



MEDIA RELEASE

Volleyball ACT announces its new President.

Volleyball ACT is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Dan Williams as the new Volleyball ACT (VACT) president. Dan has been involved with Volleyball for many years as a player, administrator, referee, coach and board member. His passion for Volleyball, coupled with his business acumen provides VACT the right leader for our next phase of growth of Volleyball in the ACT.

With the reappointment of four current board members and one new member, Ms Liz Mallet the VACT board has achieved a 50/50 gender split reflecting the nature of our membership as a sport and puts us ahead of the best practice guide of gender equity on sports boards.

The AusPlay survey released in 2016 by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) shows Volleyball is the most gender-equal in Australia and one of the largest team sports by participation, and is popular from young children through to over 50's.

Volleyball is a growing sport in the ACT with participation numbers more than doubling over the last ten years - membership is 42% female and 58% male.

"It's exciting times for Volleyball, especially in the ACT. We continue to grow the sport at all levels, providing opportunities to play both indoors and at our world class beach facility. We are creating exciting new ways to play including increased funding for our junior Spikezone programs, schools programs and working with the YMCA to engage with older members of the community.

In July the ACT community can cheer on our VolleYROOS - both Australia's mens and womens teams will be playing in Canberra " said Mr Williams. "This is great recognition of the Canberra volleyball community commitment to the sport as Australia continues to succeed on the global stage."

"It's important to us to be part of the community and it's a real focus over the coming years to build on our local relationships as we grow and succeed."

On behalf of the board and the Volleyball community I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Les Young, previous president and Chris Davis, board member for their great service to Volleyball over many years. Their diligence and foresight has helped us grow and provided this springboard for our growth from now on" said Mr Williams.

For further information on Volleyball ACT competitions - both indoor and beach go to our website volleyballact.com.au.

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