

# 2023 Annual Report

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# About Maroondah Volleyball

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 incorporated body in 1986.



CROYDON LEISURE COMPLEX — SPORTS HALL

## About Maroondah Volleyball cont.

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, 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.

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. For that year, volleyball was played at Yarra Valley and on two courts at Luther College. After reviewing the growth of the 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.

## About Maroondah Volleyball cont.

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 four children attending in the pilot year, this has grown in 2017 to five groups and almost 50 children running every school term. The Association has gained three new social competition teams as a direct result of the Spikezone program.

In late 2016, the local Federal Member, Michael Sukkar MP, announced funding for the redevelopment of the HE Parker Netball centre to become an indoor facility with four netball courts. The Victorian State government also committed to funding the centre and the requirements where the centre became a multi-sport facility. CDVA was invited through Michael Sukkar MP, to become involved with the development of the new stadium. Throughout 2017, the development designs proceeded through to a design and construction tender phase which was awarded in early 2018. The stadium was to be completed 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 a 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.

**At** the conclusion of 2019, Volleyball Victoria's 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 looked forward to embracing 2022.

## About Maroondah Volleyball cont.

Significant flooding rains in January 2022, caused water damage within the stadium. Due to the failure of drainage on the outside netball courts, water flowed into the stadium and beneath the flooring causing significant warping of the floor in the middle of the stadium which continued despite efforts to alleviate the problem. With efforts to alleviate the problem failing, Maroondah Council decided that the whole flooring of the stadium needed to be removed, the remaining water and moisture remediated, and new flooring assembled.

As a result, the stadium was closed from the end of November until the start of March 2023, a time considered to cause the least disruption to stadium users. For Maroondah Volleyball, it meant we had to find other stadiums for six scheduled rounds of volleyball. This involved returning to our old home Aquahub, for most matches. Four courts were available as court 1 was badly worn and warping was evident. It was disappointing to see the state of deterioration of the overall stadium floor with no maintenance done since we left.

For each night a few of our members assisted Aquahub staff pack up gymnastics equipment and mats from over the four courts and clean the floor and setup nets in readiness for games. Chris Gordon had to re-schedule matches and modify fixtures to fit games into the stadium after we lost the use of Yarra Valley after the first week. Unfortunately, we lost a few teams over the time we were away from Maroondah Nets partly due to the state of Aquahub and the disruption of the period of floor replacement.

During 2023 we had 13 teams from Maroondah Cobras participate in State League.

3 of our athletes were selected to participate in the Volleyball Australia Junior Development Camp. Amy Sexton, Izzy Handbury & Luke Clark had a successful camp which included 48 boys, 55 girls & 15 coaches/staff. Amy was selected to take part in the Volleyball Australia's National Development Program U19 in Thailand which she attended in May this year.

During the Term 1 and 2 school holidays, we had successfully hosted State League fixtures at our stadium, with all six courts occupied with games from 8:00am to around 8:00pm on the Saturdays. Several members helped setup the courts on the Friday evening after netball and packup on the Saturday night.

As part Volleyball Victoria's Play4Pink Sports Day, Maroondah Volleyball has very successfully promoted the event in 2022 and 2023, raising some \$17,712 over the two years at the Nets venue. In 2023, of the \$20,399 raised by the state volleyball fraternity, \$11,565 was raised at the nets. A lot of this is due to the hard work and dedication of Catherine Gordon and her team in organising displays and other events (see Secretary's Report).

Another highlight has been the successful running of our solemn Anzac Day services in 2022 and 2023. Attended by local council members, it has become a highlight on the State League calendar, and it is hoped to be able to be continued in years to come. Again, much credit goes to Catherine Gordon for the displays and organisation of the service.

The Good Friday Volleyball Tournament started in 2022 and was held again this year. This successful event attracted 24 teams whilst raising funds for the Royal Childrens Hospital. (see Secretary's Report)

# Meet Our Team



## **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

# Meet Our Team



**AMELIA DELL**  
COMMITTEE

Re-elected in 2022  
Committee Member since 2011



**ROD HUTCHINGS**  
COMMITTEE

Re-elected in 2022  
Committee Member since 2021



**OLIVIA SZALAY**  
COMMITTEE

Committee Member since 2022



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# Vision And Mission

## Vision

At Maroondah Volleyball it is our vision and commitment 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.

## Mission

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



# Values and Commitment

## 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.

## Commitment

Maroondah Volleyball is committed to the 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.

# Honour Boards

## *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

2022 Catherine Gordon

Life Membership is generally conferred on a person who has rendered distinguished or special service to Maroondah Volleyball. Length of service is a consideration, however, if a person holds a role of limited tenure and performs outstanding meritorious service during their term of membership, they may also be conferred life membership.

# Honour Boards



President's Award is the highest distinction that Maroondah Volleyball can bestow and should be conferred only in exceptional cases.



This Meritorious Award recognises outstanding and distinguished service to Maroondah Volleyball typically over a period of greater than 5 years.



Service Awards are conferred upon volunteers having served 5 years continuously with Maroondah Volleyball, recognising and acknowledging the value and dedication of our long serving volunteers.



# President's Report

Another challenging year, with the Covid-19 pandemic passed we still felt the impact from the move to accommodate the floor renewal works following the storm damage in January of 2022. Many of our programs and plans during last year were impacted in some way. Despite the disruptions to our local league we were still able to successfully run as much volleyball as the restrictions of the venue shifts allowed.

Our new Maroondah Eastern Institute of Volleyball (MEIV) has continued to show growth and has now seen teams transition from the Junior League to the Local League utilising the established pathways created as well as allowing for Juniors the opportunities to referee.

Our state sporting body, Volleyball Victoria Inc saw many staff changes in the office, with almost all of the staff being replaced in the last year. In addition it has seen some of its systems change as well with the transition from GameDay to RevSport, which has required Maroondah Volleyball to also transition systems. This will be completed at the end of the Winter 2023 season, when we will be fully on RevSport from the Summer 2023/23 season.

Maroondah Cobras continued in State League with 15 teams entered in 2023. Our 2022 season saw the Premier Men get through to the Grand Final which was a trilling 5 set match, and unfortunately our men fell just short to Melbourne University Regagades. Our partnership with Rowville Secondary College continues in 2023 and beyond.

Our 5th Maroondah Volleyball tournament ran after two years of cancellation due to the pandemic. Players and teams entered the competition that was held on the weekend of September 17th and 18th. We had 81 teams competing across the weekend in two stadiums – With reduced use of The Rings, due to basketball changing their season and having hire of half the venue for the Saturday morning. Overall the weekend was a great success with the juniors using Maroondah Nets on the Friday night alongside our Spikezone tournament which was a big success this year and the largest it has been.

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, VolleyAll and the juniors in MEIV.

# President's Report Cont.



This year through our strategic planning a goal was to offer volleyball to all the community no matter of age or ability. We were able to successful run a pilot program under their guidance of Catherine for the Little Spikers and Spikets we aim to see this as part of our regular term programming in the very near future.

We were honoured to acknowledged the service of the fallen in an Anzac Service in our stadium during the State League round again this year. The solemn service was performed with assistance from Volleyball Victoria's Deion Moore and Secretary, Catherine Gordon and was well received by all in attendance and observers online. This years highlight was the addition of the build a wreath which was later laid at the Ringwood clock tower on behalf of the volleyball community.

Other highlights during the last year have included the Annual Pink Round of State League to raise awareness of breast cancer and to raise funds for their appeal and our 3rd Good Friday Appeal Volleyball Tournament. Both raising record amounts of money for the worthwhile causes.

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 four of the five years (no awards were made in 2020) of the awards being made: Chris Gordon 2017, Geoff Moss in 2019, Catherine Gordon in 2021 and Amelia Dell in 2022. We also won the Most Outstanding Junior Program in 2017 and 2022, and the Most Outstanding Association in 2019, great recognition of our Association within the volleyball community.



# Secretary's Report

We have not managed to regrow the Local League which can be contributed to many events over the past 12 months. However, the State League club saw substantial growth and we established new grassroots programs. We have also engaged in significant charity work to support our community. Here are the highlights of our activities during the past year:

1. Local League Regrowth: Despite the restrictions imposed by moving out of Maroondah Nets Stadium for the floor redevelopment due to the 2021 flooding, our Association demonstrated resilience and adaptability. We successfully implemented satellite stadiums and the picking up and dropping off the scoresheets and electronics for team payments and returning of these for charging and data entry. To those who did a little extra running around and going to and from stadiums to ensure the games still ran as smoothly as possible for our members, thank you. We lost a few teams during this time, some new and some were long standing teams that just found it too much with the multiple stadiums and last-minute changes to the fixturing. Even though this was often out of our control, we totally understood that this is not what people have come to know or expect of Maroondah Volleyball. Those who saw through the slight disruptions and the move back, thank you for sticking it out and we hope that the next 12 months is a lot smoother. I must say, it is nice to see the volleyball community have stayed connected as a community and cards can be played in the café before a game or the catchups in the carpark afterwards. Our commitment to promoting the sport of volleyball remained unwavering, and we actively encouraged new memberships, resulting in a steady increase in our Local League size.

2. Charity Initiatives: Recognising the importance of giving back to our community, Maroondah Volleyball initiated several charitable projects. Through Covid we started the MVKeepItLocal. This continues to feature on our social media, along with our other passion projects throughout the year. These efforts allowed us to make a positive impact on our community and strengthen our association's reputation as a socially responsible organisation. Some notable charitable initiatives included:

a) *Good Friday Volleyball Tournament*: A big passion project for many of us at Maroondah Volleyball as we all know what fabulous and amazing work they do at the Royal Childrens Hospital (RCH). Some of our members have had to lean on the amazing staff and RCH over the years or still do. We organised many fundraising events, such as a charity tournament, bake sales, easter egg hunts, kids zone, silent auctions and sponsored challenges. These activities not only generated funds for the Royal Children's Hospital's Good Friday Appeal but also fostered a sense of unity among our members. We raised an astonishing \$14,250.15

b) *Volleyball Victoria's Play4Pink Sports Day*: Another well deserving fundraiser. We all know of someone or have been touched by someone who has been affected by breast cancer, male or female it doesn't discriminate. The BCNA is a valuable resource for both those who have breast cancer or those who are supporting a loved one, friend or work colleague through their journey. Our club actively engaged with local businesses and members to put together some amazing raffles and silent auctions. This financial year we had the privilege of hosting 2 Pink Rounds. This years Play4Pink Sports Day featured a high tea with guest speakers Kelly Lean and Carman Mullenger.

As a volleyball community we were able to raise \$6,147.10 in 2022 and \$11,565 in 2023 at Maroondah Nets, while the total raised by the collective volleyball community this year was \$20,399 which is an outstanding achievement.



# Secretary's Report cont.

3. ANZAC Day: The past two years have seen us hosting the ANZAC round as part of the Volleyball Victoria State League competition. Each year we make a donation to Soldier On. This is from the door entry takings on the day and any extra donations. Maroondah Volleyball, the home of the Maroondah Cobras Volleyball Club, has again hosted the Anzac round on Saturday 22 April, 2023 on behalf of Volleyball Victoria, our state sporting body.

Anzac Day is a significant day of remembrance for our nation, honouring the sacrifices and contributions of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps during wartime. We have many serving and past serving members, and members who have lost loved ones or been otherwise affected by wars and conflicts. We came together as a volleyball community to commemorate this important occasion. The Anzac round and commemorative service took place at our home stadium at the Maroondah Nets in Heathmont. The service was attended by the Mayor, Cr Rod Steane, Cr Kylie Spears, Cr Mike Symon and Cr Tony Dib OAM JP, members of the community, state league volleyball representatives and officials, players and their families and friends. The atmosphere was filled with reverence and patriotism. An honour roll was read out with all those who have served or are still serving, that are a relative to a player or are a player of the Volleyball Victoria League competition. Local secondary college students were invited to play the bugle, read Flanders Fields, and sing the National Anthems. These were heart felt and well received by all present. The day also included displays around the stadium, made by our tireless volunteers. These added to the overall feel of fellowship and community.

The highlight of the day was this year's addition of a community wreath. With a basket of rosemary made available to all who attended, they were able to place a sprig of rosemary in the wreath to pay their respect to the fallen. Some even took the opportunity to say a prayer. The wreath was then laid at the Ringwood Clock Tower, on behalf of all those who built it, as part of the Ringwood RSL Sunday service on 23rd April 2023.



# Secretary's Report cont.



## Community Wreath

It was truly heartwarming to see how many people participated in building the wreath and just how much it meant to everyone. The games that followed displayed camaraderie and unity and reflected what the day was truly about. I am grateful to be a part of a sporting community that values and upholds the spirit of Anzac Day and already looking forward to next years commemoration.



## 4. Little Spikets and Little Spikers:

This year I had the privilege of running a pilot program for children from 2-5 years of age. This resulted in the the Little Spikets and The Little Spikers programs. These were great fun to run and a much needed addition to the volleyball training programs. This will be a regular on our term program from term 4 and I look forward to seeing new enrolments.

If you wish to read more on the Little Spikers and Little Spikets you can request a copy of the written review.





# Secretary's Report cont.



# Financial Statements



Croydon & Districts Volleyball Association Inc.

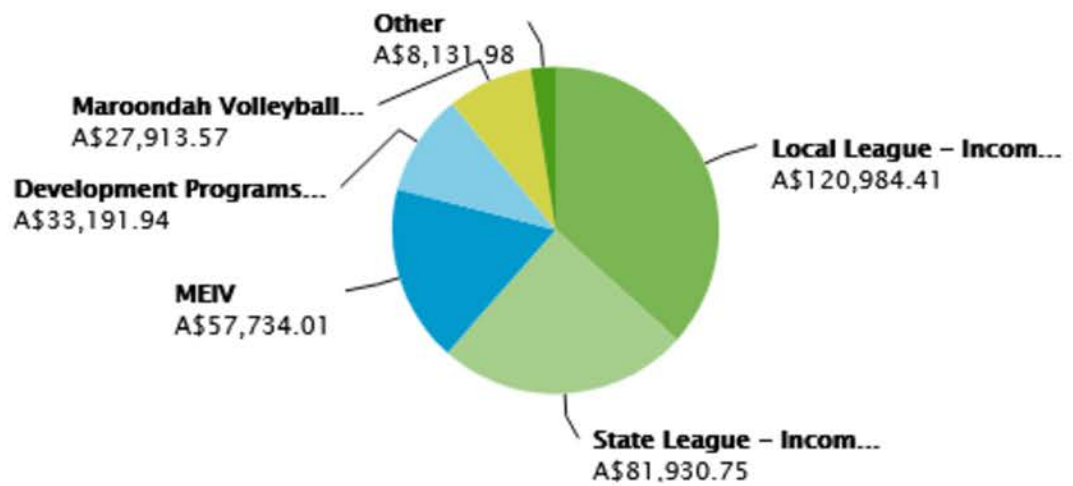
**Profit and Loss**  
July 2022 - June 2023

	TOTAL	
	JUL. 2022 - JUN. 2023	JUL. 2021 - JUN. 2022 (PY)
▼ Income		
Development Programs - Income	33,191.94	26,220.55
Grants	6,000.00	17,200.00
Local League - Income	120,984.41	67,369.17
Maroondah Volleyball Tournament - Income	27,913.57	
MEIV	57,734.01	40,608.18
Other - Income	57.99	-113.44
Sales of Product Income	2,023.99	109.09
State League - Income	81,930.75	69,304.13
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	50.00	-100.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>AS329,886.66</b>	<b>AS220,597.68</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>AS329,886.66</b>	<b>AS220,597.68</b>
▼ Expenses		
Advertising expenses	6,254.47	4,960.06
Development Programs - Expenses	29,188.40	17,497.87
Equipment	2,505.99	12,510.56
Fundraising	2,505.34	-520.29
Local League - Expenses	45,369.47	18,203.30
Maroondah Tournament - Expense	10,243.67	
MEIV - Expenses	16,105.00	20,110.00
Office Staff	24,756.25	1,335.00
Overheads	22,647.28	14,738.26
Stadium Hire	83,643.75	52,164.70
State League - Expenses	58,790.40	36,600.38
Uniforms	2,321.82	710.15
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>AS304,331.84</b>	<b>AS178,309.99</b>
▼ Other Expenses		
BAS Roundoff Gain or Loss	0.87	0.50
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>AS0.87</b>	<b>AS0.50</b>
<b>NET EARNINGS</b>	<b>AS25,553.95</b>	<b>AS42,287.19</b>

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# Financial Statements

## Maroondah Volleyball Income By Category

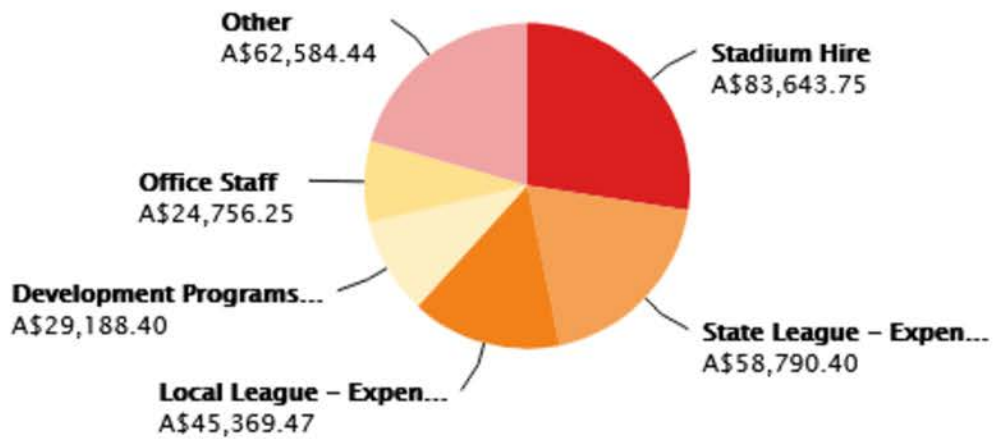


%	Category	(A\$) Amount
36.67%	Local League - Income	120,984.41
24.84%	State League - Income	81,930.75
17.50%	MEIV	57,734.01
10.06%	Development Programs - Income	33,191.94
8.46%	Maroondah Volleyball Tournament - Income	27,913.57
2.47%	Other	8,131.98

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# Financial Statements

## Maroondah Volleyball Expense By Category



%	Category	(A\$)Amount
27.48%	Stadium Hire	83,643.75
19.32%	State League - Expenses	58,790.40
14.91%	Local League - Expenses	45,369.47
9.59%	Development Programs - Expenses	29,188.40
8.13%	Office Staff	24,756.25
20.56%	Other	62,584.44

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# Financial Statements



## Croydon & Districts Volleyball Association Inc.

### Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2023

	TOTAL	
	AS OF JUN. 30, 2023	AS OF JUN. 30, 2022 (PY)
▼ Assets		
▼ Current Assets		
Community Solutions Cheque Account	203,198.56	175,074.79
Debit MasterCard	1,544.54	2,038.11
PayPal Bank	958.02	0.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>AS205,701.12</b>	<b>AS177,112.90</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>AS205,701.12</b>	<b>AS177,112.90</b>
▼ Liabilities and shareholder's equity		
▼ Current liabilities:		
ATO Clearing Account	0.00	1,214.00
GST Liabilities Payable	4,228.26	25.44
Team Bond	3,155.45	3,110.00
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>AS7,383.71</b>	<b>AS4,349.44</b>
▼ Shareholders' equity:		
Net Income	25,553.95	42,287.19
Retained Earnings	172,763.46	130,476.27
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>AS198,317.41</b>	<b>AS172,763.46</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>AS205,701.12</b>	<b>AS177,112.90</b>

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# Treasurers Report

Dave Fuller– Treasurer

2022/2023 FY has been another stop/start year for Maroondah Volleyball. However, this was due to being temporarily relocated out of Maroondah Nets for around 3 months because the floor had to be replaced. This is in contrast to the 2 previous financial years which were severely disrupted due to covid lockdowns.

Notwithstanding this, Maroondah Volleyball achieved a record sales figure of \$330,000 for the year, which is a significant increase from the \$220,000 earned the previous year. Profit, however, decreased, falling from 42K in 2021/2022 FY to around 25K in 2022/2023 FY. Profits are down due to a significant increase in expenses.

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

1.State League income has risen from \$65,000 in 2021/2022 to nearly \$82,000 in 2022/2023 FY.The majority of the increase can be attributed to a overflow collection of player fees from the previous state league season. This was just over \$13,000.

2.Income from all of the other major programs operated by Maroondah Volleyball also experienced increases in revenue over the 2022/2023 FY

Development Income has risen from 26k in 2021/2022 up to 33K in 2022/2023. The main factor at play here is an increase in participation for the Social Sunday program.

MEIV Income has gone from 40k in 2021/2022 to nearly 58K in 2022/23

Local League income has experienced a huge increase going from 67K in 2021/22 up to 121k in 2022/2023

3.Grants received have fallen from 17k in 2021/22 FY to just 6K in 2022/23 FY.

4.Tournament Income had a major impact, contributing nearly 28k to the total income figure. This was due to the tournament being staged for the first time in 3 years.

5.Maroondah Volleyball hosted its 3rd annual Good Friday Tournament. Another successful day where a record of just over \$14,000 was raised for the Royal Children's Hospital.

6.Expenses have risen substantially from 178K in 2021/22 to 304k in 2022/23.

The majority of the programs offered have resulted in the following increases.

Development Programs- From 14k up to 29k

Local League- up significantly from 18k up to 45k

Maroondah Tournament- Just over 10k. There haven't been any costs for the tournament over the 2 previous financial years.





# Treasurers Report Cont.

Office Staff- Costs of nearly \$25k which is due to the reimbursement of volunteer office staff for their time. This was the first full financial year that this policy has been in place due to various factors over the past couple of years.

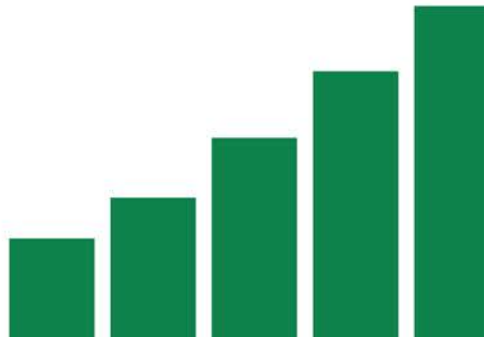
Overheads- From 14k up to 22k, and the Stadium Hire up from 52k to 83k

The jump in overheads/stadium hire can be put down mainly to the rise in court hire fees, partially caused by the factor of having to find other suitable venues, while Maroondah Nets was out of action.

7.State League expenses jumped from 36k to nearly 59k. This is predominantly due to the purchase of new uniforms.

Overall, 2022/2023 has been another successful year for Maroondah Volleyball, even taking into account the inconvenience of having to use alternative stadiums for approximately 3 months. Nonetheless, to achieve a record sales figure of 330k speaks volumes of the quality of the programs being offered, and how successful they have been.

Going forward 2023/2024 FY should be another exciting year, particularly with the Little Spikers program being rolled out during this time. Financially, Maroondah Volleyball are in a very strong position for the foreseeable future.



# Meet Our Referees



Ayden Gordon



Geoff Moss



Ron Ryff



Chris Gordon



Nichlas  
Tanurahardja



Edynn Skenderis



David Fuller



Heikki Harli



Stephen Geddes



Kim Howes



Jonathon  
Woodstock



Olivia Szalay



Stephen Dear



Amelia Dell



# Referee's Report

Geoff Moss – Life Member

Fulfilling referee rosters has never been tighter than in the last few years. Our pool of referees has been reduced by some of our young trained referees moving on for study or other reasons and the loss of some of our more senior referees. This has at times resulted in some referees officiating in three or four matches an evening.

The referee shortage is not limited to our association. Volleyball Victoria struggles to find referees as do other associations. Other sports and school programs also report on the shortage.

We have seen a number of our juniors and youth enter the referee pool in the last 12 months. I have been very pleased with the progress they have made, particularly in those who have moved from junior matches to our local league competition. They have been attentive to instruction we have provided while we have acted as second referees to them as they take the stand. The progress is slow as we don't want to give them too many instructions at once; small steps ensure retention of rule interpretation and more consistent calls.

I have appreciated the support of our teams as they learn their craft with some players encouraging them with positive and constructive comments after the match. We know and expect them to have difficulty in reading all player actions and making appropriate interpretations, particularly in calling "two hits" between the different levels of the competition. At lower levels they are encouraged to relax the calls to enable play to flow and the teams to enjoy their games for the allotted time. 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.

If you notice areas in which they are deficient, please speak to Dave Fuller or myself or approach the office. Sometimes players on court do not see the play as a referee would or could interpret the rule differently. Alternatively, a junior referee may be confronted with a situation they have not observed in play or in refereeing or does not occur very often. We will then be able to correctly address the issue and clarify the rules or interpretation where required. When able to, we continue to monitor the progress of the referees after they become competent to enable them to further progress their referee skills and appointments.

Many of our junior referees also referee at State League matches and are generally recognised for their good calls and attention to the rules and protocols required at that level. Their attentiveness and interpretation of rules is often much higher than referees offered up by Volleyball Victoria and other associations.



# Referee's Report cont.

Loss of players, illness, injury and absences have impacted a number of teams during the year leading, at times, a relaxation of some rules regarding team composition and duty. 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.

The progress of two of our referees has been noted by the State Referee panel. Both Dave Fuller and Olivia Szalay have been asked to consider applying for Level Three, in recognition of their level of skill and rule interpretation in State League matches. They regularly officiate in State League matches throughout the year and have officiated over Premier Division matches. Dave often officiates in other competitions and tournaments, recently travelling as far as Mildura for the recent King's Birthday long weekend tournament.

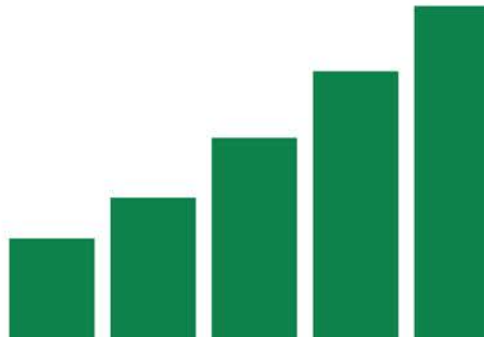
A good referee will aim to keep the game flowing while interpreting the rules to suit the level of competition. This means that at lower levels we will, at times, relax the strict interpretation of rules to enable teams to enjoy a game during the allotted time.

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.

We aim to train our referees up to our standards and do this by monitoring their progress via demonstration, discussions, and feedback and by acting as second referee as they perform their match duties.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our referees for their contribution to our competition. Without them we would not have a competition and our games would be the poorer. Please offer them the courtesy and respect they deserve.



# Programs Review

Amelia Dell – Committee Member

## **Spikezone**

Over the past year we've sadly lost some of our long term coaches but have been very excited to welcome a number of new coaches into the program.

In September 2022 we ran our second Spikezone Tournament. We had teams come to play from other Spikezone groups along with many teams from within our own program. The tournament started with fun warm up games before a round robin style of competition. All attendees received a medal and some food before going home.

Term 4 was forced to finish a little earlier than normal due to the floor works commencing and Term 1 was late getting started, with no court availability until the floor was completed.

With a decline in enrolment numbers for younger participants Spikezone 2023 saw a change in sessions being offered. Spikezone now offers all ages and abilities in the earlier time of 4:30-5:30pm and an advanced program at 5:45-6:45pm. The advanced program is aimed at participants in grades 5 & 6 and/or have the skills to complete a more complex training program, helping to prepare them for the move to MEIV.

## **Maroondah Eastern Institute of Volleyball (MEIV)**

2023 saw some of our regular coaches move on and new coaches come on board.

MEIV has continued to be extremely popular with enrolments being at maximum capacity (80+) participants within weeks of registrations opening every term and waiting lists to enrol.

Term 1 2023 was forced to commence late with no court availability but the planned trials for the development groups was able to go ahead, before the main training started, ensuring no delays in the development program commencing.

Many MEIV participants successfully trialled for the Maroondah Cobras being placed in both Junior and Senior Divisions. MEIV participants also successfully trialled for a number of the Victorian State Teams in both 2022 and 2023

## **Junior League**

Junior League has continued to run at capacity (7 teams) with some teams having large numbers (10+) to keep friends together and to assist with getting as many people to play as possible. Junior teams are encouraged to join the Local League and we have had several teams make the transition.

Some Junior League players have decided to start to referee instead of play, this has been a great starting point with a number of these referees now completing the relevant training and are starting to officiate in the senior games too.

## **Sporting Schools**

Sporting Schools is a Federally funded program that schools can apply to allowing them to have specialised coaches attend their school to instruct the students, funding can also be used to purchase equipment. Sporting Schools is open to all schools from Prep – Year 8, with Maroondah Volleyball coaching a wide array of schools and ages (public, private and special development).

Term 3 2022 saw another busy term with three schools running multi week training programs and three of our coaches assisting Tintern Grammar teams with their 4 day Volleyball Victoria Schools Cup campaign. Term 4 was quieter with only two schools.

2023 saw a busy start to the year with five schools completed and some schools starting in the very first week of Term 1. Term 2 was quieter with only two schools, but with the start of winter and many schools only having outside space this is not an uncommon quieting.

# Meet Our Coaches

Statisticians and Supporters





# State League Report

Bill McHoul – Head Coach

## MAROONDAH COBRAS

Finally, after the merger between Croydon 36's & Southern Cross Cobras back in 2020, we completed an entire Volleyball Victoria State League Season in 2022 with no Covid interruptions (YAY !!!).

Maroondah Cobras entered 13 teams into the 2022 State League Season; ranging from junior boys & girls through to Premier Men & Women; the highest level in the State.

The highlights of the season were our Premier 1 Men finishing 2nd in an epic 15-13 loss to Melbourne University Renegades, and our Premier 2 Women coming 4th with an extremely young squad.

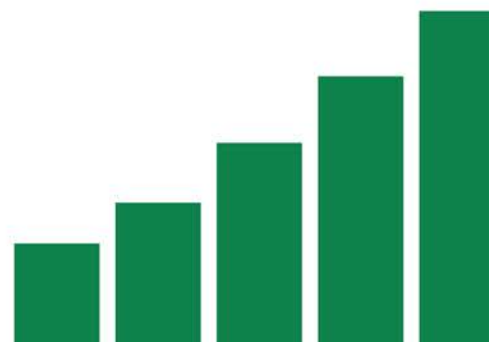
Our club is entering a major development phase with exciting juniors (both male & female) joining the club. The Junior program is centralised around our two main volleyball schools; Rowville Secondary College and Billanook College but we have also engaged with Aquinas College, Ringwood Secondary College and Tintern Grammar and thank them all for their support.

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

- Maroondah Volleyball
- All team coaches
- Peter Bundy, Rowville Secondary College
- Michael Miller, Billanook College
- Jessie Petchell, Tintern Grammar
- All athletes, parents, and their families



Maroondah Volleyball



# State League cont.





# State League Awards

At the completion of the 2022 State League Season the following was awarded to our Maroondah Cobras Club Members, MVP awards are peer voted.

	<b>MVP</b>	<b>MVP Runners-Up</b>	<b>Coaches Award</b>	<b>Other</b>
Junior Boys 2 Red	Noah Gillis			
Junior Boys 2 Gold	Arta Rasekhi	Luis Suarez	Ashton Hardie	
Junior Boys 1 Red	Cody Lucas			
Junior Boys 1 Gold	Xavier Gabel	Ivan Tato Guo	Nicholas Tanurahardja	David Kelly <i>Up &amp; Coming Player</i>
Junior Girls 2 Red	Bonnie Fahie			
Junior Girls 2 Gold	Sophia Maksimenko	Matilda Sue	Latisha Beatt	Cass Gordon <i>Dedication Award</i>
Junior Girls 1 Red	Zakia Alizadeh			
Junior Girls 1 Gold	Yuellyn Sun	Emmy Cutugno & Alicia Lamb	Rebecca Brown	Alyssa Theodor <i>Up &amp; Coming Player</i>

# State League Awards

	MVP	MVP Runners-Up	Coaches Award	Other
Reserves Men 3	Pierce Thomson			
Reserves Men 2	Zavier McInerney	Ryan Hutchings	Austin Schaap	Ryan Hutchings <i>Up &amp; Coming Player</i>
Reserves Women 2	Sophie Martin	Ashlee Hivon	Ashlee Hivon	
Reserves Women 1	Keelin McGeehan			
Premier Women 2	Amy Sexton	Heather Hyland	Lainey Muller	Madison Buckland <i>Up &amp; Coming Player</i>
Premier Men 2	Aaron Hick	Charley Cooper	Bailey Gibson	Luke Clarke <i>Up &amp; Coming Player</i>
Premier Men 1	Matthew Richards	Jonathan Morley	John Dal Santo	

## 2022 Club awards went to:

Clubmanship - Jake King

Volunteer of the Year (Winner) - Jenny Brown

Volunteer of the Year (Finalist) - Rod Hutchings

Rising Star - Luke Clarke

Coach of the Year (Junior) - Isabella Handbury

Coach of the Year (Senior) - Dino Asproloupou



# The Year Ahead

The year ahead sees some fantastic new adventures for us as an Association as we take on new projects and grow those we have already started.

## **Australian Paravolley**

We looking forward to continuing to work with the Australian Paravolley to get sitting volleyball on the map. We have been lucky enough over the past few months to be able to work alongside Paravolley Australia and host some sitting volleyball sessions. We are looking forward to continuing to work with them and advocate for all abilities volleyball and another discipline of the sport.

## **Little Spikers and Spikets**

In the year ahead we hope to see the launching of the of the Little Spikers and Little Spikets programs and have them as part of our term based programming.

## **Referees**

With the changes in the Victorian Child Safe Standards, there has been an emphasis on protecting children and creating a safe environment in which they can work, play and learn.

At Maroondah Volleyball we have seen a recent increase of youth referees and we want to ensure we empower them when they take the referee stand.

All participants in volleyball related activities need to know when children are involved. Maroondah Volleyball has a zero tolerance to child abuse of any form. All children and young people have the right to participate in volleyball environments where they feel safe, encouraged and heard.

As a step towards empowering our youth we are introducing a traffic light lanyard system for our referees. Any referees aged under 18 (17 years or younger) will be given a green lanyard to use on their whistle at Maroondah Volleyball Local League competitions. Any new referee who is 18 years of age or older while they are learning or being mentored will be issued with a yellow lanyard.

When you see a referee with a green lanyard, please understand you are dealing with a child, think before you speak and use appropriate language. Remember these standards are in place to protect them.



# The Year Ahead

## **Recruiting Volunteers**

We are always accepting volunteers. If you or anyone you know can help but can't commit to being on the committee but want to give back to the association then we welcome your support at any of our events or even behind the scene if you have a skill set you wish to offer to the association

## **Sponsorship**

As an association and club, we are seeking sponsorship if this is an area of expertise you have, or you or someone you know might be interested in sponsoring the club please speak to any of the administration team or committee members.

## **Building the local league**

Following the floor renewal works we are striving to rebuild the local league. We're seeing new teams enter and building up the divisions again. This will see a greater competition for the existing teams. With a focus on increasing athlete membership this will support the continued growth of the association.

## **Increase support from government**

We are continuing to advocate and show the need for more support for volleyball within our local, state and federal governments. Recently volleyball has been recognised as having a need for extra court space. With this acknowledgement we will continue to work to secure additional venues for training and tournaments.

## **Improvements to junior and youth training programs**

In the year ahead we look forward to seeing what pathways and opportunities can be made for junior and youth training programs. As these programs are direct feeders into our local league and state league programs we endeavor to bridge the existing skills gap.

## **Appoint coaches and strength and conditioning staff**

As part of our Club program and MEIV Advanced we are looking to elevate these to the next level by appointing a Strength and Conditioning coach to assist and work collaboratively with the existing coaches to improve player performance and endurance.

# Awards and Acknowledgements

This year our members and association have been recognised for several awards and acknowledgements for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the sport.

## Volleyball Victoria

Each year Volleyball Victoria hold their Annual Affiliate Awards as part of their AGM. Our Coach and Committee Member, Amelia Dell was awarded the Volunteer of the Year for her outstanding service and dedication to volleyball.

Our Association also received the Most Outstanding Junior Program of the Year. This is a great honour for the Association with all the work we are doing in the grassroots areas and leading the way with new and exciting programs.

As part of Volleyball Victoria's State League, the past few years we have teamed up with the Australian Red Cross Blood Bank and done the Teams Blood Challenge. Maroondah Cobras have actively participated in this challenge over the past few years with this year seeing us win every category that was available: Most Whole Blood Donations, Most Plasma Donations, Most Number of New Donors.

## **Victorian Indoor State Team Awards**

- Blue & White Jacket & Bill Glasson Medal - Amy Sexton
- MVP U/17 Boys - Luke Clarke

## **Volleyball Victoria's State League Awards night**

- MVP Runner Up Junior Boys 2 - Jack Hutchings
- MVP Runner Up Premier Womens 2 - Izzy Handbury
- MVP Winner Premier Mens 1 - Jonathan Morley

## **All Star 7**

- Best Blocker - Jonathan Morley
- Best Receiver - Matt Richards
- Best Libero - John Dal Santo



## Maroondah Council

Geoff Moss received the Bill Wilkins award earlier this year. This is a prestigious award given by Maroondah Council each year during the Volunteers Week. This award recognises the outstanding achievements of the amazing volunteers we have within the community of Maroondah. Geoff received this award for his unwavering commitment and support to Maroondah Volleyball over the past 45 years.

Our Secretary, Catherine Gordon was nominated for the Maroondah Australian Citizen of the Year for all her work for the Association and was a finalist in her category. We truly appreciate all that she does, and her efforts don't go unnoticed.

## Deakin Awards

For those of you who know Chris our President, know he would much rather hide behind the scenes and just get the job done, often known to push the other committee members forward to receive the accolades so that he doesn't have to. This year he was nominated and a recipient of a Deakin Award. Along with the Association being recognised for all that we do in the community other than just providing somewhere to come and play volleyball each and every week.

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## 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.