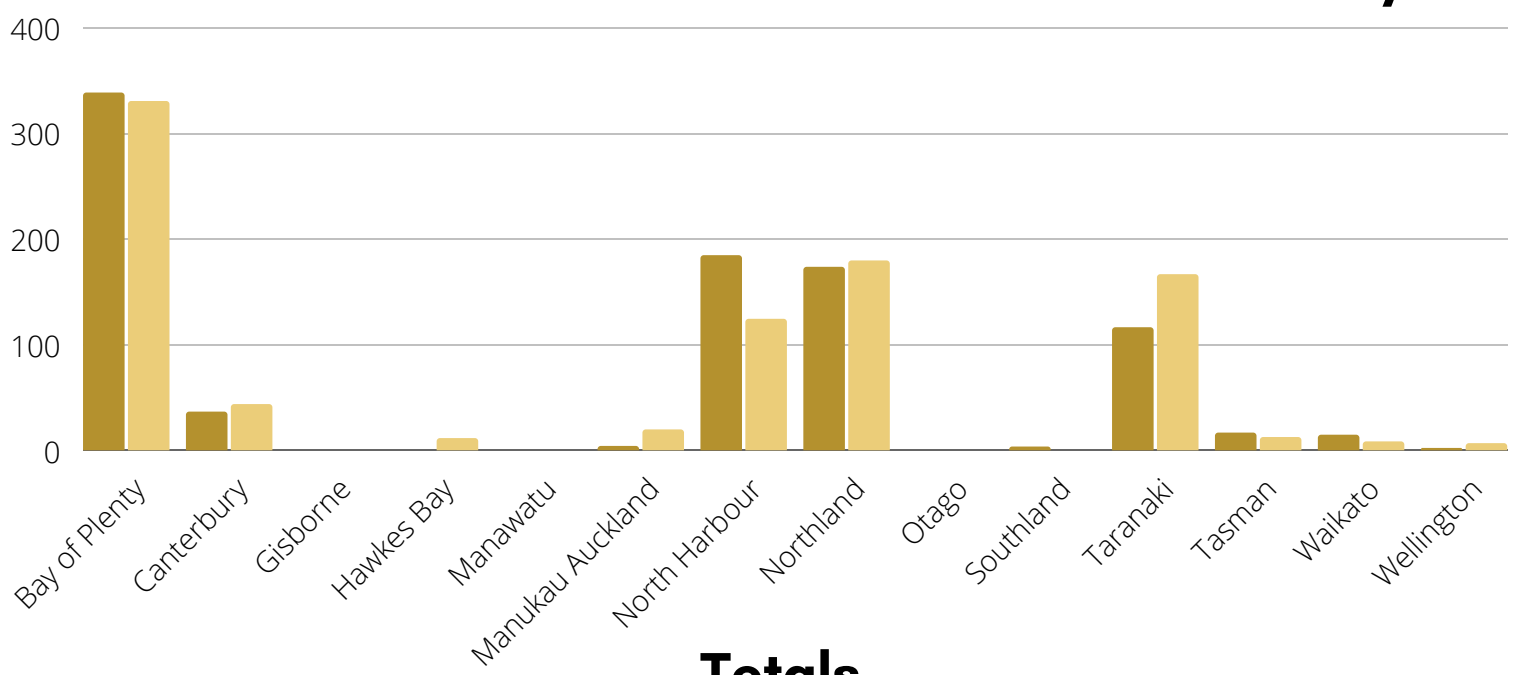


2019 2020

Indoor Volleyball



Beach Volleyball



Totals

