



DENDY PARK TENNIS CLUB

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FORTY SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

and Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st August 2016

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Dendy Park Tennis Club Inc. will be held in the Clubhouse, Breen Drive, Brighton East on Wednesday 7th December, 2016 at 7.30 pm.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies**
3. Confirmation of the **Minutes** of the 2015 Annual General Meeting available at this meeting.
4. The reception of the 47th **Annual Report** for the year ended 31 August 2016, including the President's report.
5. The reception of the Treasurer's **Statement of Accounts** for the year ended 31 August 2016.
6. To **elect** Officers and Ordinary Members of the Committee for the forthcoming year.
7. **General business** for which notice has been given, or accepted at the meeting by the Chairman.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Tim O'Shannassy

The Club has recorded one of the best financial results in its history with a significant cash surplus of \$35,549 for the 2015-2016 financial year, increasing the cash balance to \$196,323; this is a significant achievement in a difficult operating environment for tennis in Victoria. This result gives a significant increase in total equity in the balance sheet and provides further financial resources for our pipeline of projects. We are currently at 95 per cent utilization of night courts during the week contributing to this historically strong result.

Given the strong financial result and to encourage member retention and growth in key categories, the Committee has agreed that membership subscriptions will be held at 2015-2016 levels for the 2016-2017 financial year, despite all costs of our on-site operations increasing. All City of Bayside (Bayside) residents are keenly aware of the cost of building or obtaining trade services (e.g. plumbing, electricians). We have all these costs at the Club across a substantial site and they are expensive to procure.

It was a great disappointment to the Committee and members that the Tennis Australia/Next Generation Health Clubs proposal was rejected by Bayside in December 2015. A Bayside review of tennis strategy has commenced and we are participating in this review as an active stakeholder.

In 2016 Bayside has been presented with a fully formed proposal to renovate the Men's and Ladies change rooms. Bayside has come back to us with a series of conditions which we are now endeavouring to manage. For instance Bayside has advised they will take control of any project over \$50,000, and Council are continuing to decline to provide any funds. The Committee is currently finding a strategy to work around these latest obstacles from Bayside to progress our Club. We envisage being able to renovate the Ladies change room in the short term which will then allow a significant tidy up of the reception area. In the medium term renovation of the Men's change room is planned but Council will take control of this more expensive project as it will cost greater than \$50,000.

Progress on these projects has been rapid following the decision by Bayside not to proceed with the Tennis Australia/Next Generation Health Clubs proposal. We cannot drive the trades (i.e builders) and the Council any quicker with the need for multiple quotes and then Council review of all aspects of projects.

The Club has facilitated another year of strong tennis on site. During a school week we will have over 1,000 players on court with visits by numerous schools, mid-week ladies competitions, mid-week night tennis, coaching activity, Saturday and Sunday morning junior competitions, Saturday morning and afternoon pennant and Tennis Australia Super 10s on Sundays. Club Vice President Barry Pryor ensures the calendar is packed with tennis activity on court.

Special thanks to retiring Honorary Treasurer Anthony Saul who has been Honorary Auditor or Honorary Treasurer over two decades. Anthony has given tremendous volunteer service to the Club and remains a key member of the veterans group.

Thank you also to all members of the volunteer Committee.

Finally, on 16 April 2016 we had another successful Charity Day that included a morning of men's doubles tennis followed by a BBQ lunch supplied by Coles Supermarkets in Church Street Brighton and Bay Street Brighton. We again raised a substantial donation of \$300 for a grateful Cancer Council Australia, continuing the Club's rich tradition of charity work.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Bruce Watkins

Following the 2015 Annual General Meeting the 2015 Annual Statement was completed and submitted to Consumer Affairs Victoria in December 2015.

Tennis Victoria held several forum sessions throughout the year to inform and engage with member clubs. Your Club was represented at each of these by a Committee member. Your Club also actively considered and contributed to the Tennis Victoria member consultation processes regarding amendments to the Tennis Victoria constitution.

The day-to-day operation and administration of the Club is managed by Barry Pryor with part-time assistance by Taina Ryder. The kitchen and bar is coordinated by Mary McPherson on weekends. I wish to acknowledge the efforts of all staff and volunteers.

Annual membership figures are detailed below in Table 1:

Table 1 - MEMBERSHIP

CATEGORY	AS AT 31/08/16
Honorary	8
Honorary Life	12
Life Member	5
Student	8
Junior	154
Family Junior	45
Family Playing	64
Playing	52
Mid-Week Social	3
Seniors	14
Non-Playing	0
Night	146
TOTALS	511

CAPITAL WORKS AND HOUSE & GROUNDS - Bruce Watkins

As foreshadowed in last year's Annual Report, Bayside rejected the Tennis Australia/Next Generation Health Clubs proposal at its December 2015 meeting and instead confirmed its intention to seek State Government Funding to carry out a Bayside Tennis Strategy Study. This funding was secured in June 2016 and Council commenced planning the study.

The President's Report details progress on change room renovation and Club house reception projects.

Given the high usage of courts under lights the Committee has commenced project planning to light some or all of the back six courts (i.e. courts 14-19). The progress of this project will be subject to recommendations from the Bayside Tennis Strategy Study.

Maintaining and improving the playing condition of the courts has continued to be a focus of attention based on best practice advice from E.T. Richards & Sons. Major works are carried out by E.T. Richards & Sons with regular maintenance work carried out by Tennis Maintenance Company. Gardens and ancillaries are maintained by J&J Warren.

The following items were attended to during the year by the Committee:

- Rebuild of the baseline areas with extensions into the service boxes on courts 1 and 2. These have settled very well.
- Replaced club house guttering and downpipes.
- Unblocked walkway and main drains.
- Replaced water supply pipes to drinking fountains.
- Commenced painting of kitchen walls.
- Sealed upstairs concrete balcony.
- Obtained a quote to resolve ongoing blockages in the ladies toilets (this project has now been absorbed into the bathroom renovation project).
- Removed carpet from internal stairs and installed timber risers.

CLUB PROFESSIONAL REPORT –

Dean Ellis, Tennis Australia High Performance Coach

The coaching team continues to do a great job and we have seen a good flow of students entering the junior teams.

We have a clear "pathway" in the junior program starting with "The "Hot Shots" program for the 4-7 year olds. After this program they hit the junior Hot Shot groups. When their skill level is reaches an appropriate level they progress to the junior teams.

To keep the juniors improving we compliment their tennis with a squad training program.

As the juniors continue their development and become more serious about their game, they can enter tournaments and obtain Australian Ranking Points. For these juniors we have developed High Performance Squads creating an environment to stretch their capabilities and help them go as far as they would like.

All squad participants receive free singles match play on Friday nights from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm to prepare them for their tournaments and team tennis.

Finally, Dendy Park Tennis Club has been chosen as a base to hold the Tennis Australia Super 10's. These juniors are the best in the State for their age. We have four participants from the Dendy Park Tennis Club that have come through the coaching programs which we are very proud of.

JUNIOR TEAMS

The 2016 season from January to June had the Club fielding some 22 teams over Saturday and Sunday mornings.

We had over 50% of our teams making finals series. On completion of the finals series we had Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA) Section 3 and Moorabbin and District Junior Tennis Association (MDJTA) Boy's Section 11 and Girl's Section 5 teams winning the premiership, with BRTA Section 19 Runners-up.

It is also good to note that some of the juniors have outgrown this competition, have formed their own teams and then joined the senior winter and summer pennant competitions. It is great to see and we encourage all to continue playing tennis.

INTERNAL LADIES SOCIAL COMPETITIONS

Dean Ellis continues to run mid-week ladies social competitions; with a 9.15 am start the ladies are finished by 12 noon getting three competitive sets of tennis. Ladies can enter their own team or individually.

COMPETITIONS REPORT – Tim O'Shannassy

BAYSIDE REGIONAL TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The Club is currently fielding four Men's teams and one Ladies team in the BRTA Summer 2016-2017 competition on Saturday afternoons. A highlight of the season so far has been the success of Men's Section 2, 5 and 6 teams which are in the top four teams with a strong chance to play finals.

MID-WEEK LADIES COMPETITION

Dendy Park is currently fielding a Section 2 team in the BRTA Spring competition on Thursday mornings.

TENNIS VICTORIA PENNANT

The Tennis Victoria 2016 season concluded with the Club fielding 10 Men's teams and 4 Women's teams. Season highlights included the performance of Men's Grade 3 No. 2 team and the Women's Grade 5 team. Men's Grade 3 No. 2 had a big section final win over Mount Eliza followed by a quarter final win against Clifton Hill. Dean Ellis continues to be one of the best doubles players in the grade and had a big influence in both finals. The President's team lost a tough Grade 3 semi-final on plexi-cushion to Tennis World with the surface a big influence. Women's Grade 5 also performed strongly enjoying winning their section final and a quarter final versus Burwood before losing to Essendon in a semi-final.

The JT Armour Cup went to Henko Blaauw and the EG Thompson Trophy to Angela Jeffery.

Special mention should go to Andrew Kotnik and Jack Bishop who also performed strongly when it mattered in finals in the Men's Grade 3 No. 2 team.

TOURNAMENTS

The Junior Round-Robin format has continued to be popular in the local community and is regularly played in school holidays.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

The 2016 Club Championships concluded on Sunday 20 March with finals matches. A beautiful lunch was provided again by Club Sponsor The Pantry, Church Street, Middle Brighton. As usual all events were keenly contested. Highlights included the win by our new Men's Club Champion Nick Jeffery, and another strong performance by Ladies Club Champion Jessie Mount. Nick has now joined our list of elite Men's Open Singles Winners – congratulations Nick. Hayden Fricke and Jack Bishop were popular winners in the Men's Open Doubles. Former Club Champion Andrew Kotnik again played strongly in the Men's Open event. Details of event results are provided in Table 3 below:

Table 3 – 2016 Club Championship Results

EVENT	WINNER(S)	RUNNER(S)-UP
MEN'S OPEN SINGLES	NICK JEFFERY	ANDREW KOTNIK
LADIES OPEN SINGLES	JESSIE MOUNT	PRISCILLA GOLTZ
MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES	HAYDEN FRICKE & JACK BISHOP	NICK JEFFERY & FRASER RICHMOND
MEN'S 'B' SINGLES	TOM NEYLON	EVAN POLYDOPOULOS
LADIES 'B' SINGLES	JANE EDGAR	FELICITY O'SHANNASSY
MEN'S 'B' DOUBLES	STEVE ROTHEL & HARRY ROTHEL	ANDREW MARTIN & CHRIS ODGERS
MEN'S 'C' SINGLES	TOM DUBBELD	ATHAN VLACHOS
MEN'S 'C' DOUBLES	TOM DUBBELD & WILL MCLORINAN	ANDREW BUCHANAN & KAI BUCHANAN
GIRL'S 16 SINGLES	ELLA STIEBEL	KATIE REID
VETERAN'S SINGLES	STEVE ROTHEL	ANDREW BUCHANAN
VETERAN'S DOUBLES	IAN WILKINSON & BRUCE WATKINS	ANDREW MARTIN & GLEN FELSENTHAL
BOY'S 13 SINGLES	JAMIE MOUNT	HARLEY SIMON
BOY'S 16 SINGLES	TOM NEYLON	JACKSON PASARA
MIXED DOUBLES	MADDY BARNETT & MICHAEL DUNN	WILL FRANCIS & SOPHIE FRANCIS

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