



Volleyball Australia Newsletter

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AVF

General Managers Report

The AVF AGM & Annual Dinner was held last weekend at the Carlton Crest Hotel – Melbourne with delegates from around Australia meeting to review the past activity of the AVF and help set the direction and priorities for the sport of Volleyball in Australia. The AGM returned the three outgoing Directors (Gary Gilchrist, Tony Sprylan and Kevin Dobson) unopposed and formally awarded Life Membership to David Flatt and George Mraz. The Executive Commission (management staff of the AVF and its Member States) also met and discussed the implementation of a National Website, Database and Event Management system and this system, once operational, will be available at ALL levels of the sport. It is hoped that this will be available from late Nov so get in contact with your Member State or the AVF as to how you can access this facility.

The AVF Office has added a staff member with Cheryl Bollard being appointed as the AVF Operations Manager. Cheryl will add experience and expertise, from a similar role with Wrestling, which will lead to more effective delivery of services from the AVF. The AVF has also announced a National Events Review (please see article below). Following this report is the full list of Awards recipients for 2004/05 and my congratulations go out to each and I sincerely thank you for your ongoing support of our sport.

For all the latest from the AVF regularly check the AVF website – www.avf.org.au

2004/05 Award Recipients

Life Membership

George Mraz (VIC)

Distinguished Service Award

Dean Turner (ACT)

Noel Drew (NSW)

Ted Kalkhoven Trophy

Most Outstanding Male Player

Ben Hardy (ACT)

Most Outstanding Female Player

Tolotear Lealamanua (NSW)

Most Outstanding Male Beach Player

Julien Prosser (NSW)

Most Outstanding Female Beach Player

Nicole Sanderson (QLD)

Joe Hiller Coach of the Year

Boris Georgieff (QLD)

Bob Foot Referee of the Year

Liz Pollock (VIC)

Best Media Coverage

SBS – 2004 Athens Olympics & AVL Finals

Best Commercial Sponsor

VODAFONE

Most Outstanding Volleyball Event

Australian Volleyball Schools Cup

Best Volleyball Event Organiser

Chris Lemm, Peter McConnon & Murray Mansfield

Australian Volleyball Schools Cup

Administrator of the Year

Paul Finn (VSA)

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National Events Review

The AVF Board has commissioned Jenny Becker to conduct a review of the following four national indoor events:

- Australian Under 15 Volleyball Championships
- Australian Junior Volleyball Championships
- Australian Volleyball Schools Cup
- Australian Volleyball League

The review process will consider the following:

- The relationship between the events and the Elite Athlete Development Pathway and subsequent implications.
- The timing of each event within the AVF Calendar.
- Issues relating to the management, planning and conduct of each event.
- Future competitive opportunities within Australia to support the Elite Athlete Development Pathway.

Jenny has been involved with volleyball over three decades, as a player, coach and administrator. Combining her vast experience in the sport (over three decades as a player, coach and administrator) with her professional experience in operational and strategic planning, Jenny is well positioned to conduct the review.

On Sunday 16 October Jenny presented the review process to the AVF Annual General Meeting. During this presentation Jenny conducted a discussion forum with the attending state associations (VSA, VVI, VACT and QVA) and members of the AVF Board. This forum provided Jenny with valuable feedback on the position of the states on a number of issues. Consultation with the state bodies will continue throughout the review.

In addition to reviewing the overall Calendar of Events, the review is to specifically look at AVL in its current format and make recommendations on the future of AVL.

You have the opportunity to contribute to this review by sending your comments to Jenny via review@avf.org.au Jenny is looking forward to receiving your comments and will keep you updated on the issues through the AVF website.

The email address will be open until the Friday 2nd of December 2005. Jenny is required to complete the review and table the report to the AVF Board on 31 January 2006.

Please take the opportunity to be involved in this review: <http://www.avf.org.au/comps/hgdocs.cl?PT=dd&exp=1&L1=comps&L2=review&exclusive=0>

..... **Sport Development Managers Report**

National Presenters & Assessors Structure – Coach Education & Development Program

As has been previously communicated the AVF is attempting to establish a National Presenters & Assessors Structure for both its Coach and Referee Education & Development Programs. The primary objective of this structure is creating a means to train presenters and assessors to deliver the various training programs of the AVF, therefore providing a greater number of people within the volleyball community capable of delivering these programs, while at the same time ensuring more consistent standards of delivery.

In the past month the six individuals that have been targeted as the National Training Presenters for coach education and therefore responsible for the development of this program and the training of future presenters and assessors have accepted these roles and the weekend of March 4th & 5th next year has been identified as the first planning workshop for this group.

The six individuals that will be the initial National Training Presenters within this structure are:
Ross Sullivan (VIC)
Bill Glasson (VIC)
Tim Medwin (TAS)

Indra Reinpuu (SA)
Andrew Gintowt (NSW)
Graeme Rose (QLD)

Information about the equivalent process for referee education has previously been communicated and it is expected that the first planning workshop of this group will also occur in March of next year.

ASC National Coaching Scholarship Program

The AVF applied for two 2006 ASC National Coaching Scholarships in September, hoping to not only secure the continuation of Stephen Benson's scholarship, but also acquire a new scholarship for a two-year period. Notification has been received from the ASC in the past week that the request to continue Stephen's scholarship into a second year has been successful, but that the application for an additional scholarship was unsuccessful. (No NSO received more than one scholarship for 2006).

It is also worth noting that now that Beach Volleyball has an AIS program it is more likely that the AVF will attempt to target coaches of this discipline for a scholarship in the future. Previously, because the TABV program was not an AIS program the AVF would be required to pay 50% of the costs of any scholarship located in Adelaide. However, now that the program has AIS status and scholarship would be fully funded by the ASC.

ASC National Officiating Scholarship Program

Information is currently available regarding the ASC National Officiating Scholarship Program for 2006. Applications from interested referees within the volleyball community are due by Friday, October 28th. Once all applications are received the AVRC Executive will determine the preferred applicant from within the sport and forward that application to the ASC to be considered for a scholarship.

Anyone wishing to receive more information about this opportunity is invited to email Tim Shannahan (sdm@avf.org.au).

2006 Sport Leadership Grants for Women

The Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Government Office for Women invite applications for the 2006 Sport Leadership Grants for Women. The program is aimed at providing women with an opportunity to undertake certified sport leadership training.

The 2006 Sport Leadership Grants for Women offers grants in five key categories:

- High Performance coaching and officiating
- Women in general sport leadership
- Women in disability sport
- Indigenous women

- Women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds

The Program provides successful applicants with a one-off grant of up to \$5,000 for individuals (applications must be through an incorporated organisation) and up to \$10,000 for incorporated organisations. Anyone interested in applying and would like to use the AVF as the incorporated organisation supporting their application should contact Tim Shannahan (sdm@avf.org.au).

Applications for the grants close on Friday 28 October 2005. For grant application forms and guidelines please go to: www.ausport.gov.au/women/grants.asp.

Club Development E-Newsletter

Congratulations to the Balcatta Volleyball Club (WA) on winning \$500 of equipment in the June edition Madison Sport prize draw.

The latest edition of the AVF Club Development E-newsletter was circulated at the end of September. Included in the September edition was:

- Further chances to win equipment from Madison Sport and the AVF;
- Final chance to win \$1,000 from the Sportscover Sponsorship Fund;
- Information about a promotional activity undertaken by Sydney Uni. Volleyball Club;
- An explanation of the value of coach and referee training programs to clubs and associations;
- Information about the 2006 Sport Leadership Grants for Women.

Anyone wishing to be included on the distribution list for this e-newsletter should email Tim Shannahan (sdm@avf.org.au).

AVF Website – Where To Play

As a result of information submitted by clubs and associations in response to the AVF Club Development E-newsletter the AVF has now established a Where To Play section on its website. However, the number of clubs and associations whose details are currently available within this section is only a small fraction of all affiliated clubs and associations throughout Australia. If your club or association has yet to submit information it would be appreciated if you could visit the Where To Play section and submit the desired information.

Coach Appointment – Australian Women's Sitting Volleyball Team

Congratulations to Glenn Pyne who has recently been announced as the first ever coach of an Australian Women's Sitting Volleyball team. Glenn will in the first instance be working with the team (yet to be selected) in preparation for the Asia/Oceania World Championship Qualification Tournament to be held in Newcastle, NSW

in February 2006, with his initial appointment through to September 30th, 2006.

Glenn's experience as a player includes being a current member of the Australian Men's Sitting Volleyball team (was part of the inaugural team formed in 1997) and also the Australian Men's Standing Volleyball team. Glenn currently coaches the Open Boys' and Girls' teams at Emmanuel College on the Gold Coast.

The Australian Volleyball Federation wishes Glenn every success with this appointment as he attempts to develop a national program for Women's Sitting Volleyball.

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Volleyball Team Australia Women

Asian Championships

After a grueling three weeks of volleyball, the Australian Women's Volleyball Team returned last week from the 13th Asian Senior Women's Volleyball Championships (1 – 8 September) with a credible 10th.

On August 23, Volleyball Team Australia Women (VTAW) left Australian shores on a three-week tour that encompassed a preparation tour in Japan and the 13th Asian Senior Women's Volleyball Championship in Taicang, China. As preparation for the Championships, Toyota Auto-Body, hosted VTAW was for a week in Yokohama, Japan where the team trained and played a number of practice matches with the Japanese V-League side.

With the absence of five (5) VTAW athletes from the side that contested the World Championship Qualification Tournament that narrowly missed out on qualification in early August. VTAW Head Coach, Ying Jiang – '88 Olympic Gold Medallist with the Chinese Women's Team, selected a couple of up-and-coming Youth athletes to make their senior team debut as part of the rebuilding process of the VTAW program for this tour. Boris Georgieff as Assistant Coach / Team Manager ably assisted Ying with the following players and officials representing Australia: -

- Anna MAYCOCK (SA)(Capt.)
- Lauren BERTOLACCI (VIC)
- Jessica CULLEN ** (QLD)
- Tolotear LEALAMANUA (NSW)
- Rowena MORGAN (NSW)
- Justine MOWEN (QLD/QAS)
- Becchara PALMER ** (SA) - Youth Athlete
- Jessica PEACOCK (SA)
- Alice ROHKAMPER ** (NSW) - Youth Athlete
- Eileen ROMANOWSKI (QLD/QAS)

** Debuting athlete

- Head Coach: Ying Jiang
- Manager / Assist. Coach: Boris Georgieff
- Trainer / Statistician: Stephen Benson
- Physiotherapists: Steve Naylor
- Referee: Luke Yan

More information and detailed match reports can be found

http://www.avf.org.au/avf/AA/2005/87VTA_HP_News.pdf

National Junior Program Report

Murray Mansfield Junior Trans Tasman Trophy

On September 29th, having just landed into Australia from their duties with VTAM at the Asian Men's Volleyball Championships in Thailand, Head Coach, Dan Illott, and athletes John Dekker and William Thwaite joined up with the rest of the '87 National Youth Boy's Team and travelled to New Zealand for a five match test series to defend the "Murray Mansfield" Junior Trans Tasman trophy for a second year running.

With the absence of a number of starting players from this age group due to year 12 commitment and etc., Head Coach, Dan Illott, took this opportunity to blood a few new players to this already impressive squad of talented athletes ahead of the 13th Asian Junior Men's Volleyball Championship next year.

The following athletes and officials were selected to represent Australia for this series: -

- John Dekker (QLD) – Capt.
- Jarryd Christensen (QLD)
- Nick Goldsbrough-Reardon (VIC)
- Matthew Hunt (SA)
- Nils Langford (ACT)
- Cedric Legrand (VIC)
- Ashley McBroom (WA)
- Jason Pallant (VIC)
- Alex Rogers (NSW)
- Greg Sukochev (SA)
- Josh Thorpe (TAS)
- William Thwaite (QLD)

- Head Coach: Dan Illott
- Assist. Coach: Roger Darkins
- Assist. Coach: Ken Thomson

In what was a one sided series, the '87 Youth Boy's retained the 'Murray Mansfield' Junior Trans Tasman Trophy for the third successive year after defeating their Trans Tasman rivals in straight sets in the first three test

matches. With the series won, the Australian benches were given an opportunity to start and maintain the dominance over their Kiwi opponents. Unfortunately this was not to be as the Kiwis won this close encounter in five sets.

Not wanting to lose two matches in a row and playing in the final match of the 5 game series, Australia were determined to make amends for having lost to New Zealand in 5 sets the previous night and put beyond all doubt who was the better of the two sides. With a straight sets result win on the Kiwis, this was achieved.

For more information and detailed match reports

http://www.avf.org.au/avf/AA/2005/87VTA_HP_News.pdf

Jenny Kirk Junior Trans Tasman Trophy

In their final activity for 2005, the '88 National Youth Girls Team assembled in Canberra, 24-30 September, to contest the 2005 edition of the 'Jenny Kirk' Junior Trans Tasman Cup Series against the New Zealand Junior Team. Having lost the previous series in New Zealand, the Team was out to make amends with a series win on home soil.

With a number of regular starters missing due to Year 12 study commitment and etc. Head Coach, Dan Higgins, took this opportunity to further develop his pool of athletes ahead of the next year's Asian Junior Championships in Thailand with the addition of 3 debutants against a New Zealand side comprising of Youth (born 88 and later) and Junior (born 86 and later) athletes. The Australian team comprised of the following youth athletes:

- Alice ROHKAMPER (NSW) – Capt.
- Amy ALLEN (SA)
- Eliza DEAN (NSW)
- Sally DEED (VIC)
- Teresa DIXON (VIC)
- Petrice FATCHEN (VIC)
- Elisha GALIC (NSW)
- Kimberley MORTON (VIC)
- Jordan MOWEN (QLD)
- Rachel ROURKE (QLD)
- Danielle STOTT (VIC)
- Rhiannon TOOKER (QLD)

- Head Coach: Dan Higgins
- Assist. Coach: Gary Roberts
- Assist. Coach: Jessica Vreulink

Results:

- 25/9 AUS lost to NZL
0 – 3 (26-28, 11-25, 19-25)
- 26/9 AUS lost to NZL
0 – 3 (22-25, 14-25, 23-25)
- 27/9 AUS lost to NZL
2 – 3 (19-25, 25-17, 25-18, 16-25, 7-15)
- 28/9 AUS lost to NZL
0 – 3 (19-25, 19-25, 21-25)
- 29/9 AUS lost to NZL
1 – 3 (25-23, 27-29, 18-25, 14-25)

Though the series loss was disappointing, the coaching staff was encouraged by improvement in performances from a number of the players in the squad and from those representing Australia for the first time. Though it's not reflected in the results, the series was quite close and very competitive. The difference between the two sides was the New Zealander's "never say die" attitude and their ability to consistently put the ball back into play and force the Australian error.

With the competition cycle completed, the '88 Youth Girls will evolve to the '88 Junior Women's team with the first activity being 2006 Taiwan Invitational. For more information and detailed match reports http://www.avf.org.au/avf/AA/2005/88VTA_HP_News.pdf

The next activity on the calendar for the National Junior Program is the December Training Camp for the next age group of Youth Boys (born 1989 or later) and Youth Girls (born 1990 or later) in Bendigo, Victoria following the conclusion of the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup in Melbourne.

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Vodafone Beach Volleyball Tour

The qualification process for this year's Tour is well underway with 3 of the 5 qualifier events held and the Top 12 (from the 2004/05 Tour) already announced. This years season sees Perth return to the Tour Calendar for a full Tour event and all involved are excited about the opportunity to participate in the west. All the latest information is available on the Tour website – www.beachvolleyballtour.com.au

Australian Volleyball League

The 2005 season is 4 weeks old and the Melbourne Falcons have made their way to the top of the Men's and Women's ladder. With the Top 4 spots still far from resolved this year seasons should go right down to the wire like last season. Results, ladder and other information on the Tour is available on the AVL page on the AVF website – www.avf.org.au

AIS Volleyball Team Australia Men

National Team

As reported in the previous AVF Newsletter, a young AIS-Volleyball Team Australia Men's Team travelled to Japan on the 8th September, to prepare for the 13th Asian Senior Men's Volleyball Championships to be held in Suphanburi Thailand during the period 18th – 27th September 2005.

Volleyball Team Australia Men

- Benjamin Hardy (ACT) (Capt.)
- Shane Alexander (QLD)
- John Dekker (QLD)
- Phillip DeSalvo (VIC)
- Andrew Earl (SA)
- David Ferguson (WA)
- Andrew Grant (QLD)
- Nigel Panagopka (NSW)
- Nathan Roberts (SA)
- William Thwaite (QLD)
- Aden Tutton (SA)
- Matthew Young (QLD)
- Igor Yudin (VIC)

The Asian Championships was, as usual, a very tough event, but an excellent development opportunity for the young Australian players in the group. The Team played some outstanding volleyball in the first Pool, winning comfortably against Hong Kong and the Philippines. They also defeated Uzbekistan in this pool. The good form was carried into the first set against Iran, during the quarter final pool and the opposition were left a little shell-shocked as Australia charged through the first set! Unfortunately, the young Australian Team could not maintain the level and Iran fought back strongly. They overpowered VTAM, in the remaining sets. After that the Team lost to Korea (the bronze medallists and the same team that had defeated the full National Team in July) and Japan (the eventual winners.) It was the losses to host nation Thailand and Qatar that were a little disappointing, but it gave the young players a real taste of what is required to compete at this level.

Match scores are listed below:

13th ASIAN MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SUPHANBURI, THAILAND

AUSTRALIA defeated Hong Kong – 25/17, 25/12, 25/14

AUSTRALIA defeated Uzbekistan – 25/13, 40/42, 25/16, 25/16

AUSTRALIA defeated Philippines – 25/12, 25/16, 25/13

AUSTRALIA lost to Iran – 25/20, 16/25, 20/25, 14/25

AUSTRALIA lost to Korea – 23/25, 19/25, 15/25

AUSTRALIA lost to Japan – 13/25, 22/25, 19/25

AUSTRALIA lost to Thailand – 25/20, 18/25, 19/25, 23/25

AUSTRALIA lost to Qatar – 16/25, 24/26, 24/26

Australia finished the 13th Asian Senior Men's Volleyball Championships in 8th placing, ahead of ten other teams from the Asian Zone. The result was disappointing, but highlighted the inconsistencies of a young team that 15 days earlier defeated the eventual champions, Japan, on their home soil. The program staff had no option but to select a young team for this event, with injuries to three of the nine Olympians who are still active and two others making themselves unavailable on this occasion. The Tournament confirmed the work that is required over the next few years to build a new team as the more experienced Volleyball Team Australia players gradually retire. Many of the competing countries expressed optimism for the future with regard to the talent of Australia's emerging youth, but potential will only be realized through hard training and more experience in competition.

At the end of another international season, Volleyball Team Australia would like to thank the Australian Volleyball Federation, the Australian Institute of Sport and the Australian volleyball community for their continued support and the opportunity to develop the talent that could provide this Team with the opportunity for an unprecedented third Olympic appearance in Beijing.

AIS Squad

The focus for the AIS Team is the Australian Volleyball League (AVL), following their resumption of training, after Asian Championships (part of the group) and the

Junior Men's Trans Tasman series (the remainder of the group.)

The AIS Team began the AVL Season with three excellent victories at the AIS Multi Purpose Gym on the 15th and 16th October 2005.

The first match was against Melbourne University and although the visitors were much older and more experienced, the young AIS players were too tall and too powerful for their opponents. In the second match the AIS faced the tough Melbourne Falcons outfit. Falcons have consistently been one of the best teams in the League, over the past few seasons. They boast four ex-National Senior Team players (including an Olympian) and four ex-National Junior Team players in their roster.

The match was one of the most exciting League encounters ever. The AIS Team played with great enthusiasm and patience and eventually won the match 15-13 in the fifth set. The final match for the weekend was against Monash University who play a very steady style of volleyball and have worried a number of teams already, this season. The fact that the match was at 9am on Sunday morning, after the AIS boys had played such a tough match until late the night before, provided them with an even greater challenge. They came through with flying colours, winning in straight sets (3-0.)

The next match for the AIS will be in Nowra where they play Western Australia, which is a combined team, mostly from Perth.

SCORES

Sat 15 Oct

AIS Men 3-0 Melbourne Uni Renegades (25-15, 25-13, 25-14)

AIS Men 3-2 Melbourne Falcons (25-22, 25-27, 22-25, 25-22, 15-13)

Sun 16 Oct

AIS Men 3-0 Monash University (25-21, 25-19, 25-18)



Volleyball Team Australia Women

VTAW Coach Decides not to seek renewal

VTAW Coach, Ying Jiang, has decided not to seek a renewal of her contract to coach the AVF's Women's National Team for the remainder of 2005 and 2006.

Ying was engaged by the AVF in February 2005 to lead the selection and preparation of the Women's National Team for this year's World Championships Qualification Tournament and Asian Championships. Her appointment came soon after the closure of the AIS Women's Volleyball Program in January 2005.

During the past nine months, Ying has committed herself to trying to rebuild a Women's National Team which could be successful at this year's World Championships Qualification Tournament and Asian Championships. Unfortunately, despite the Team's best efforts and less than desirable preparation for these important events, Australia failed to achieve its primary objective which was to qualify for the 2006 World Championships.

Ying's decision not to continue in her current role (for personal and other reasons) comes as a further disappointment at the end of a disastrous period in the history of Women's Volleyball. The AVF would like to recognize the tremendous contribution that Ying has made to the Women's Team in a very short time and during a period of massive change. It is hoped that she will continue to play a role in the redevelopment of Women's Volleyball in Australia although not as Coach of the National Team.

Review of Elite Women's Volleyball in Australia

Following the events of recent months and now that the international season has finished, the AVF has announced a comprehensive review of elite Women's Volleyball in Australia as the first stage of its redevelopment in the years to come. The review is expected to commence in late October/early November 2005 and conclude during the early part of 2006, and is likely to comprise the following stages:

1. Wide-scale distribution of a national survey to obtain information from Volleyball and non-Volleyball stakeholders about the issues that have resulted in the decline of Women's Volleyball in recent years and suggestions/strategies about how to rebuild this discipline of our sport in the future;
2. Detailed discussions about key issues/strategies to arise from the survey through forums conducted on a state by state basis. The AVF will work closely with Member States to ensure that as many of the right people as possible have the opportunity to participate in these discussion forums; and
3. A national forum on Women's Volleyball involving athletes, coaches and administrators involved in the current and/or previous Women's National Teams/Programs as well as other key contributors to the first and second stages of the review process. This is likely to be conducted during the early part of 2006.

At the conclusion of the review, the AVF Board will be asked to endorse a comprehensive plan which details the steps required to redevelop elite Women's Volleyball in Australia during the short, middle and longer terms as well as the staff, resources and management structures which need to be put in place to affect the same. Further

information about the review together with how to get involved will be provided in the coming weeks.

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Team Australia Beach Volleyball AIS Beach Volleyball Program set to Commence

With Australia's involvement in the this year's FIVB World Tour having concluded, the focus of the AVF's attention has been turned towards the commencement of the new AIS Beach Volleyball Program in November 2005. The Program will be co-located with the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) in Adelaide and will provide a new level of support for athletes on top of what has traditionally been provided by the SASI and other state institute and academy of sport programs in the past. The primary aim of the Program will be to enhance Australia's qualification and medal prospects and the 2008 Olympic Games and beyond.

The recruitment of staff to the AIS Beach Program has now almost been completed. Former Men's National Team Captain and TABV Head Coach, Steve Tutton, has been selected as the head Coach of the new AIS/National Beach Program, and Craig Marshall (former SASI Head Coach) has been appointed as the Men's Assistant Coach. Negotiations are still continuing with a third coach – a Brazilian who has worked extensively with Women's teams from the USA, Greece and Brazil – who is expected to commence as the Women's Assistant Coach towards the end of the year. Former AIS Cycling Administrator, Lyndie Harrison, has been appointed to the position of Sport Coordinator with the AIS/ National Beach Program.

The AIS Program will have the capacity to offer up to 16 scholarships (residential and camps-based) in the first instance, with the first intake of scholarship holders likely to be announced next week. Successful applicants will be expected to collocate themselves with the world-class coaches, facilities and support services of the AIS Program in Adelaide by no later than the middle of November 2005. From there, they will commence intensive preparations for the 2005/06 Vodafone Beach Volleyball and 2006 FIVB World Tours.

SASI Volleyball Coaching Positions Vacant

The South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) is calling for applications from suitably qualified candidates for the positions of Volleyball Head Coach and Development Coach. The SASI Volleyball Program plays a critical role in supporting the AVF's Beach and Indoor National Programs by identifying and developing talented, future-elite, athletes from across South Australia. The successful candidates will work closely with key stakeholders at both state and national levels, and will play a significant role in helping to shape the success of Australian Volleyball in the future. For more information, please check the link on the AVF website

Volleyball on television

The 2005 Australian Volleyball League and the 2005/06 Vodafone Beach Volleyball Tour will be on shown on SBS and Channel Ten respectively over the next few months, check your local guides. Both programs will then be repeated on Fox Sports.

Schedule for Australian Volleyball League on SBS

Women's Bronze Medal, Sunday Dec 18th @ 10:30am
Men's Bronze Medal, Sunday Dec 25th @ 10:30am
Women's Gold Medal, Sunday Jan 1st @ 3pm
Men's Gold Medal, Sunday Jan 8th @ 3pm.

Schedule for 2005/06 Vodafone Beach Volleyball Tour on Channel Ten

Round 1 Sun 11 December @ 4-5pm
Round 2 Sun 1 January @4-5 pm
Round 3 Sun 15 January @ 4-5pm
Round 4 Sun 26 February @4-5pm
Australian Championships Saturday 11 March @ 4-5pm

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..... **Important dates/events**

2005

Nov 25-27th Vodafone Beach Volleyball Tour commences
Dec 4th-5th AVL Finals - Melbourne
Dec 6th-10th Vodafone Australian Volleyball Schools Cup (AVSC) -Melbourne

2006

Feb 17th-19th Vodafone Beach Volleyball Championships - Surfers Paradise

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