

Association Communications week 25

18 June 2021

Kia ora koutou katoa,

We are one week away from our inaugural National Volleyball League weekend hosted in Auckland. Make sure if you have your ticket to see our top athletes in action.

National Volleyball League

VIP and general tickets are now on sale for both NVL venues. Get yours today.

<https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/national-volleyball-league>

Coach Development through the NVL

Volleyball NZ are giving coaches a chance to get alongside our NVL coaches, our Volley Fern and Volley Black coaches at both NVL weekends for a bespoke Coach Development opportunity.

This will be a day of individualised coach development, consisting of:

- A game in the life of an NVL coach - Using a live NVL game as a tool to develop and test game planning and reviewing performance.
- Volley Fern and Volley Black insight - you will watch a game sitting next to Richard Casutt (Volley Ferns coach) and Mark Doyle (Volley Blacks coach) and be able to pick their brains and hear their insights around international volleyball and what is happening in the game in front of you.
- A workshop focused on enhancing your own coaching processes delivered by Colleen Campbell, Volleyball NZ Performance Lead.

If you're interested, contact Fabi Phaneuf on performanceadmin@volleyballnz.org.nz to secure your place. Places are limited, so be in quick.

The formal coach development will be across one day, but the package includes access to both days of the NVL event, and you will be free to chat with the NZ coaches, and NVL coaches throughout the 2nd day as well.

Auckland programme details:

Date: June 26th

Time: 12pm-7pm

Venue: YMCA City Centre, Greys Ave, Auckland

Cost: \$80 (includes food, and entry to the event across both Saturday and Sunday)

Christchurch programme details

Date: July 10th

Time: 11am-6pm

Cost: \$80 (includes food, and entry to the event across both Saturday and Sunday).

VNZ Events Contractors Appointment

VNZ is delighted to announce our new Events Contractors for the 2022 NZBT and 2022 NVL - SMC Events Ltd. Volleyballers will be very familiar with several their staff including legendary beach volleyball player Craig Seuseu and current NZBT athlete and VNZ commentator Trent Webby. CEO Dave Mee will also be part of the team bringing VNZ's 2 pinnacle events to life. SMC were the Events contractors in Beach Volleyball's heyday in the 1990's so we look forward to seeing what they can add to these events. We thank Dave Miller for the work that he did over the last two years with the NZBT and wish him all the best.

Pasifika Advisory Group

During the IPC tournament VNZ hosted the first Pasifika Advisory Group meeting with 13 representatives from around the country, lead by VNZ Board Member Sila Auva'a, VNZ CE Toni-Maree Carnie and supported by Partnerships Manager Katie Horne and Development Manager Dave Keelty. Please see the notes attached from our discussions.

RA Shared Resources

VNZ is working on building a platform to host a range of resources that can benefit the capability build of each Regional Association. This month's theme is Health and Safety. Please send through any forms you are happy to share as examples that may support others to np@volleyballnz.org.nz

North Island Development Camp

July holidays are around the corner and VNZ is excited to be hosting our indoor Development Camp in Auckland.

[North Island Development Camp July](#) registrations are open now.

Pacifika Advisory Group

5th June 2021

Attendees

Sila Auva'a VNZ Board, Toni-Maree Carnie VNZ, Katie Horne VNZ, Dave Keelty VNZ, Tauea Teweti, Pisa Faleolupe, Ilo Sione, Allen Satiu, Tony Taie, Natalie Stolz, Pi'ilua Fono, Lilian Tauafiafi, Mike Vailuu, Joanna Lealiifano, Lilly Mauafu (replacement for Tui), Pauli (replacement for Tessa and Sam), Enoka Taufua, Asenati Tavita.

Apologies

Lloyd Maole, Opini Toomalatai, Tui Tuilaepa

Meeting Notes

Sila opened the meeting and offered Asenati to give a prayer before dinner.

Toni-Maree shared VNZ focus is on Performance and High Performance, the regional associations support the grass roots local delivery. VNZ are introducing a **Step-Up** fund to support those athletes within our regions who should be in our performance programmes that may not be able to engage due to a range of barriers.

Sila encouraged everyone to introduce themselves, their background share **one thing we (VNZ) could do differently to support our Pasifika Communities**. Below are the notes that were collated from this conversation:

- Understand and support the goals of Pasifika People
- Community Volleyball for all ages
 - All ages play in Church communities
 - Better support/engagement in this space
 - Could funds be provided to support more engagement in the church community
- Weekend Referee upskilling in language specific settings.
- Connect better with local champions in the community to make what they are doing better
- Culturally responsive practices for coaches.
 - Creating a sense of belonging
- Better understand the barriers/challenges for Pasifika
- High performance pathway/opportunities more awareness/engagement/support
- Referee structure for tournaments, support better understanding
- Awareness of Tournament/participation opportunities, (are communications reaching the right people)
- We are all Pasifika but are also very different ethnic in this space (Language Barriers). How do we help, support, and engage these groups and meet their cultural needs/differences?
- Support to start a P.I club

- Develop/support transition from Island Game Format to Palangi Game format; to better support understanding and a sense of belonging
- Go to our communities (Churches) engage with the paster
- Training/Development camps in more remote areas targeting the Pasifika Community
- Build on what is already here
 - Support capabilities build
- P.I Fund allocation to support pathway opportunities (Step-Up Fund)
- Transition from School to Clubs
 - Hare to find and fit in
 - Encouragement to stay in the game post High School
- Low cost to no cost participation/tournament opportunities
- Financial, facilities, pathways

How do we keep this conversation going...

VNZ

- Support with Regional Associations to build Pasifika strategies to work together on
 - Link to VNZ strategy

PAG

- Feed to Regional Association boards from meeting and encouraging Pasifika strategies to be developed.

Low Hanging fruit

- Pasifika Strategy – Church connection
- High needs for some communities
- Referee development in appropriate language

BIG DREAMS

- Pasifika Champs U17, U19, U21, Open
- Alignment Nationally to tap into Pasifika funding for Regional Associations and Volleyball NZ
- Pasifika Volleyball Development Officers

