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# Dragon's News

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## President's Report

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Well, amidst the residue of another administrative hassle (mid year registration expirys) I see that the touring aspects of the club seems to be very erratic. Local tournaments at Beenleigh and Gold Coast have been extremely well attended (6 and 5 teams respectively) and distant events are folding and not happening due to a lack of interest that I am also detecting within our ranks. It's a shame that the tournament scene seems to be dying slowly. I can remember a day when tournaments were the buzz of excitement and there was no trouble getting teams of people who wanted nothing better than to travel 4 - 8 hours away and lose themselves (sometime literally) in the joy of neverending volleyball to all hours. It was in these days when new club members could crash learn the game, the system and the friendships they would forge. I dream again that not only these days will return, but more importantly, a day when someone else again organises them for me.

Snapping wildly back into reality, the end of both the Metro and Premier Leagues seasons are rapidly drawing to a close and I am as ever pleased with the results tables. While we may well not pull off another 1st, 2nd, 3rd record in A grade Metro, it does look like we will have a shot at a 1st and 2nd result. The Reserve men are sailing on top of their competition which is great and certainly will make us even stronger next season. In the womens' competition our girls are in there with a chance and when we count into the equation the recent merger with us of

Runcorn State High and the signing of the majority of the Queensland under 17 womens squad, we have increased the number of Dragons contenting in Metro finals dramatically .

In the Premier League we are lining up for a really great opportunity to finish the best ever in our

history. All teams were still in finals contention at last check and there is only two more weeks of games with some divisions already decided. Our mens program this year is certainly the strongest it's ever been and the A men look likely to finish on top after the rounds. This reflects well into the two reserve teams which finished 2nd and 3rd after the rounds. In the womens' areana, the program is the best its been for a while now and we have recovered very well from last years problems. Even after losing quite a bit of talent and strength, with many players dropping out, the excellent program this year has allowed many players to develop into the new talent required to put us back on top. The A grade women are looking good as we go into the cross overs, and the reserve grade women have excelled over last year's slip and are still in finals contention.

On the administration side of the club I have to say that this year is proving to be the most difficult to manage yet. With the recent resignation of our Vice President (good luck out bush Andrew) and our inability to fill many of the essential port

folios in the committee, we are struggling to not only get things done but to make ends meet. It is also disappointing to see

one of the areas still attempting to function within our ranks (Social Events), failing due to a lack of interest. I think our club will lose a lot of what it is if we allow Social Events to wane

into non-existance (not to mention we will probably lose another committee member due to the futility that this creates). So I ask you all to get involved in the social aspect of the club as much as you can. You will benefit greatly as does the entire club (to be a team on the court it helps to be a team off the court). I also urge anyone who has some time and can put some effort into helping run the club. It would be greatly appreciated. I am still especially looking for a future President whom I can start to impart my knowledge onto. Interested? Step forward. We need a new Vice President and the only way to appreciate what effort is required is to get involved on the committee and see.

Well, now that I know you all are going to leap forward and help out on the committee and attend the next social event, I feel excited and the future looks more rewarding for all those tireless hours spent on the admin side.

Yours in volleyball

David Kelly  
The President

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## National Junior Titles

Dragon's members made a significant contribution to the results for Queensland at the recent National Junior Titles held in Adelaide.

The Mens U21 team won Gold, the Mens U19 team won Bronze, and the Womens U17 team were placed 4th.

Congratulations to the following Dragon's members:

### U21 Men

Matt Young

Anthony Wardropp

### U19 Men

Brad Smith

Jonny Box

### U17 Women

Cassie Iverson

Kerensa Hansen

Melissa Buckley

Sophie Walter

Vicki Ling

Brianna Fels

## Sponsorship

This is a reminder of the Dragons sponsorship arrangement with Zupps and KIA car dealerships across Brisbane. Help us maintain our Sponsorship (and hopefully increase it) by visiting their car yards (when you are interested in buying or selling a vehicle of course) and don't forget to mention you are visiting because of Dragons Volleyball.

## Junior Coaches

Dragons now officially coaches teams from Brisbane Boys College, Lorretta College and Ipswich Girls Grammer.

We also run Junior Development coaching sessions at MacGregor High School from 5 - 7pm Wednesday night, and Brisbane Boys College from 10 - 12noon Sunday.

The coaches for all these sessions are paid so if you want to earn some spare cash, and are suitably qualified, we are always looking for more coaches. Please contact David Kelly as soon as possible.

## Tournaments

Because of the workload involved, the Club can no longer spend time chasing people up to attend competitions and tournaments. If you want to play in particular competitions/tournaments, please contact Dave Kelly, or fill out a nomination form on the Web.

Look up the Events Calendar at the end of the Newsletter, to see which events are on and talk to others in the Club about attending.

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**Training Venue Changes**

Please note the following training venue changes due to the Hall being unavailable:

**PVL training**

Tuesday August 8th and 22nd - training will be held at Runcorn High Sports Centre, Hill Rd instead of MacGregor.

Training on Tuesdays will stop after Aug 22nd (PVL finals on 25th Aug)

**Metro training**

Thursday 3 August training cancelled  
Wednesday 30 August training cancelled.  
Otherwise training will continue at Brisbane Boys College on Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:30pm and MacGregor High School from 7:00 to 10:00pm during the Metro season.

**Calling all Assistant Coaches & Managers for 2000 / 2001**

Expressions of interest for assistant coaches & managers for the Pirates Women & Men's are being called for the 2000 / 2001 season. If you are interested please contact QVA General Manger – Gary O'Donnell on gm@qva.org.au by the 31st July 2000

**Competition Managers Required**  
QVA is looking for people to help coordinate their social volleyball competitions during the Olympics. If you have a sound knowledge of Volleyball and an outgoing personality, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Michelle @ QVA for more information.

**New Affiliate Club**

Dragons are pleased to welcome Runcorn State High School as the newest affiliate club to our ranks.

Runcorn are running a mens and womens team in the Metro competition at present, and being an affiliate means that Dragons and Runcorn players can interchange across teams if needed.

Please make them welcome, and if you or they need some fill in players for one night, see if they can oblige.

**Good Neighbour Games**

This is the premier club event for the year and if you can go, you will not regret it. If you love volleyball and socialising then this is a must

Sue McMinn is hard at work doing the groundwork , and is looking or all the help she can get. An itinerary is being prepared with the departure date set for the 24 or 25 November. Overall cost will be in the order of \$200 - \$300 dollars, with a \$100 deposit due on the 14th September.

More details will be released shortly, so start saving those dollars.

## Treasurer's Report

More exciting news from the financial front. Currently our bank balance is hovering around the \$10,000 so we will remain viable for this year. Please do not take this to mean that you do not have to pay your fees. If you have not yet paid them (you naughty person) please do so immediately. The club will lose money this year, and we need to minimise this as much as possible so that we can continue to remain the best indoor volleyball club in South East Queensland, and possibly all of Queensland.

**In order to prompt members to pay their fees, we will be implementing a policy that unless members have paid their debts, or made arrangements with me to pay them off, they will not be eligible to play after the 14 days of receiving their statement.**

We have needed to make this policy because the Club incurs costs on behalf of members, and currently we are not recovering enough from members to pay all these costs. It is also not fair for most players to be paying their fees while a few do not.

Also for V-League we will be implementing a policy of paying as you play, so that credit will not be available. If you have any problems with these policies, please attend a committee meeting to voice your opinion, or talk to a committee member.

## Volleyball Rules

This is a clarification of the allowable positioning of players at the time of serving, so that there is a correct rotation. If a team is not in its correct rotation at the time of serving, then they lose the point.

To be in the correct rotation, a front court player must be closer to the net than the back court player who is behind them on the court. eg Position 3 must be closer to the net than position 6. A players position on the court is determined by the location of their feet. Also players must keep the relative position of the players beside them. eg position3 must be between position 2 and 4. All players except the server must be within the court boundary at the time of the serve. The server may position themselves anywhere across the back of the court irrespective of the location of the other back court players, and must be outside the court boundary till they have served. The court lines constitute part of the court.

These are the only rules for positioning so that front court players can all be over one side of the court so long as they are closer to the net compared to their respective back court player, and in the right order beside each other.

## Dragons Event Calendar

V-League round 8	Maryborough	15-16 July
V-League round 9	Townsville	29-30 July
V-League round 10	Bundaberg	19-20 August
V-League round 11	Cairns	21-22 October
V-League round 12	Gympie	28-29 October
Asia-Pacific Masters	Gold Coast	28-30 October
Jacaranda Festival	Grafton	5-6 Nov (tentative)
V-League round 13	Gladstone	11-12 November
V-League Finals	Noosa	25-26 November
Good Neighbour Tour	Canberra	25 November

### Social Competition

Dragons would like to hear from anyone interested in running a Social Competition on Thursday nights at BBC. We are offering \$10.00 per hour for the right person.

Contributions to the newsletter can be sent to [admin@dragons.org.au](mailto:admin@dragons.org.au) or faxed to (07) 3279 2981 or mailed to P.O. Box 557, Mt Ommaney, 4074.

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### Membership Fees

With the introduction of the wonderful GST, we are pleased to announce that membership fees will increase.

Of course if you earn an income you will be better off. Bad luck if you don't earn an income, but I guess you don't count 'cause you won't vote Liberal anyway.

Following are the new membership fees:

Full Senior	\$60
Local Senior	\$45
Local Junior	\$30
Social	\$10

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