

Maroondah Volleyball

Croydon & Districts Volleyball Association Incorporated



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- Maroondah Cobras Volleyball Club
- Maroondah Eastern Institute of Volleyball
- Croydon Volleyball
- Maroondah Volleyball

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OUR MISSION

Maroondah Volleyball aim to provide the community the opportunity to expand their skills of and love for the sport of Volleyball.

OUR VISION

At Maroondah Volleyball it is our vision and committed to see the growth and development of our members and provide a positive experience for all by providing a safe and inclusive environment where our members can grow and grow the sport of volleyball. At Maroondah Volleyball we strive to deliver a pathway of opportunities for our members from the grass roots though to elite levels.

OUR VALUES

Teamwork: We focus daily on working together in an affirming and collaborative way to develop and achieve our organisation's mission.

Community: We will create a fun, safe and inclusive environment for all based on the love of the sport of volleyball and a desire to help all members of our organisation develop to their potential.

Dedication: We are dedicated to providing sound leadership to the Volleyball community. As an organisation we continually look for ways to develop and improve, and to provide opportunities for our members' growth and development in the sport of Volleyball.

Respect: We consistently show respect for all who engage with our organisation by valuing, acknowledging and appreciating each person's contribution, whether they be a player, referee, administrator, coach or volunteer.

Fun: We will prioritise the fun and enjoyment that each participant will experience through involvement in any of our organisation's programs.

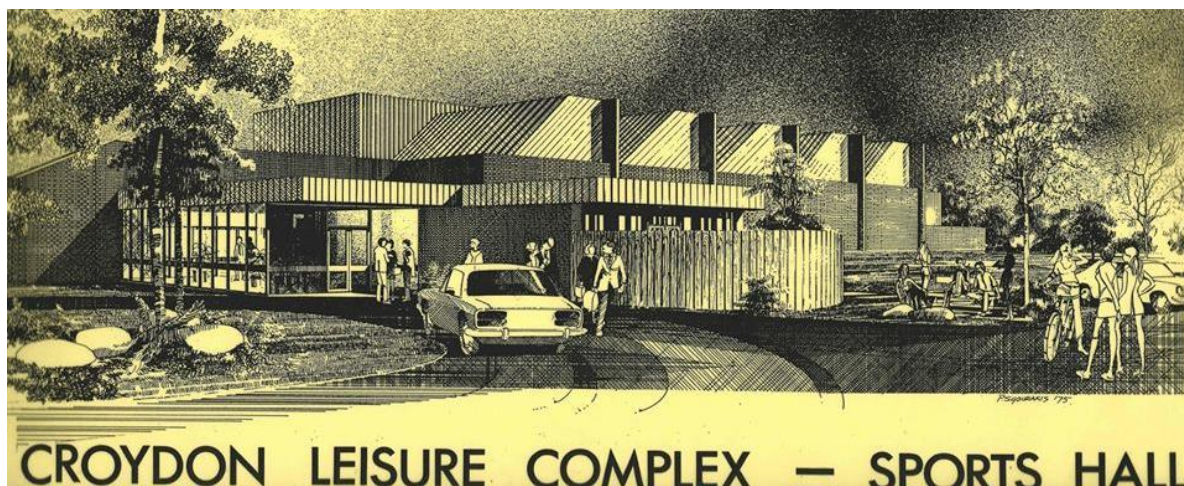
CHILD SAFE STATEMENT

Maroondah Volleyball is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This is the primary focus when planning and executing programs.

Maroondah Volleyball has zero tolerance for child abuse.

OUR HISTORY

Volleyball in Croydon was formed as a school competition at the newly opened Croydon Leisure Centre by two teachers from Croydon High School who became the founders of the Croydon and Districts Volleyball Association. These teachers, B.T. (Doc) Sartory and Errol McDonald, organised and nurtured the volleyball competition through its formative years. Doc Sartory became the Association's first president when the association was formally organised, and he remained president until 1989. The office bearers of the association on its formation were Doc Sartory (President), Errol McDonald (Vice-President), Alan Day (Secretary) and Michael May (Treasurer).



The association initially played on a Tuesday evening and later expanded to two nights, initially Tuesday and Sunday before settling for the current Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Volleyball at Croydon has always been regarded as a mixed competition. At its peak, in the 1980's, the association could boast a competition of 110 teams (with some teams in reserve), with 55 playing each night. At that time, there were over 1200 members of the association and was the second largest volleyball body in Victoria and Australia.

The Association became an incorporate body in 1986.

In 1990 CDVA hosted an international game between NEC (Japan) and Australia at Croydon Leisure Centre. CDVA affiliated with the state body Volleyball Victoria Incorporated (VVI) in 1992 and hosted the National Indoor Grand Prix and the National Cup as well as the State under 15's Tournaments. Over many years CDVA ran its own tournament which involved other teams from all over the state. Before deregistering from the state body in 1994.

In 1998 the Association bottled its own label port to celebrate its twenty-first anniversary.

In 1999, CDVA returned to its foundations by offering the Maroondah Volleyball Schools Cup between location schools in the area. Participating schools included Billanook, Glen Waverley, Norwood, and Croydon. In 2000 the Junior Competition had over 25 teams, playing on Thursday evenings at the Croydon Leisure Centre. It was hoped that there would be enough interest to begin a Junior Girls Competition within a couple of years, unfortunately it took longer than anticipated and the competition never ran. Also in 1999, CDVA opened an

office at Suite 3, 168 Main Street, and Croydon to administer the competitions from.

CDVA has had teams participate in five Australian Masters Games, in Melbourne (1995), Canberra (1997) and Adelaide (1999), Geelong (2013) and Adelaide (2015) in addition to various competitions and tournaments over the years.

Objectives of the Association were stated in the Constitution and remain today in the model rules for the association. These are:

1. *To promote interest in volleyball;*
2. *To promote good fellowship among those interested in volleyball;*
3. *To educate, train, coach and encourage members of the Association; and*
4. *To do all such things and acts conducive to the furtherance of the objectives and interests of the Association*

The Croydon & Districts Volleyball Association Inc. continues to show a keen interest in providing and promoting volleyball in the cities of Maroondah and Knox. Players have come from as far afield as Frankston and Dandenong, Pascoe Vale, Healesville, Bulleen, Carlton, Eltham, Kinglake and Hawthorn.

The CDVA has always stood out from other competitions in that teams are not



required to perform duty obligations for other matches in the competition. We provide our own referees to officiate in all competition matches. The teams are therefore able to come and play their volleyball and then go home.

The Association moved its base to Yarra Valley Grammar School in 2000 when the school had completed its new sports stadium and for the year volleyball was played at Yarra

Valley and on two courts at Luther College. After reviewing the growth of a junior competition and projecting on the future needs of the association, discussions were held with the Maroondah City Council to move back to the stadium with its new floor at the Croydon Leisure Centre. The Association decided to base its volleyball over two stadiums: Croydon Leisure Centre and Yarra Valley stadium.

After many years of review, in 2009 CDVA opted to become an affiliated member of Volleyball Victoria again. This was done so that the members could benefit with the support of the state sporting body.

Sadly, junior volleyball became extinct with juniors opting to play for clubs and schools. In recent years Volleyball Victoria has seen the need for the promotion of junior volleyball and its place in the state league competition. It continues to work with Associations such as CDVA to rebuild opportunities for juniors in Volleyball through programs such as Spikezone and Sporting Schools.

In 2014 Croydon entered its first team for many years, into the Volleyball Victoria State League. This division 2 men's team played under the club's name of the

Croydon 36's (after the postcode for Croydon being 3136). The following year in 2015, the Croydon 36's entered a Women's Division 3 team. In 2016 the Women's Division 3 team continued and we added a Men's Division 3 Team, and an under 17's girls' team in the new Junior State League. In 2017, many of the junior girls had reached an aged where they couldn't play in the under 17s division. So, Croydon 36's Division 3 Women's team moved up to Division 2, and the junior girls entered Division 3. The Men's team continued in Division 3.

In late 2015, the association started the Spikezone program. Initially with just 4 children attending in the pilot year, this has grown in 2017 to 5 groups and almost 50 children running every school term. The association has gained 3 new social competition teams as a direct result of the Spikezone program.

In late 2016, the local federal member Michael Sukkar announced funding for the redevelopment of the HE Parker Netball centre to become an indoor facility with 4 Netball courts. The Victorian State government also committed to funding the centre and the requirements were the centre become a multi-sport facility. CDVA was invited through Michael to become involved with the development of the new stadium. Throughout 2017 the development designs proceeded through to a design & construction tender phase which was awarded in early 2018. It is expected the stadium will be complete in 2019.

In September 2017, CDVA hosted a very successful 40th anniversary dinner. The night recalled the past, brought together past and present members and gave out awards to many of the current members.

At the 2017 AGM in reflection of our growing programs, and future relocation to Heathmont the members voted to support the re-branding from CDVA to Maroondah Volleyball. This rebranding proceeded through 2018, ahead of the move to HE Parker in 2019.

In 2018 Volleyball Victoria had their Inaugural Affiliate Awards. Maroondah Volleyball received an honourable mention for the Most Outstanding Association and won the award for the Most Outstanding Junior Program. The president Chris Gordon won the Volunteer Achievement Award.

In April 2019, Maroondah Volleyball held their formal farewell to Aquahub, acknowledging 42 years of Volleyball Competitions at the venue. In May 2019, Maroondah Volleyball relocated all its programs and commenced operations from their new office at Maroondah Nets, HE Parker Reserve in Heathmont.

In the conclusion of 2019 Volleyball Victoria State League, Maroondah Volleyball merged their State League Team Croydon 36's with Southern Cross Cobras. This merger allowed us the opportunity to bring together the strongest senior players and coaches from Southern Cross Cobras, with the strong junior players and coaches from Croydon 36's along with the administration and well-respected operations of Maroondah Volleyball. Although they didn't get to take court in the Volleyball Victoria 2020 season, we had a great start to the training season and look forward to embracing 2022.

AWARDS

LIFE MEMBERS

1984	Errol	McDonald
1984	Dr B T (Doc)	Sartory
1985	Alan	Day
1985	Michael	May
1985	Geoff	Moss
1995	Peter	McDonald
1995	Ron	Ryff
1999	Rohan	Cosgriff

2006	Christopher	Janssen
2006	Craig	Tremayne
2009	Lisa	Janssen
2009	Greg	McConnell
2017	David	Hill
2019	Chris	Gordon

PRESIDENTS AWARD

2017	Geoff	Moss
2019	Ron	Ryff




DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

2017	Amelia	Dell
2017	Catherine	Gordon
2017	Chris	Gordon
2019	David	Fuller

SERVICE AWARD

2017	Peter	Bigham
2017	Kim	Howes
2017	Lisa	Janssen
2017	Tom	Manallack
2017	Greg	McConnell
2021	Samantha	Cunningham
2021	Stephen	Dear

OUR PEOPLE COMMITTEE – 2021/22

Name	Position	Notes:
 Chris Gordon	President	Re-elected 2021 for 2 years President since 2016 Vice-president since 2012
 Heikki Harli	Vice President	Re-elected 2020 for 2 years Vice-president since 2017 Committee member since 2016
 Catherine Gordon	Secretary	Re-elected 2021 for 2 years Secretary since 2011 Committee member since 2009
 David Fuller	Treasurer	Re-elected 2020 for 2 years Treasurer since 2017 Committee member since 2016
Amelia Dell	Committee Member	Re-elected in 2021 Committee Member since 2011
Nienke Kortbeek	Committee Member	Re-elected in 2021 Committee Member since 2019
Brett Holcombe	Committee Member	Re-elected in 2021 Committee Member since 2020
Rod Hutchings	Committee Member	Committee Member since 2021

REFEREES – 2021/22

Maxxine Alimpoos	Cass Gordon	Kate Daly
Stephen Dear	Amelia Dell	David Fuller
Steve Geddes	Chris Gordon	Heikki Harli
Kim Howes	Ni Bor Len	Luke Clark
Amber Moore	Geoff Moss	Emily O'Neill
Ronnie Ryff	Karl Hayduk	Olivia Szalay
Joshua Driessen	Anthony Raynor	Ayden Gordon

COACHES – 2021/22

Name	Position
David Hill	Director of Coaching
Bill McHoul	Head of State League Coaching MEIV Juniors and Advanced Head Coach MEIV Development Camp
Grace Sobolewski	Women's Division State League MEIV
Rebecca Brown	MCC School Holiday Program
Amelia Dell	Spikezone Sporting Schools State League – U19 Junior Girls Gold Div 2 MCC School Holiday Program VolleyAll
Dino Asproloupos	State League – Premier Men's 2
Catherine Gordon	Spikezone VolleyAll Sporting Schools
David Fuller	Spikezone Administrator
Sarah Brown	Spikezone – Assistant Coach
Cass Gordon	Spikezone – Assistant Coach
Karl Hayduk	Spikezone MCC School Holiday Program
Amy Sexton	Spikezone MEIV
Izzy Handbury	Spikezone State League – U19 Junior Boys Gold Div 2 MEIV Development Camp

Alyssa Levy	Spikezone MEIV – Development Girls State League – U19 Junior Girls Gold Div 1 VolleyAll Sporting Schools
Heather Hyland	MEIV State League – Reserves Women Div 2
Ella Sutterby	MEIV
Adam Cartledge	MEIV State League – U19 Junior Boys Gold Div 1
Kate Daly	MEIV
Sophie Martin	Spikezone MEIV
Tom Martin	Spikezone – Assistant Coach
Lainey Muller	VolleyAll Spikezone MEIV
Luke Clark	Spikezone – Assistant Coach
Jo Nielson	MEIV
Maxxine Alimpoos	Spikezone – Assistant Coach
Ash Hivon	Spikezone
Emily O’Neill	MEIV
Peter Bigham	State League – Reserves Men 2B
Charley Cooper	State League – Reserves Men 2B
Bernard McInerney	Parent Helper/Assistant Coach State League – Reserves Men 2B
Rod Hutchings	Assistant Coach State League – U19 Junior Boys Gold Div 2
Heikki Harli	Assistant Coach State League – U19 Junior Girls Gold Div 2
Ben Gale	MEIV- Development Boys

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chris Gordon – President

Another frustrating year has passed with the Covid-19 pandemic impacting on many of our programs and plans during last year. Despite the pandemic we endeavoured to successfully run as much volleyball as the restrictions safely allowed towards the end of last year. The first half of this year has still seen an impact on teams and players, particularly as winter closed in, with Covid-19 and colds and flu causing much disruption to teams and referees.

Our new Maroondah Eastern Institute of Volleyball (MEIV) has shown growth and has now progressed to having organised team matches on Tuesday evenings. This will become an established pathway to participation in the Local League competitions and into State League teams.

State League was Covid-19 impacted last year and also into this year with the training and the fielding of teams for the Maroondah Cobras becoming quite problematic. A State League report appears further down in the report.

Our membership has been growing. From 47 teams last year we have grown to 54 in the Local League competitions which now has 592 members, while we have 133 in MEIV, a further 82 in Spikezone, and 10 members in our VolleyAll program. We have 15 teams in State League comprising of 143 members.

Our 5th Maroondah Volleyball tournament will run this year after two years of cancellation due to the pandemic. Players and teams are invited to enter the competition to be held on the weekend of September 17th and 18th. In 2019 we had 79 teams competing across the weekend in two stadiums – The Rings, Ringwood and our stadium. If you are unable to play you can still participate as a spectator or a volunteer for some of the activities we run on the day.

Maroondah Volleyball continues to work through its strategic goals to be able to provide volleyball programs from the youngest children through to state representation. This is demonstrated by our growing enrolments in Spikezone and the juniors in MEIV.

Another strategic goal of being an inclusive environment has seen the VolleyAll program being officially launched in March after a pilot run in December last year. With the aim of catering for people of all abilities, VolleyAll introduces them to our sport with some modified rules and equipment. Fully adaptable to meet the physical and social needs of its participants, the program runs alongside our Spikezone program on Thursday afternoons to allow all children to have an after-school activity with their fellow peers.

We acknowledged the service of the fallen in an Anzac Service in our stadium during the State League round. The solemn service was performed with assistance from Committee member, Rod Hutchings, and Secretary, Catherine Gordon and was well received by all in attendance and observers online.

Other highlights during the last year have included:

- the second Annual Pink Round of State League to raise awareness of breast cancer and to raise funds for their appeal.
- our second Good Friday Appeal Volleyball Tournament

- our Association's win in Volleyball Victoria's Lifeblood Challenge where Australian Red Cross Lifeblood, with the support of Volleyball Victoria, ran a three-month blood challenge between 19 clubs participating in the State Volleyball League.
- two players in our Maroondah Cobras Premier Women's team, Amy Sexton & Isabella Handbury, attended the Australian Youth Women's (U18) Asian Championships selection camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra from 13th to 17th April.



I would be remiss in not acknowledging the awards received by our Secretary, Catherine Gordon, who was recognised by Volleyball Victoria for her great contributions to Maroondah Volleyball and to the wider volleyball community, receiving the **Volunteer Achievement Award** in the 2021 Affiliate Awards held in April this year. This award acknowledged the many programs she initiated, managed or coordinated within Maroondah



Volleyball, as well as the successful Good Friday tournament and Pink Round for State League and the #MVKeepItLocal campaign in 2021 to help support our local community and businesses through the Covid-19 period by promoting them on Maroondah Volleyball social media.

In April at the 2022 Deakin Community Awards, Catherine was again



acknowledged for her volunteer work for Maroondah Volleyball and in the community. Geoff Moss was recognised in the senior category for his 43 years' service to Maroondah Volleyball and volleyball in the City of Maroondah. The Association was also acknowledged in the Most Outstanding Association category in the awards with the certificate being received by Vice-President, Heikki Harli.

Michael Miller at Billanook College, was acknowledged for his development of volleyball at the College, coaching and developing players over 22 years, producing a number of state and national players.

Finally, without the dedication and passion of our volunteers, our association would not be as strong and diverse in the programs we offer. I thank each and every one of our volunteers for giving up some of their time each week and for those extra programs and activities we run to support the association.

Historical Context: Since Volleyball Victoria instituted the Affiliate Awards in 2017 Maroondah Volleyball members have won the Volunteer Achievement Award in three of the four years (no awards were made in 2020) of the awards being made: Chris Gordon 2017, Geoff Moss in 2019 and Catherine Gordon in 2021. We also won the Most Outstanding Junior Program in 2017 and the Most Outstanding Association in 2019, great recognition of our Association within the volleyball community.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Catherine Gordon – Secretary

Firstly, I would like to start by thanking my fellow committee members and the volunteers for their help and support over this past 2 years. This past 24 months has been unconventional and disruptive to the running of all our programs. Without the help of everyone achieving what we did this would not have been possible.

In recent times we have also welcomed in new volunteers, and I'd like to welcome them and say thank you for joining our team at Maroondah Volleyball.

December 2021 we were able to run a pilot program for VolleyAll with its official Launch 3rd March 2022. VolleyAll aims to make volleyball accessible and inclusive to all who wish to participate.

VolleyAll came about from two passionate coaches bringing mainstream sport, which is otherwise not currently offered, to the Maroondah and Metro community. There was D-Volley which catered for the deaf community and Sitting Volleyball which is only offered at selected events and venues. We saw the need to cater for any persons who are considered disabled regardless if it is physical, mental, functional, or biomedical. We wanted to see as many barriers as possible that prevent them from accessing our sport removed. A huge thank you to Heikki for designing our amazing logo that captures what VolleyAll is. Since our launch we have seen a steady growth in the program with new enrolments each term.

We currently have 11 enrolled in the program and look forward to seeing where it goes over the next 12 months.

On 27th March, Australian Paralympic Teams Victoria hosted a Multi-Sports Day which we were invited to represent volleyball. It



was a great pleasure and a fantastic day. The coaches who attended had a great time demonstrating the possibilities our sport could offer.

Our Social Sundays have proven to be a big hit still this year with the local community. We provide a service for the community with courts and the ability to play a social fun game that is affordable. On weeks that we have coaches available we also offer coaching at the cost of \$10 per person. This has grown from 15 people attending per week to over 55 every week with sometime 60+.

It is great to see so many friends and family groups come along together for a regular weekly event. Details for this can now be found on our website and regular updates are on our Facebook page.



For our State League functions held during the year, Glen Park Catering "Hungry 4 Success" supplied some beautiful catering boxes to us which enabled Glen Park to generate \$5,842.20 in community value back into the local community.



From April -August 2021 we participated in the Volleyball Victoria Teams Life Blood Challenge. This was a great success.

Last year **102 blood donations** helped save over 300 lives!

2021 Award Winners;

- Most Donations: Maroondah Cobras Volleyball Club (24)
- Most Plasma Donations: Maroondah Cobras Volleyball Club (20)
- Most New Donors: Phantoms Volleyball Club (6)
- Most Individual Donors: Phantoms Volleyball Club (13)



The purpose of this challenge is to engage with the players, members, officials, family and friends of each club, encouraging eligible members to donate blood, plasma, platelets and breast milk on behalf of their club. If you haven't signed up yet with us it's not too late to do so. We also welcome all the new donors to our club and thank you on behalf of the Australian Life Blood.

This year the highlight for me was being able to run the Good Friday Tournament for a 2nd year in a row. We raised \$9292.90 for the RCH Good Friday Appeal. We had a fantastic turn out of volunteers and teams participating in the event.

The day was filled with a Round Robin style tournament games, prizes and give away for the best dressed teams, player of the day, etc. Face painting and kids crafts, Easter egg hunt, silent auction, BBQ and craft stall were just a few of the other activities available on the day. All prizes and products were generously donated by local businesses allowing all funds raised on the day to go directly to the Good Friday Appeal.



A huge thank you to the following in no particular order, Mt Evelyn Garden Centre, Bendigo Bank Ringwood East, Bobbin Robin, Werner's, Australian Volleyball Academy, Sky High Bistro, bake sale donations and to everyone for their personal donations that made up the amazing raffles. A special thanks to everyone who volunteered with setting up and running the event without your help this day just wouldn't have been as special as it was. I am looking forward to seeing what we can do as an association in 2023.



A big thank you to Jenny Brown who volunteered on the day selling Raffle tickets and helping out with the silent auction and has continued to help out behind the scenes. Her help and support to the association has been invaluable.



We were privileged enough to host Pink Round for Volleyball Victoria where we were able to raise \$4,415.80 towards their final total of \$6,000. This was an amazing effort of the whole volleyball community coming together to raise money for BCNA. I look forward to seeing what we can do this year to support BCNA on 2nd July, 2022.

Maroondah Cobras Volleyball Club and Maroondah Volleyball had the privilege this year of hosting our first ANZAC round at Maroondah Nets. This entailed a Service at the conclusion of the junior games and prior to the start of senior games. The Hon Michael Sukkar MP & Mayor Cr Mike Symon took part in laying a wreath along with myself on behalf of the volleyball community. We had a local singer, Stacey Alexander, sing both the Australian & New Zealand national anthems while a young student from Blackburn High school played the last post. Rod Hutchings put a lot of work into the Honour roll call that was read out by himself and son Cadet Jack Hutchings. The Ode was read by Ryan Hutchings.



MAROONDAH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Geoff Moss – Life Member



Our Local League competitions on Tuesday and Thursday nights for open and women's remains the primary activity of the association. Our summer season runs from September to April, and the winter season from April to September. We have had an increase of members, with around 592 members playing in 54 teams across both nights. Tuesday nights have successfully expanded to four timeslots, and Thursday nights to three timeslots to meet demand.

While COVID-19 and associated restrictions impacted on our competitions late last year, we still have had interruptions to the competitions due to illness via Covid-19, flu and colds into this year. Many teams have struggled to have complete teams enter court, often relying on other teams or players to fill their teams to enable the match to proceed. The committee has enabled some matches to proceed with a relaxation of some rules and bylaws this season and we thank players and teams for supporting us through this time. Despite these interruptions we will successfully complete our winter season in September.

One of our key considerations for the Maroondah Volleyball League is the standard of the competition. This is highlighted within our structure and bylaws by having duty requirements and uniforms. We are proud that the association continues to support the standards by ensuring our referees are qualified and meet all the required Play by the Rules and Child Safe policies. We expect, with the passing of winter, that the rules and bylaws will be fully observed in the coming summer season.

Thank you to all our referees who have been with us throughout the season, the running of the competitions wouldn't be possible without them. State League and MEIV duties have meant the number of our available referees has been reduced this year.

As one of Volleyball Victoria's larger affiliates we actively promote and act as ambassadors to the sport of Volleyball and support its growth through offering programs such as Spikezone and Sporting Schools as feeders into the local competitions.



MAROONDAH VOLLEYBALL REFEREES REPORT

Geoff Moss – Life Member



This past year has presented many challenges in our competition with the many interruptions due to Covid-19 restrictions. We appreciate the support of our referees on both nights of our competitions, and we thank them for making themselves available during the interrupted 2021/22 competitions. This year has been particularly difficult with referees succumbing to illness and Covid, as well as MEIV commitments contracting our referee pool.

With illness and Covid impacting many teams this year we have had a relaxation of some rules regarding team composition and duty due to these unusual circumstances. We do expect teams to adhere to our Bylaws and rules, but we have allowed some games to continue after seeking permission from the committee and/or court manager. We do ask that, if you have any issues with your team entering the court, you approach the court manager or a committee member rather than challenge a referee to vary the rules or Bylaws.

We thank teams and players for their support and consideration as we introduce new referees into our competition. Many of you accept that they will make mistakes, and your acceptance and encouragement will enable them to improve their refereeing and help retain them as referees. Keep in mind, without our referees we cannot have a game.

A good referee will aim to keep the game flowing while interpreting the rules to suit the level of competition. This means that at lower levels we will, at times, relax the strict interpretation of rules to enable teams to enjoy a game during the allotted time.

A number of our referees, especially juniors, successfully referee in the State League rounds. Their attentiveness and interpretation of rules is often much higher than referees offered up by Volleyball Victoria and other associations.

We aim to train our junior referees up to our standards and do this by monitoring their progress via demonstration, discussions, and feedback and by acting as second referee to their match duties. Due to the shallow referee pool available we have not been able to do this at the level we would wish this year.

We are always looking for referees, particularly to fill in when our usual referees become unavailable.

If you could be available to fill in occasionally, especially at short notice, could you please approach either Geoff Moss or Chris Gordon.

If you are interested in refereeing, please contact one of our officials who will endeavour to assist you towards training or, if qualified, to put you on a list of available referees.



MAROONDAH COBRAS VOLLEYBALL CLUB

Bill McHoul – Head Coach



Maroondah Cobras participates in the Volleyball Victoria State League Competition. This season we have 15 teams ranging from junior boys & girls through to Premier Men & Women; the highest level in the State. At the time of printing five teams had qualified for the finals, and we wish them all the best.



I would like to thank the following people and organisations for their support:

- Maroondah Volleyball; in particular Catherine & Chris Gordon
- All team coaches
- Peter Bundy; Rowville Secondary College
- Michael Miller & Blake Walter, Billanook College
- All athletes, parents, and their families

We hosted Pink Round in July last year which was very successful whereas a club we were able to contribute \$4,415.80 to the Volleyball Victoria total.

The day included a bake sale, Bendigo Bank BBQ, Bobbin Robin handcrafts, raffle, face painting, online Tupperware sale, lolly jar, Cherry Blossom tribute window, lantern bags, dedicated player jerseys and coaches polos, and a Pink show court.

This year we were able to host our first ANZAC round at Maroondah Nets. This entailed a Service at the conclusion of the junior games and prior to the start of senior games.

On court success is obviously important as a club but the highlight for me in 2022, was the galvanising of club togetherness. An example of this was at the country round in Bendigo, Premier 1 Men supporting Premier 2 Women, and Premier 2 Men stopping their warm up to support the Women in a must win match.

VOLLEYALL

Catherine Gordon – Secretary



VolleyAll was launched this year and is proving to be very successful. In December 2021 we were able to run a pilot program for VolleyAll with its Official Launch on 3rd March 2022. We were very lucky to have the Hon Michael Sukkar, Member for Deakin, Mayor Cr Mike Symon, Cr Tony Dib OAM JP, and Cr Suzy Stojanovic present for our launch. Other guests in attendance were Martin Stillman, General Manager, Volleyball Victoria; Scott Nicholas, Participation and Pathways Coordinator; Kelly Lean, Captain of the Australian Volleyroos and many others.

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SPIKEZONE

Catherine Gordon – Secretary

Spikezone is halfway through our 8th consecutive year and has continued to have explosive growth with the program now being held over 2 time slots, with both time slots nearing capacity. With Spikezone and VolleyAll both running at 4.30pm 4 courts are in use, with state league training using the other 2 courts.



Although covid has been disruptive to the program, our coaches continue to facilitate a fun and enjoyable program where the kids can come have fun and learn volleyball skills.

Numbers of both coaches and participants can fluctuate due to illness and school pressures. Some weeks can be more of a challenge than others, but classes get combined and extra volunteers are called on to ensure the program can run. All of our participants have shown great resilience, understanding and patience and are continuing to further their skills.



The Spikezone uniform tops continue to be a big hit and still look fantastic. Having this shirt helps all the participants to feel they belong to one large group, even while training in smaller groups.

Our Spikezone participants are beginning to prepare for our 2nd Spikezone Tournament at the end of Term 3.



MAROONDAH EASTERN INSTITUTE OF VOLLEYBALL - MEIV

Bill McHoul – Head Coach

2022 has seen the already established Maroondah Eastern Institute of Volleyball, better known as MEIV continues to thrive with registration closing each term as we exceed places available.



MEIV consists of 3 separate programs;

- Juniors – novice boys & girls, aimed between Year 7 to 9, Tuesday afternoons
- Development - intermediate boys & girls, aimed between Year 8 to 10, Tuesday afternoons
- Advanced – girls only currently, aimed at elite athletes 16 & older (generally Victorian or Australian representatives), Wednesday afternoons.

Despite it being only the first year of the program, we have had more than 100 athletes participate!

I would like to thank the following people and organisations for their support.

- Maroondah Volleyball; in particular Catherine & Chris Gordon
- Josh Gray, Ben Gale, Heather Hyland & Alyssa Levy - Development Head Coaches
- Program Coaches - Grace Sobolewski, Ella Sutterby, Adam Cartledge, Amy Sexton, Izzy Handbury, Kate Daly, Sophie Martin, Emily O'Neill and Joe Nielson

SPORTING SCHOOLS

Amelia Dell – Committee

Sporting Schools is Australia's largest school-based sports participation program to help children foster a lifelong interest in sport.



Sporting Schools brings together schools and sports to help get Aussie children active in their local communities. Sporting Schools is open to all Australian primary schools, and a targeted program for Year 7 and 8 students in secondary schools, with quality programs developed by over 30 national sporting organisations, it offers a fun and supportive environment for children and coaches. Programs are run in both mainstream and special needs schools. Volleyball has been accessed by more than 5,700 schools across Australia.

This was our 6th year where we have been actively attending schools in the local community and beyond. This year although disrupted by COVID-19 we still managed to deliver successful programs to schools in our local area. (Croydon, Ringwood, Heathmont, Nunawading, Kilsyth, Sassafras, Box Hill and Chirnside Park.)

A thank you to our sporting schools' coaches and to Volleyball Victoria for their referrals and promotion of our coaches.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 has hindered the Sporting Schools program with schools unable to allow external people on school sites and circuit breaker lockdowns rendering schools unable to access the funding.

We had anticipated a slow return to the Sporting Schools program with the uncertainty of COVID-19 and the ability of external people to access schools, but we have been pleasantly surprised with the amount and variety of programs being booked in.

MCC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Amelia Dell – Committee

We were lucky enough that COVID restrictions enabled us to be able to coach at the Maroondah City Council's school holiday program in April of 2022. There were 28 children that participated in the whole day program. We will continue to support Maroondah City Council in facilitating these programs. It was great to see so many new faces to the sport and then to have them continue over into our other programs.

MAROONDAH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Chris Gordon – President

With what was to be our 5th and 6th Annual Tournaments cancelled due to Covid lockdown, we are hopeful that we will be able to see this return to our calendar again in September 2022. Entries are now open and teams have started entering, which is promising coming off the back of covid.

Due to lockdown, Maroondah Festival has not been held the past two years. We are hoping that Maroondah Council will go ahead with the Maroondah Festival in November 2022.

LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIPS – STATE LEAGUE PREMIER

Bill McHoul – Head Coach

Due to covid restrictions, the Lightning Premierhips did not proceed earlier this year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

David Fuller – Treasurer

2021/22 FY has been another stop/start year for Maroondah Volleyball. Overall, due to covid lockdowns, around 3 months was lost during the financial year. Notwithstanding this, Maroondah Volleyball achieved an outstanding sales figure of \$220,000 for the year, which is a significant increase from the \$129,000 earned the previous year, albeit over a longer operating period. The sales figures of \$220,000 was also a record figure, eclipsing the figure of \$171,000 from the 2019/20 FY. Profit also had a substantial increase, rising from 13K in 2020/21 FY to nearly 42K in 2021/22 FY.

Some key points to make out of the financial reports are as follows;

1. State League income has risen from \$38,000 in 2020/21 to \$65,000 in 2021/22 FY. The increase can be attributed mainly to the fact that we have had a full season of State League this FY, compared to around 60-65% from last FY. Maroondah Cobras also had a record number of teams (15) competing across all of the divisions, and a record number of players.
2. Income from all of the other major programs operated by Maroondah Volleyball also experienced increases in revenue over the 2021/22 FY.

Development Income has risen from 14K in 2020/21 up to 26K in 2021/22.

MEIV Income has doubled from 20k in 2020/21 to 40K in 2021/22.

Local League income has increased from 43K in 2020/21 up to 67k in 2021/22.

The rise in income can mainly be attributed to the fact that each program had more time on the court than in the past couple of years.

3. There have been 2 grants received to the value of \$5,000 each for Strategic Planning & the new VolleyAll program which have yet to be expended. This money will be spent in the upcoming financial year.
4. Tournament Income was non-existent for the second straight year due to the tournament being cancelled.
5. There was no lightning competition income for this FY as the competition was not held.
6. Maroondah Volleyball hosted its second annual Good Friday Tournament. Another successful day where over \$9,000 was raised for the Royal Children's Hospital.
7. Expenses have risen substantially from 116K in 2020/21 to 178k in 2021/22.

All of the programs offered have resulted in the following increases

Development Programs- From 12k up to 14k

MEIV- From 11k up to 20k

Local League- From 14k up to 18k

Equipment- From \$600 up to 12k

Overheads- From 42k up to 86k

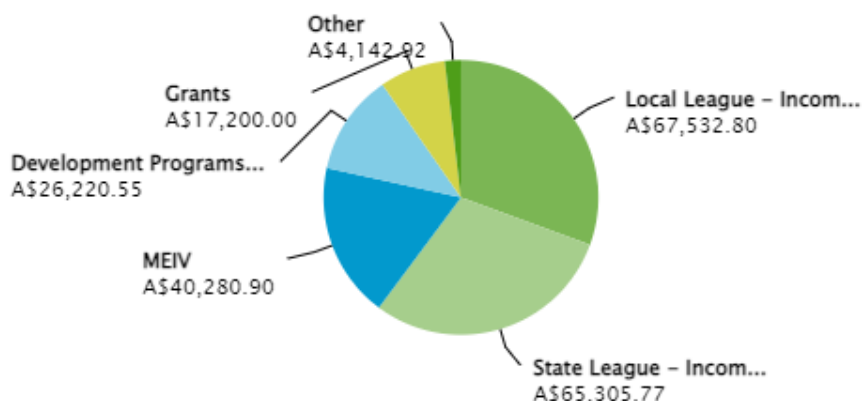
The big jump in overheads can be put down mainly to the rise in hire fees at Maroondah Nets, which has risen from 30k in 2020/21 to 52k in 2021/22.

8. On the flip side, state league uniform purchases fell from 17k in 2020/21 to only around 2k in 2021/22. This was a result of having bought the majority of state league uniforms in the previous FY.

Overall, 2021/22 was quite a successful year for Maroondah Volleyball, even considering that around 3 months was lost due to lockdowns. To achieve a record sales figure of 220k speaks volumes of the quality of the programs being offered, and the people that are involved in running these programs. State league continues to grow with 15 teams representing Maroondah Cobras in the current state league season, 5 of which have qualified for the finals. The last 12 months has also seen the commencement of the Junior League Competition on Tuesday night and has been a great success to date.

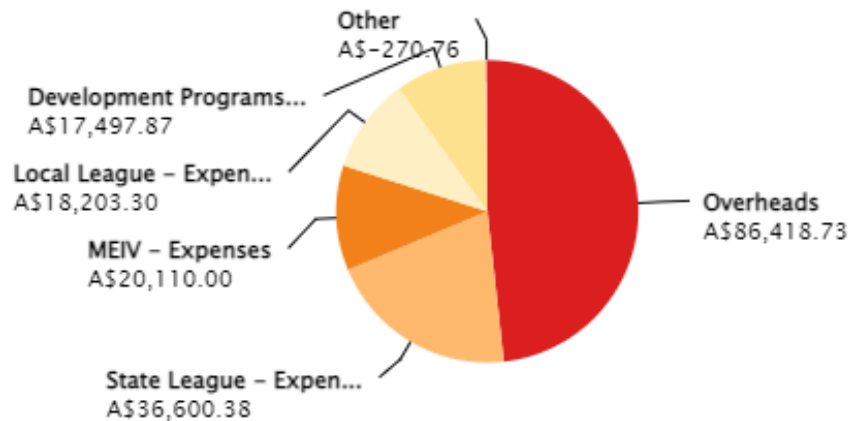
Going forward 2022/23 FY should be another exciting year, particularly with the Maroondah Tournament being hosted for the first time since 2019. Financially, Maroondah Volleyball are in a very strong position to continue to offer wonderful programs, with more than adequate cash reserves.

Maroondah Volleyball Income By Category



%	Category	(A\$) Amount
30.60%	Local League - Income	67,532.80
29.59%	State League - Income	65,305.77
18.25%	MEIV	40,280.90
11.88%	Development Programs - Income	26,220.55
7.79%	Grants	17,200.00
1.88%	Other	4,142.92

Maroondah Volleyball Expense By Category



%	Category	(A\$)Amount
48.40%	Overheads	86,418.73
20.50%	State League - Expenses	36,600.38
11.26%	MEIV - Expenses	20,110.00
10.19%	Local League - Expenses	18,203.30
9.80%	Development Programs - Expenses	17,497.87
-0.15%	Other	-270.76



Croydon & Districts Volleyball Association Inc.

Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2022

	TOTAL	
	AS OF JUN. 30, 2022	AS OF JUN. 30, 2021 (PY)
▼ Assets		
▼ Current Assets		
Community Solutions Cheque Account	174,894.79	131,056.06
Debit MasterCard	2,038.11	1,687.37
PayPal Bank	0.00	1,462.66
Westpac Community Solutions Cash Account	0.00	0.00
Ing Direct - Term Deposit	0.00	0.00
Total Current Assets	A\$176,932.90	A\$134,206.09
Total Assets	A\$176,932.90	A\$134,206.09
▼ Liabilities and shareholder's equity		
▼ Current liabilities:		
ATO Clearing Account	0.00	968.00
GST Liabilities Payable	1,223.21	-18.18
Team Bond	3,110.00	2,780.00
Total current liabilities	A\$4,333.21	A\$3,729.82
▼ Shareholders' equity:		
Net Income	42,123.42	13,016.25
Retained Earnings	130,476.27	117,460.02
Total shareholders' equity	A\$172,599.69	A\$130,476.27
Total liabilities and equity	A\$176,932.90	A\$134,206.09

Croydon & Districts Volleyball Association Inc.

Profit and Loss July 2021 - June 2022

	TOTAL	
	JUL. 2021 - JUN. 2022	JUL. 2020 - JUN. 2021 (PY)
▼ Income		
Development Programs - Income	26,220.55	14,681.87
Grants	17,200.00	3,500.00
Local League - Income	67,532.80	42,873.62
Maroondah Volleyball Lightning Competition- I...		3,500.02
MEIV	40,280.90	19,990.87
Other - Income	4,220.19	5,989.28
Sales of Product Income	22.73	
State League - Income	65,305.77	38,751.46
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	-100.00	200.00
Total Income	AS220,682.94	AS129,487.12
GROSS PROFIT	AS220,682.94	AS129,487.12
▼ Expenses		
Development Programs - Expenses	17,497.87	12,327.23
Good Friday Appeal	-271.38	251.93
Local League - Expenses	18,203.30	14,147.66
MEIV - Expenses	20,110.00	11,193.49
Overheads	86,418.73	42,022.61
State League - Expenses	36,600.38	36,527.39
Total Expenses	AS178,558.90	AS116,470.31
▼ Other Expenses		
BAS Roundoff Gain or Loss	0.62	0.56
Total Other Expenses	AS0.62	AS0.56
NET EARNINGS	AS42,123.42	AS13,016.25

HOW YOU CAN HELP

As the first step, All Referees, Coaches, Parent/Friend Helpers and Committee are required to have a Working with Children's Check (WWCC) and have it registered to the association.

Become a Referee

You can become a referee at Maroondah Volleyball, and the association will support you through the required courses to become accredited. These courses are:

- The Level 1 course is a 4-hour online course provided by Volleyball Australia.
- The Level 2 course is a 1-day face-to-face course provided by Volleyball Victoria.
- The Ausport Introduction to Officiating Course is online and free; it is required for all referee levels.

We support referee's learning while undertaking the courses to become accredited. We also support our referees to officiate at other tournaments, state league and associations. For those who desire there are also courses available to allow you to increase your qualifications to higher levels, right up to an international level.

Become a Coach

You can become a coach at Maroondah Volleyball, and the association will support you above and beyond the minimum requirements which are:

- The Level 1 course is a 4-hour online course provided by Volleyball Australia
- The Level 2 (Talent Development) Course is a 1-day face to face course provided by Volleyball Victoria.
- The Level 3 course is a multi-day course provided by Volleyball Victoria and Volleyball Australia.
- The ASC Community Coach General Principles course is online and free, it is required for all coaching levels.

Maroondah Volleyball also runs coach development programs to further the coaches. Upon completion, you can coach within our Spikezone, Sporting Schools and State League programs. For those who desire there are also courses available to allow you to increase your qualification to a Master level.

Volunteer your time

We run, attend and support many events throughout the year such as: Maroondah Festival, Fundraising BBQs, Volleyball Victoria Events and the Maroondah Volleyball Tournament.

Make a donation

We are always looking for assistance to ensure that our events are run successfully and at low cost to the participants. Donations of money or goods are gratefully accepted with advertising given at the related events.