



2021 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2021 season once again started with the cloud of COVID 19 hanging overhead. Though we were unsure what the season would like, look we began the year with high hopes that State League would resume in 2021 and a season would be completed.

The season started strongly with great numbers attending our trials and our coaches were optimistic beginning our season with our usual preseason warm up tournament at Seaside (Warrnambool). with some promising results and match play for our athletes, we held high hopes for our teams heading into the season.

Once again though, the state league season was interrupted by COVID 19, but prior to this we were able to play several rounds of the season and continued to bring high level game play to regional Victoria on a regular basis. Thanks to some great work behind the scene at VVI, especially from Tim Heathcote, the season was looking to hopefully conclude with a final series but unfortunately this was not to be, with further restrictions not making it is possible and in late August the season was officially abandoned.

It was pleasing at the time, that the club had 5 of our 6 teams in finals contention, which shows the great growth we have within our regional Associations that support the club. The club would like to thank the coaches and volunteers who gave up their time each week to help enable our teams to play at their best.

I would also like to thank our Committee for the hard work and countless hours they have given to the club behind the scenes, especially the executive committee, who lead us through the past 2 years of the unknown that this Covid world has brought us. On a personal note, I would like to mention the work Damon Minotti has put in, he has gone above and beyond what was expected in his role and his presence around the club both on and off the court will be sorely missed. Also, to Elise and Josh, their hard work in supporting me was greatly appreciated and I cannot thank you 3 enough for the help and support you provided me.

Finally, I would like to thank our main sponsor, Bendigo Stadium, for the support they provide the club and also to our member Associations for once again providing us with resources, players, volunteers and support to enable our club to be successful.

Hopefully in 2022 we can provide more benefits back to them as the new year brings clean air to not only volleyball, but the entire community, and we can hopefully return to the court and complete an entire season.

Once again thank you everyone for their help in 2021 and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2022.

Ben Hassell
President