



Volleyball Northern Territory Annual Report 2015

Overall Summary:

Volleyball is going strong in the NT, perhaps not in a traditional sense of developing elite players or having high level competitions though. Our formal affiliates in Central Australia, Gove, Darwin and Katherine have strong social competitions. Darwin is struggling with their formal classic competition, but the outdoor beach competition has been attracting some good players.

Junior development is in its infancy but growing as some dedicated coaches in Darwin work with boys and girls in that region.

The NT Government has been supportive of development of the sport both with training and finance.

Volleyball continues to be played in areas outside the direct influence of Volleyball NT. For instance, a junior indigenous competition is held every year in East Arnhem Land with elite sporting boys and girls from remote communities such as Ramingining, Yirrkala, Milingimbi, Nhulunbuy and Galiwinku. We believe it is important to support the efforts of the remote shires to keep developing volleyball in these remote areas.

Key achievements:

A dot point list of key achievements in your states: (10 to 15 dot points).

- Delivered coaching in Arnhem Land as part of the recovery project after Cyclones Nathan and Lam.
- Held a junior training and coach development weekend in conjunction with Nic Kaiser of Volleyball Australia.
- Developed a draft strategic plan in conjunction with stakeholders and affiliates.
- Finished phase 1 of the implementation of the Fortix platform.
- Supported the Rotary Beach Volleyball Day in Gove.
- Held coaching clinics in schools in Katherine and Gove senior schools and Nightcliff Primary School.
- Participated in the Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships in Adelaide for the second time
- Employed a part-time administrator.

Current trends:

There is a trend for players to participate in what has been described to me as a "fast food" format, where you can come and play and then leave without the volunteer aspect of the sport (duty, fundraising etc). This format is encouraged in the indoor beach centres and social competitions. Indoor beach rebound centres have a strong following in Darwin, Palmerston and Alice Springs, and Volleyball NT has a casual, rather than a formal relationship with these businesses.

Upcoming projects:

A list (3 or 4) of key upcoming projects.

- 1 NT Championships
- 2 Arafura Asia Cup
- 3 Ongoing implementation of Fortix
- 4 Deliver Coaching clinics in Darwin, Gove and Alice Springs.

Stu Smith

Chairperson

VNT Management Committee

Pictures;

1. Nightcliff Primary School Students
2. Rotary Sponsored Beach Volleyball Day in Nhulunbuy(Gove)

