

VICTORIAN COUNTRY VOLLEYBALL COUNCILPresident's Report - July, 1976 - September, 1977

It is now three years since the formation of the VCVC in August, 1974 at Warrnambool, and steady progress in many areas of administration, organisation and membership is being maintained.

Probably the best suggestion emanating from the past 16 months was to hold two general meetings a year at a central location each stretching over a two-day period. This replaced the often tiring and late evening sessions previously held during weekend tournaments.

This year for the first time we staged the under 17 country championship and it was run concurrently with the open championship at Geelong in June. It was pleasing to get a glimpse of the games on ABC-TV on the Saturday and again on the Monday in country areas.

Goulburn Valley (Shepparton) was officially accepted as a member association of the VCVC on the 11th September, 1976. Players registration increased by about 20% from June, 1976 - June, 1977 to 1926 members. Present indications are that some 300 additional members have registered since that time. Information reaching the Council through various channels shows that other areas where some form of organised competition is taking place are: Mildura, Echuca, Horsham, Ararat and possibly Leongatha and Daylesford. Further information regarding these areas is under way by various associations.

The VCVC Constitution and By-Laws were adopted on the 16th April, 1977 and we were responsible for publishing 1000 copies of the latest International Volleyball Rule Books through Mr. A. Williams (Shepparton) at a nominal fee to associations.

A calendar of recurring country tournaments has been finalised and the details are as follows:

	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
JANUARY			
FEBRUARY			
MARCH	Warr'bool	Labour Day W/End	
APRIL			Shepparton - 1978 3rd & 4th April Under 17 Championship
MAY	Geelong	First W/End	
JUNE	Championship	Queen's Birthday Weekend	Bendigo - 1978 Open Championship
JULY	Swan Hill	Second W/End	

AUGUST	Wangaratta	Second W/End	To be confirmed
SEPTEMBER	Ballarat	Third W/End	
OCTOBER	Bendigo	Last W/End	
NOVEMBER	Shepparton	Second W/End	To be confirmed
DECEMBER	Latrobe Valley	First W/End	

Lastly and most importantly, the country associations are fully committed to an extensive programme of coaches, referees and players clinics in their areas by the State Director of Coaches, Mr. Tomas Santamaria jnr. Areas of interest are the primary and secondary schools, physical education teachers and of course the association members. The VCVC Executive is confident that Mr. Santamaria will be well catered for in country Victoria by its affiliated associations.

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