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The Virgin Blue Regional Series Bendigo– Beach Volleyball Stars to inspire new gold rush

- What:** **The Virgin Blue Regional Beach Volleyball Series Bendigo**
- When:** Friday 11 to Sunday 13 December 2009
Fri & Sat 8:00am - 11:00pm; Sun 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Where:** Bendigo; Williamson St Car Park & Tom Flood Reserve
- How:** 90 minutes drive from Melbourne or catch the train; call V Line on 136196
- Who:** Josh Slack - Three times Olympian !!!
Tamsin Barnett-Hinchley - Two times Olympian !!
Brett Richardson - FIVB World Tour and World Championships !!
Louise Bawden - FIVB World Tour !
Damien Schumann - Victorian number One !
Bec Palmer – FIVB World Tour and World Championships !!

Vicbeach and the City of Greater Bendigo are proud to announce the biggest Beach Volleyball series to tour Victoria – The Virgin Blue Beach Volleyball Regional Series starting in Bendigo.

Do not miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to see a stellar roster of champions including Josh Slack, Tamsin Barnett-Hinchley and Bendigo local Caitlin Thwaites perform on Friday and Saturday with the Men’s and Women’s finals culminating on Sunday from 3.30 pm onwards .

Beginning with The Corporate Challenge on Friday and a 4’s a side Grass tournament on Saturday, this country’s best players will do battle for individual event prize money and the Regional Series bonus pool of \$10K in a city that boasts a rich history and a prosperous future.

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About the City of Greater Bendigo:

Bendigo is one of Australia's most grand and gracious cities. The ornate, historic gold rush streetscape and elaborate buildings that rose from the 1850s boom-time are a lasting testament to the great wealth of this charming city.

The place of one of the world's most exciting gold rushes, Bendigo contained more gold between 1850 and 1900 than anywhere else in the world. In fact around nine billion dollars worth of gold was found in Bendigo, making it the second highest producing gold field in Australia after Kalgoorlie, and the seventh richest field in the world.

This glorious city is literally built on gold bursting with monuments and stories from this rich and prosperous past. Today modern life weaves itself around this legacy with an inspirational direction and a vibrant pace. Innovation abounds with boutique businesses, accomplished artisans, culinary experts, Australia's most successful regional bank and superb restorations; all adding excitement to this superb historic city.

About Vic Beach:

VicBeach has become the face of Beach Volleyball in Victoria. The company jointly owned by Greg Jury and Peter 'Chico' Jones was created by the merger of KC Beach Volleyball and the Victorian Beach Volleyball School. Both Greg and 'Chico' were elite athletes during their playing careers as National and FIVB world tour representatives, and also volunteered their time and experience in order to grow and nurture the sport in the Victoria.

Following their outstanding careers and a combined 12 years of event management and administration experience VicBeach was born. The company has three distinct components; Indoor beach volleyball centres at Altona and the head office at Geelong; The Victorian Beach Volleyball School which caters for corporate and social events and; VicBeach Event Management which runs the V-Australia Victorian Beach Volleyball Series and the newly established and elite Virgin Blue Regional Beach Volleyball Series which includes events at Bendigo, Frankston, Geelong and Moama.

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