

VOLLEYBALL TASMANIA – 2010 VAN DIEMENS GRANT

During 2010 the Van Diemens Division 1 Women's team paid approximately \$2,500.00 in entry fees to compete in Volleyball Tasmanian sanctioned competitions.

- Monday Night Winter Southern League (Div1 Women)
- 2010 Tasmanian Open (Women and Mixed)
- 2010 Tasmanian State League (Women)
- Thursday Night Autumn Mixed Social (Div1 Mixed)
- Monday Night Spring Southern League (Div1 Women)

We were fortunate enough to win all 5 competitions entered, with an impressive win loss ratio that often saw us undefeated in claiming titles (48 Wins/4 Draws/3 Losses). For this reason we felt it important to find competition interstate that would challenge our team and aid our development, because at times we weren't provided with this level of competition in Tasmania.

It was decided that the 2010 Good Neighbour Volleyball Tournament would be the perfect opportunity to build on our success in 2010. We entered the Division 1 competition and placed in a pool of 6 teams, mostly from New South Wales and Victoria. During our first match we quickly realised that the standard of their division 1 competition was much higher than that of the division 1 standard we play in Tasmania. Unfortunately we were unable to lift our standard quick enough and suffered an early loss.

Over the next 4 matches we played some tough opposition, but played at a much higher standard than we had all year. We were competitive in our next 4 matches, only losing to the eventual Gold Medalists. We narrowly missed a top 4 finish, in part due to our first loss: to a team that made finals, whom we could have beaten by the end of day 2.

We believe we demonstrated how well we were playing and the higher standard we had achieved in Canberra by the way we played upon our return in the Division 1 Spring Southern League Grand Final. We played some of our best volleyball in Tasmania to deliver one of our most emphatic victories to date, winning the Division 1 title 25-13, 25-8, 25-9.

We would like to thank Volleyball Tasmania for granting us the \$550.00 entry fee to compete at this competition. We look forward to playing in future VTi sanctioned events and aim to help increase the standard of the competition in Tasmania. We are considering taking a different approach to local competitions in 2011 with an emphasis on participation, which will hopefully lead to larger numbers of participants, which will hopefully assist VTi achieve some of its strategic goals.

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on behalf of the VDVC Div1 Women.