



# Volleyball Australia Newsletter

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## General Managers Report

With the Olympics now over our attention now turns to the Australian Volleyball League (AVL) and the Vodafone Beach Volleyball Tour. This years AVL features 11 clubs from around Australia with the season kicking off in Perth on September 25-26. The Vodafone Beach Volleyball Tour has been expanded to include a 32 team double elimination format with Qualifiers beginning in October and the Tour beginning in Manly on November 19-21. Look out for the Vodafone Tour event in Perth late November. All information for these two events is on the AVF website: [www.avf.org.au](http://www.avf.org.au).

Recently Volleyball Australia finalised a three year multi million dollar sponsorship arrangement with Vodafone Australia. This agreement will cover National and State Beach Volleyball Tours the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup, Spikezone and Junior Beach Volleyball events. Vodafone is an exciting young dynamic company and is a perfect fit for Volleyball and Beach Volleyball in Australia.

This month also sees the introduction of our new National Membership Card and discount programme. This is an exciting new partnership with MyRewards and will offer discounts to thousands of services throughout Australia unlike the previous state based cards programme.

The AVF will be relaunching it's website during September and we believe it will make the information on Australian Volleyball more accessible to the general public.

I trust like many of you that you enjoyed the television coverage by SBS and Channel 7 of Volleyball and Beach Volleyball at the Olympics. Congratulations to all those involved in Athens. Look out for more television coverage in December with AVL being televised on SBS and the Vodafone Australian Beach Volleyball Tour on Channel Ten.

## Sport Development Report

### Active After-School Communities Program

As part of the Federal government's approach to address the obesity issue in primary school children a new initiative called the Active After-School Communities Program is being developed and will probably be rolled-out in the next 12 months. This initiative lengthens the school day through to 5pm and in the period from 3pm to 5pm children engage in physical activity/sport. The AVF will be invited to submit a proposal for volleyball to be included in the program and if successful the sport will then be available to schools to select as one of their sports for their students. The delivery of volleyball into those schools that select the sport as one of their options will then be by local clubs, associations or corporate providers endorsed by the AVF and relevant State organisation.

For more information about this initiative, go to [www.ausport.gov.au/aasc](http://www.ausport.gov.au/aasc).

### Spikezone

As the Spikezone program moves towards the end of its first year of delivery, States are now in the process of preparing their applications for funding to support the delivery of the program in the second year. With funding to be allocated on the basis of projected membership in 2005, any clubs or associations that are interested in having this exciting new concept occurring in your region should contact your State office and discuss options for delivery of the program.

For more information about the programme, go to the Spikezone website: [www.spikezone.com.au](http://www.spikezone.com.au).

### Coach Education

The ASC is expected to advertise its National Coaching Scholarship Program for 2005 in the very near future. It was supposed to be advertised a couple of weeks ago, but changes to the process have caused a delay. The scholarship provides the opportunity for interested coaches to engage in a full-time scholarship for at least one year and in the case of volleyball spend a year based at the AIS or SASI with the national volleyball and/or beach volleyball programs and coaches. Anyone interested in being sent the application information and documentation once it becomes available should send an email to [sdm@avf.org.au](mailto:sdm@avf.org.au), with 'ASC Coach Scholarship' entered in the subject field.

The Queensland Volleyball Association is set to deliver a Level 2 Coaching Course in the coming month. Anyone interested in attending this course should contact QVA.

A pre-requisite of the Level 2 Coaching Course is the Level 2 General Principles of Coaching Accreditation. Individuals interested in gaining the Level 2 Coaching Accreditation should enrol in a General Principles course

through their State Office of Sport and Recreation or through other providers, such as tertiary institutions.

In the past month Volleyball ACT has delivered a Level 1 Coaching Course. Thank you to Steve Benson for presenting this course.

States are always looking to run courses to cater for their members. If anyone wishes to attend a coaching course and gain a formal coaching accreditation should contact your respective State organisation and find out upcoming dates for courses.

### Referee Education

With the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup only four months away it is an appropriate time to remind all schools that will be entering teams that the minimum refereeing requirement for this event is the theory component of the Level 1 Volleyball Refereeing Course, which involves attending the theory course and passing the test. For teams competing in Honours divisions referees must also have completed the practical component. This requires a minimum of 18 games be completed as first referee, second referee, scorer and line judge. Please do not leave it until the weeks prior to the start of this tournament to attempt to meet these requirements.

As is the case with coaching courses, anyone who wishes to attend a refereeing course and gain a formal refereeing accreditation should contact your respective State organisation and find out upcoming dates for courses.

### Club & Association Development

Once again it is appropriate to draw attention to the high quality web-based program that the ASC delivers to support the development and management capacity of sporting organisations. This program is free, and provides access to a number of resources on any sport development and management topic. In addition, network members are eligible to win prizes each month, including cash prizes and development and management resources. To find out more about the Club Development Network go to: [www.ausport.gov.au/clubs](http://www.ausport.gov.au/clubs) or contact the AVF.

### Sports Ability First

The ASC disability education unit is set to launch a new program focused on providing sports participation opportunities to children with disabilities in schools. Sitting Volleyball has been selected as one of five sports to be used, with the aim of the program to provide educators with greater resources and training to confidently deliver sport to their students. In excess of 150 schools will be included in this project and will receive modified equipment to enable delivery of Sitting Volleyball on a regular basis within the school day. Hopefully this program will have additional benefits in

terms of greater interest in the modified version of the sport and subsequently create a demand for increased participation opportunities.

### Deaflympics

The men's Volleyball squad that has been selected to participate at the 2005 Deaflympics in Melbourne in January recently held a training camp in Canberra. Steve Benson (VIC) will be the coach of Australia's first Volleyball team to compete at a Deaflympics, with Colleen Campbell (SA) in charge of the men's Beach Volleyball team and Tim Shannahan will be Section manager for both squads. The search is still on for a women's Beach Volleyball team and if anyone who is interested or knows of someone who may be interested could contact the AVF it would be appreciated. For more information regarding the Deaflympics go to [www.deaflympics.com](http://www.deaflympics.com).

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## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPIC GAMES



### Volleyball Team Australia Men

Volleyball Team Australia Men (VTAM) unfortunately didn't make it into the finals at Olympics although I think we can all agree that the excitement of even qualifying for the games was enough. The men displayed an extraordinary amount of talent on the court during the Olympics and should be commended on their efforts.

The team was disappointed to finish the Olympics winless, but is already talking of the work needed to qualify and be successful in Beijing.

VTAM would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people whose accumulated efforts resulted in the team reaching the Olympics - The Australian Volleyball Federation, its Board and staff (both past and present); the AIS, and its wonderful staff covering all facets of the sport, for its 14 years of support; the Australian Sports Commission for its significant support over many years; the State Volleyball Associations; State Academies of Sport and past National Team players and Coaches. We also need to thank our VTAM staff for the Olympics and qualifying tours - Manager - Andrew Strugnell, Head Coach - Jon Uriarte, Assistant Coach - Russell Borgeaud,

Performance Analysis Coach - Dan Ilott, Doctor - Stewart Watson (20 yrs with VTAM), Physiotherapists - Andrew Hughes (15 yrs), Damien Oldmeadow and Flo Gutschlag.

Most importantly we would like to thank the players and their families. The players have made a huge commitment in time and effort, some over many years, to qualify for the Olympics and as a result their families have made sacrifices too.

Finally we would like to thank David Beard for his incredible efforts and unquestioned commitment to the National team over many years. He announced his retirement from the team after the final match. His 370 matches for Australia are a testament to his dedication.



Below are the match results from the Men's volleyball at the 2004 Athens Olympics:

**Match 1 – VTAM vs Brazil 15/08/04**  
VTAM were defeated by Brazil  
3 sets - 1: (25-23, 19-25, 12-25, 21-25)

**Match 2 - VTAM vs Russia 17/08/04**  
VTAM were defeated by Russia  
3 sets - 0: (17-25, 24-26, 23-25)

**Match 3 - VTAM vs Italy 19/08/04**  
VTAM were defeated by Italy  
3 sets - 0: (20-25, 18-25, 21-25)

**Match 4 - VTAM vs United States 21/08/04**  
VTAM were defeated by United States  
3 sets – 1: (25:19: 23:25, 25:13, 25:19)

**Match 5 - VTAM vs Netherlands 23/08/04**  
VTAM were defeated by Netherlands  
3 sets – 0: (25:22, 25:17, 25:16)

**Final Pool B rankings:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Brazil	Pld 5	Pts 9
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Italy	Pld 5	Pts 8
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	United States	Pld 5	Pts 8
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Russia	Pld 5	Pts 8
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Netherlands	Pld 5	Pts 7
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Australia</b>	<b>Pld 5</b>	<b>Pts 5</b>

**Final Placings:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Brazil
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Italy
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Russia
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	USA
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Argentina
	Greece
	Poland
	Serbia & Montenegro
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	France
	Netherlands
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Australia</b>
	Tunisia

For full results of the Volleyball Tournament played at the Olympics please check the below links:

Men:

[http://www.fivb.org/EN/volleyball/Competitions/olympics/2004/men/Results/results\\_prelim.asp?sm=17](http://www.fivb.org/EN/volleyball/Competitions/olympics/2004/men/Results/results_prelim.asp?sm=17)

Women:

[http://www.fivb.org/EN/volleyball/Competitions/olympics/2004/women/Results/results\\_prelim.asp?sm=16](http://www.fivb.org/EN/volleyball/Competitions/olympics/2004/women/Results/results_prelim.asp?sm=16)



## Team Australia Beach Volleyball

Despite not winning a medal this Olympiad, Australia produced its most even performance ever.

Natalie Cook and Nicole Sanderson just missed a medal narrowly losing the Bronze playoff in a courageous effort in the face of a serious injury.

Julien Prosser and Mark Williams also just missed a medal, losing in three sets to the Swiss team of Patrick Huescher and Stefan Kobel.

Kerri Pottharst and Summer Lochowicz finished ninth. They were dominant in their pool but were knocked out by our own Cook and Sanderson.

Josh Slack and Andrew Schacht also finished ninth. After winning through their pool, they were beaten in the round of 16 by a German team.

In a fitting result, the two teams who have dominated the World Tour over the past two years won the Gold Medal matches.

Below are the match results from the Team Australia Beach Volleyballers at the 2004 Athens Olympics:

14/08/04  
**Prosser/Williams (17)** def Blanton/Nygaard (USA) (8)  
2 sets – 0 : (16-21, 14-21)

**Lochowicz/Pottharst (18)** def Tian Jia/Wang Fei (CHN) (7)  
2 sets – 0 : (21-18, 21-18)

**Cook/Sanderson (5)** def Yanchulova/Yanchulova (BUL) (20)  
2 sets – 0 : (21-16, 21-12)

15/08/04  
Holdren/Metzger (USA) (12) def **Schacht/Slack (13)**  
2 sets – 1 : (22-24, 24-22, 15-13)

16/08/04  
Heuscher/Kobel (SUI) (5) def **Prosser/Williams (17)**  
2 sets – 1 : (16-21, 22-20, 15-9)

**Lochowicz/Pottharst (18)** def Sfyri/Karadassiou (GRE) (6)  
2 sets – 1 : (21-15, 21-15, 14-16)

**Cook/Sanderson (5)** def L.Wang-W.H. You (CHN) (17)  
2 sets – 1 : (21-19, 17-21, 17-15)

17/08/04  
Ricardo/Emanuel (BRA) (1) def **Schacht/Slack (13)**  
2 sets – 0 : (21-17, 21-17)

18/08/04  
**Prosser/Williams (17)** def Child/Heese (CAN) (20)  
2 sets – 1 : (21-13, 15-21, 15-12)

**Lochowicz/Pottharst (18)** def Gaxiola/Garcia (MEX) (19)  
2 sets – 0 : (26-24, 22-20)

Pohl-Rau (GER) (8) def **Cook/Sanderson (5)**  
2 sets – 0 : (21-10, 22-20)

19/08/04  
**Schacht/Slack (13)** def Maaseide/Horrem (NOR) (24)  
2 sets – 0 : (21-18, 21-17)

**Round 1 - 20/08/04 & 21/08/04**  
**Cook/Sanderson (5)** def **Lochowicz/Pottharst (18)**  
2 sets - 0 : (21-15, 21-16)

**Prosser/Williams (17)** def Rorich/Pocock (RSA) (19)  
2 sets – 0 : (21-14, 21-10)

Dieckmann/Scheuerpflug (GER) (11) def **Schacht/Slack**  
0 sets – 2 : (19-21, 12-21)

**Round 2 - 22/08/04**  
**Prosser/Williams (17)** def Dieckmann/Scheuerpflug (GER) (11)  
2 sets – 1 : (16-21, 21-19, 15-10)

**Cook/Sanderson (5)** def Perrotta-Gattelli (ITA) (14)  
2 sets – 1 : (21-16, 21-14, 12-15)

**Semi finals - 23/08/04**  
Bosma-Herrera (ESP) (15) def **Prosser/Williams (17)**  
2sets – 0 : (21-18, 21-18)

Adriana Behar-Shelda (BRA) (2) def **Cook/Sanderson (5)**  
2 sets – 0 : (21-17, 21-16)

**Bronze medal match - 24/08/04 & 25/08/04**  
McPeak/Youngs (USA) (4) def **Cook/Sanderson (5)**  
2 sets – 1 : (21-18, 15-21, 15-9)

Heuscher/Kobel (SUI) (5) def **Prosser/Williams (17)**  
2 sets – 1 : (19-21, 21-17, 15-13)

### ***Final results:***

#### **Women**

GOLD May/Walsh (USA)  
SILVER Adriana /Shelda (BRA)  
BRONZE McPeak/Youngs (USA)  
4<sup>th</sup> **Natalie Cook/Nicole Sanderson (AUS)**  
9<sup>th</sup> **Kerri Pottharst/Summer Lochowicz (AUS)**

#### **Men**

GOLD Ricardo/Emanuel (BRA)  
SILVER Bosma/Herrera (ESP)  
BRONZE Huescher/Kobel (SUI)  
4<sup>th</sup> **Julien Prosser/Mark Williams (AUS)**  
9<sup>th</sup> **Andrew Schacht/Joshua Slack (AUS)**

For full results of the Beach Volleyball competition at the Olympics check the below links:

Men:

<http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/olympics/math2004/maindrawres.asp?sm=16>

Women:

<http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Competitions/olympics/wath2004/maindrawres.asp?sm=16>

Well done to all our Volleyball/Beach Volleyballers who represented Australia at the 2004 Athens Olympics!!



Volleyball Team Australia Men



Mark Williams and Julien Prosser



Joshua Slack and Andrew Schacht



Natalie Cook and Nicole Sanderson



Kerri Pottharst and Summer Lochowicz

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## **AIS Womens Program Report**

The AIS Women's team is currently preparing for both the Asian Junior Championships and AVL. We have had some of our senior players accept contracts in Europe and are currently training with a smaller group up until the end of the year when we will bolster our numbers in the lead up to Australian Olympic Youth Festival. The

players are training between 4 and 5 hours per day and Saturday mornings in their quest to improve both their strength and also their volleyball. We have seen some remarkable progress being made with some of the new scholarship holders from this year.

The senior players that have gone to Europe are, Anna Maycock who has gone to Germany, Tea Lealamanua who is playing in France and Rowena Morgan who is currently being trailed by a number of Clubs in Europe, we will know more about her contract in the next few weeks.

Melanie Tregenza recently decided that she no longer wished to pursue a career in volleyball and has obtained full-time work in Brisbane, we wish all the best to Melanie in her new career.

**Mark Barnard**  
**Head Coach**  
**AIS/VTA Women's Volleyball**

## 85 National Junior Men

### 12th Asian Junior Men's Volleyball Championships - Doha, Qatar

Buoyant on the success of Volleyball Team Australia Men's participation in the 2004 Athens Olympics, the Junior Men's Team coached by VTAM Assistant Coach, Russell Borgeaud, will depart on August 31 for the 12th Asian Junior Men's Volleyball Championships in Doha, Qatar. The Team finished a credible 8th at the World Youth Championships last year and are looking to forward to qualify for the World Junior Championships next year.

Congratulations to the following athletes and staff on their selection to represent Australia at the 12th Asian Junior Men's Volleyball Championships.

#### Team:

Shane Alexander (QLD)  
Phil Austin (SA)  
Paul Carroll (NSW)  
Phil Desalvo (VIC)  
Andrew Grant (C)(QLD)  
Nigel Panagopka (NSW)  
Travis Moran (SA)  
Nathan Roberts (SA)  
Joshua Thorpe (TAS)

**Head Coach:** Russell Borgeaud (QLD)

**Asst. Coaches:** Stephen Benson (VIC)  
Cameron Edwards (WA)

**Physiotherapist:** Derek Mansfield (VIC)

**Referee:** Phong Nguyen (VIC)

Russell Borgeaud, VTAM Assistant Coach & Team Coach, and VTAM Libero, Travis Moran, will join up

with the Team in Qatar for this campaign from the Olympics. However, the Team will be without Team Captain, Zane Christensen, who will fly back from the Olympics in Athens to have much needed attention to his ongoing injured knee. The Team is at present in Canberra at the AIS for a pre-departure camp under the coaching of Stephen Benson, Team assistant coach, preparing for the challenges that awaits for them in Qatar.

Australia is pooled with Qatar (host), Taipei and Kazakhstan. Host country, Qatar will bypass the pool round and go straight into the Quarter finals joined by the best ranked team after pool play between Australia, Taipei and Kazakhstan. Australia will play Kazakhstan following the opening ceremony, then Taipei first thing the following day. Should Australia qualify for the Quarter finals they will face last years Youth World Championships runner-up India.

## 86 National Junior Women

### 12th Asian Junior Women's Volleyball Championships - Colombo, Sri Lanka

The '86 National Junior Team will soon be travelling to Colombo, Sri Lanka to compete in the 12<sup>th</sup> Asian Junior Volleyball Championships (17-27<sup>th</sup> September). The team is aiming to equal the best ever finish at this tournament by an Australian Team (4<sup>th</sup> way back in 1992) and their chances were given a boost when the draw was announced as Australia have been placed in the opposite pool to China and Japan! The team will prepare by playing a series of practise matches against the Thai junior team in Bangkok before travelling on to Colombo.

Australia has drawn Pool A and will play Sri Lanka, Taipei, Maldives and Korea in the preliminary round followed by crossovers.

The following athletes will represent Australia at the 12<sup>th</sup> Asian Junior Championships:

#### Team:

Shayla Chalker (VIC)  
Anne Ehrenberg (VIC/AIS)  
Natalie Frostick (NSW)  
Jo Healy (SA)  
Justine Mowen (QLD)  
Jessica Peacock (SA/AIS)  
Tarsha Praski (VIC)  
Rachel Rourke (QLD)  
Karina Schaap (WA)  
Caitlin Thwaites (VIC)  
Christa Vogel (NSW/AIS)  
Rebecca Walter (VIC/AIS)

**Head Coach:** Sue Jenkins (VIC/AIS)

**Asst. Coaches:** Boris Georgieff (QLD)  
Ross Sullivan (VIC)

**Referee:** David Smith (VIC)

The Team will fly out on September 11 for a six day training camp in Thailand to acclimatise to the heat and humidity of Sri Lanka at this time of the year. To this, the Team will also have some practice matches against the local Thai teams in readiness for the pace and style of Asian volleyball.



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## **World Junior Beach Volleyball Championships**

The teams for the World Junior Beach Volleyball Championships have been in intense training for the upcoming events.

The Under 21 Women of Olivia Orchard and Belinda Huff will compete in the Milan leg of the FIVB World Tour this week. They will then join the Under 21 Mens team of Aden Tutton and Stuart Maycock in Rome where both teams will put the finishing touches on their game. They then travel to Porto Santa (POR) to compete from the 14-19 September.

The Under 18 teams (Sam Boehm and Shaun Howard, Alice Rohkamper and Jill McLeod) will leave for Perth on the 1<sup>st</sup> September for a few days under the watchful eye of Pauline Manser (Head Coach WAIS Beach Volleyball) before travelling to Termoli (ITA) for the event from the 7 – 12 September.

Stay tuned to the AVF website for results of both events.

## **Upcoming Events**

Following the success of the 2003 forum, the Australian Sports Commission will once again play host to the Our Sporting Future forum in Sydney from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2005. The forum is a must for all those that play a role in the Australian sporting industry. Our Sporting Future will challenge issues like building a more sustainable sporting system as well as delve into topics relating to sports management and governance, sports culture/integrity, entrepreneurship and sport information management.

Please check [www.oursportingfuture.im.com.au](http://www.oursportingfuture.im.com.au) regularly for updated forum information and registration details. Early bird packages will be available.

### **Important dates...**

Sep 17 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	Asian Junior Volleyball Championships
Sep 25 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup>	AVL Commences
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	AVF AGM & Annual Dinner
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup>	Vodafone Beach Tour – 1 <sup>st</sup> event
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>	AVL Finals
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	Australian Volleyball Schools Cup
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Vodafone Beach Tour – 2 <sup>nd</sup> event
Dec 29 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>	Vodafone Junior Beach Champs
Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vodafone Beach Tour – 3 <sup>rd</sup> event
Jan 14 <sup>th</sup> - 16	Vodafone Beach Tour – 4 <sup>th</sup> event
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Australian Youth Olympic Festival
Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>	Vodafone Beach Champs
Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup>	Our Sporting Future forums