



# SIDEOUT

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## WELCOME

Welcome to this edition of the SideOut.

Winter has definitely come to New Zealand now. But we still have some amazing tournaments going on! Sit down and relax and have a read of what's been happening.

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## WHAT'S COMING UP

**National Volleyball League  
Finals round  
10-11 July, Christchurch**

**Indoor Development Camp  
16-17 July  
Trust Arena, Auckland**

**Tertiary Champs  
17-18 July  
Pioneer Stadium,  
Christchurch**

**Olympic Games  
31 July -8 August**



# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MESSAGE

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Launching a new event is always exciting and daunting as you work to get it off the ground. The unknown of what you don't actually know about an event keeps everyone on their toes. I am therefore delighted that round 1 of the inaugural National Volleyball League was a great success. The teams turned out in the splendidly designed uniforms by Southern Pounamu athlete Perry Preston and they did not fail to impress on the court. With multiple 5 setters across the two days and many of those won by two points, it is clear that the national draft succeeded in creating strong, even teams that would bring with them excellent coaching and speed, power and dynamism on the court.

Finals round is in Christchurch July 10 & 11 and we encourage you to support the teams in person or follow their live streamed games online.

Tickets are available [HERE](#).

At the other end of the volleyball spectrum, VNZ has been working with Sport New Zealand to plan out how we can transform volleyball at the community level and engage more young people in playing volleyball. VNZ and SNZ have agreed a project to roll out over the next 3 years and we look forward to progressing that at community level.

## PASIFIKA ADVISORY GROUP

Regional Association's were asked to nominate Pasifika representatives as VNZ embarks on its journey of working even more closely with the Pasifika community to ensure the voice of Pasifika is heard within VNZ.

The inaugural meeting held over IPC weekend enabled many people who were going to be at the event to meet alongside some other community members.

Facilitated by Sila Auvaa from the VNZ Board, the key outcomes initially were to understand a little more about the Pasifika community in relation to volleyball and to see how VNZ can assist.

Further meetings will be held in the year.

Our thanks to all of the Associations who nominated representatives and to all of those that contributed.



# CELEBRATING THE FORMATION OF THE WECA VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

As the number of young people participating in volleyball continues to grow exponentially, a new Regional Sports Organisation, WECA Volleyball Association, has been initiated to oversee and drive the sport across the west, central and east Auckland.

Volleyball has long been recognised as one of the most popular school sports. However, opportunities to play have been limited due to the lack of capacity at a regional level (in Auckland), leading to community club's struggling to grow.

This structure will allow west, central and east Auckland to have a locally-focused response to this demand and offer programmes that meet our unique communities' needs. Sport Waitākere Te Kaiwhakahaere Hākinakina (Community Sport Manager), David George, continues.

"As WECA continues to evolve, a host of opportunities will become available to participate in volleyball at all levels. From social volleyball through to club volleyball, alongside the more aspirational goals such as representing the region at the national inter-provincial championships."

"VNZ, is looking forward to seeing the impact of WECA into the Auckland Volleyball Community, providing further opportunities for participation and development," states National Partnership Manager Katie Horne. "We are delighted with the engagement and support from the local volleyball community and the Regional Sports Trusts."

WECA recently took part in its first tournament, the Inter-Provincial Championships as a newly established Regional Sports Organisation. Under the WECA banner, people participated across the mens, womens, junior mens and junior womens categories.

For more information and the full article please click [HERE](#).

VNZ would like to congratulate all who have contributed into the formation of WECA. If you have a story on success as a board, we would love to share in our next addition. Please contact [np@volleyballnz.org.nz](mailto:np@volleyballnz.org.nz) to discuss further.



# NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The National Volleyball League got off to an amazing start last weekend in Auckland. It delivered high quality, edge of your seat volleyball. The games were close and the athletes really had to work hard for it. We saw many spectators come to watch as well as the Corporate Tables filled out. It was truly gripping to watch our top athletes come together as a team and provide us with spectacular entertainment.

The four teams (Northern Moana, Midlands Te Waiora, Central Hauwhenua and Southern Pounamu) will thrash it out in the semi's and finals in Christchurch 10-11 July.

For those not able to make it down to Christchurch, you can watch the games on the Livestream [STREAM](#).

All the information is available on our website. Here you can find key information, ticket sales and if you would like to be a volunteer and help us out with this brilliant tournament!

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

Webshop: <https://dynastyteamstore.co.nz/collections/volleyball-new-zealand>

Perry Preston: Graphic Designer Handl Creative Marketing ([www.handl.co.nz](http://www.handl.co.nz))

Below are just a few photo's from the weekend by Julie Maree Photography.



NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE









# INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The recently concluded 2021 VNZ Inter-Provincial Championships was an action-packed weekend that displayed growing skills and talent in the country.

The event was held during Queen's birthday weekend at the ASB Sports Centre in Wellington. IPC has seen a massive growth this year from 69 teams last 2019 to 86 teams, with more open teams participating this year and big numbers for the Under 19 age group. This year, IPC welcomed the newly formed association, Waitakere East Central Auckland Association (WECA) to the tournament which entered 3 open teams and an Under 19 boys team.

For the Women's Open Division, Canterbury powered through the championship round winning the gold medal match in three sets against North Harbour. Nicky Pio from Canterbury was named MVP this year. Manukau Auckland B won third place against Tasman. It's a good year for the Canterbury Men's Open team as well as they snatched first place from Bay of Plenty. While the promising Wellington men's team won the bronze match against North Harbour. Troy Hulston from Canterbury was named MVP.

Congratulations to North Harbour for winning first place in the Under 17 girls division, Under 17 boys division, Under 19 boys division and Under 21 women's division.

Congratulations to Bay of Plenty for winning the U19 girls division and to Wellington for winning the Under 21 men's division.

U21 Mens MVP is Conner Tuifao from Wellington.

U21 Womens MVP is Rose Akkerman from North Harbour.

U19 Boys MVP is Nico Lietz from Harbour.

U19 Girls MVP is Kalani Ruri from Bay of Plenty.

U17 Boys MVP is Juan Carlos Quintero from North Harbour.

U17 Girls MVP is Holly Isherwood from North Harbour.

Full results can be found in VNZ's IPC webpage.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## July

- 10-11 National Volleyball League, Final Round, Pioneer Stadium Christchurch
- 16-17 July Indoor Development Camp, Trust Arena Auckland
- 17-18 Tertiary Championships, Pioneer Stadium, Christchurch

## October

- 6-9 Club Champs, ASB Sports Centre, Wellington
- 11-12 Beach Development Camp North Island, Mount Maunganui
- 14-15 Beach Development Camp South Island, Christchurch
- 30-31 AGM/Forum (Auckland)

## November

- 22-25 North Island Junior Secondary School Champs, Pullman Arena, Auckland
- 26 North Island Junior Secondary School Beach Champs, Mairangi Bay, Auckland
- 22-24 South Island Junior Secondary School Champs, Saxton Stadium, Nelson
- 25 South Island Junior Secondary School Beach Champs, Tahunanui, Nelson

## December

- 4-5 3 Star Beach Tournament, Harbour Volleyball Centre, Auckland
- 11-12 3 Star Beach Tournament, Karapiro Beach Courts
- 18-19 3 Star Open Beach Tournament, Mount Maunganui

## 2022

### January

- 5-6 NZ Secondary School Beach Champs, Mt. Maunganui, Tauranga
- 18-20 Inter-Provincial Beach Champs, Mt. Maunganui, Tauranga
- 21 Tertiary Beach Volleyball Champs , Mt. Maunganui, Tauranga



Torbay Primary School Kapa Haka group performing at the opening ceremony of the NVL



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