



# ALBURY-WODONGA VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Affiliated with the Victorian Volleyball Association  
and the Victorian Country Volleyball Council

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## AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

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The Championships were held at the Wodonga Stadium on the 14th, 15th and 16th of September.

This was the first National Championships organised by the Albury-Wodonga Volleyball Association.

Initially we thought these Championships were to be run by the A.V.F. with our assistance. But unfortunately with only two weeks to go, we were informed by Mr. Barry Neame that we were to run the Championships ourselves. A.V.F. would provide Volleyballs, Trophies and the chief Referee. The volleyballs arrived safely courtesy of Malcolm Qualtrough, but the trophies and the Chief Referee never appeared.

As far as we still know, the trophies haven't yet been sent to the respective teams.

With the regards to the above matters, and although we have continually tried to contact the A.V.F. they have not returned the calls.

We find that this is completely unsatisfactory, even though an excuse was offered that the Junior Girls Asian Championships took precedence.

The teams that competed (Victorian Mens and Womens, Shoalhaven Mens and Womens, Lake Macquarie Mens, Central Coast Womens and Bunbury Womens) thoroughly enjoyed the competition, and also the social functions that were organised.

However the fact that different states recieved conflicting information regarding the type of teams that could enter (state, regional, association) made the competition one-sided. None of the teams were to blame, who was?

Final placings were: MEN 1st-Victoria Country rep. team  
2nd-Shoalhaven Association  
3rd-Lake Macquarie Association  
4th-Riverland Association  
WOMEN 1st-Victoria Country Rep. team  
2nd-Central Coast Association  
3rd-Shoalhaven Association  
4th-Bunbury Association

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the next Championships be given to an Association and that they organised it totally, but with trophies Volleyballs and chief Referee supplied by the A.V.F. The Association would need three months notice.

1. Membership and Committee

As at the end of March '85, the VCC Committee was :-

G. Mraz (Chairman), T. Santamaria (SDC), R. Rowe (SED),  
W. Glasson (Secretary & VAVA delegate), J. Pearce,  
J. Fricsons, P. Bundy, E. Zadow, P. Markovic

Since the beginning of 1984 changes have occurred in the membership of the Committee - Mr. J. Fricsons, Mr. P. Markovic, Mr. P. Bundy, and Mr. E. Zadow have been added to the Committee whilst Mr. T. Clough has indicated his inability to continue on a regular basis.

The wider membership of the VCC is a question which still has to be resolved. The idea of charging members an annual fee has not been successful. The last attempt to collect a renewal fee (1983/4) met with a very poor response.

2. Courses and Clinics

A number of Level 1 Coaches' Courses were conducted during the year. The number, however, was limited by injury to the SDC during 1984.

Some coaching clinics have also been conducted in schools and local community centres by members of the Commission.

3. Junior Camp

This was conducted at Korolt/Warrnambool between May 13 - 19. The Camp appeared to be a somewhat disappointing venture. The planning (both organisationally and with regard to coaching/training) was haphazard and there was a lack of suitably qualified personnel in attendance, at the Camp.

4. Technical Panels

Panels to oversee the technical aspects of coaching throughout the State have been appointed. Membership of these panels :-

|            |               |              |               |
|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| <u>Men</u> | T. Santamaria | <u>Women</u> | T. Santamaria |
|            | G. Mraz       |              | W. Glasson    |
|            | D. Berry      |              | J. Fricsons   |
|            | E. Zadow      |              | P. Markovic   |

5. State Coaches & State Seminar

State coaches complete the final year of their 2 year appointments during this year. Coaches in charge of preparation of this year's teams are as follows :-

|                 |             |         |                        |
|-----------------|-------------|---------|------------------------|
| <u>Under 15</u> | J. Ross     | (girls) |                        |
| <u>Under 17</u> | B. Glasson  | (girls) | T. Santamaria ) (boys) |
|                 |             |         | D. Berry )             |
| <u>Under 20</u> | J. Fricsons | (girls) | G. Mraz . . . (boys)   |

P. Markovic and T. Santamaria are in charge of the NVL Womens and Mens teams respectively.

The annual State Coaches' Seminar was conducted at Essendon H.S. on Saturday November 24th. Besides detailed examination of the 1984 Coaches' Reports, other areas covered included :- a review of resource material available, practical session on blocking and setting and some theory work on serving.

6. Resources

The VCC made application in Sept. '84 to the VAVA Executive regarding the purchase of video equipment for use in coaching. Agreement on the need and use of this equipment was reached and it is hoped that purchase will proceed early in '85.

7. Newsletter

Despite the best of intentions, nothing was achieved in this area in 84/85. At the moment it is hoped to include coaching information etc. in the VAVA Newsletter. With the limited manpower available to the VCC this appears to be the most viable alternative to publishing our own newsletter.

8. Junior Development

As a consequence of the shortcomings exposed in the arrangements for the Junior Camp and what has been observed with regard to junior development in other States - the VCC formulated a Junior Development Plan.

The main aims of this plan are :- to improve the standard of volleyball in the junior age groups within the State; to identify the more skilled players and monitor their progress; to improve the standard of coaching of all those involved in the conduct of the program.

The appointment of Region Coaches to initiate, conduct and assist with the coaching of juniors within a region was carried out in late '83. A review of the program conducted at the end of February '85 indicated that little had been accomplished to date. Initiatives by Region Coaches seem to have occurred only in the following regions :-

Melbourne West, Albury/Wodonga, Melbourne East

Much work remains to be done.

Developments with regard to junior elite players include :-

U/17 Men & Women - participating in VVL, Wallabies & Warrnambool Tournaments  
- training camps conducted during January

U/20 Men & Women - participating in Warrnambool Tournament

Region Coaches -

|                                  |             |             |          |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Melbourne West                   | J. Fricsons | Glippsland  | G. Mraz  |
| East                             | B. Glasson  | Warrnambool | D. Berry |
| Albury/Wodonga                   | B. Glasson  | Geelong     |          |
| <del>T. Pearce</del> <b>Boyo</b> | J. Pearce   |             |          |