

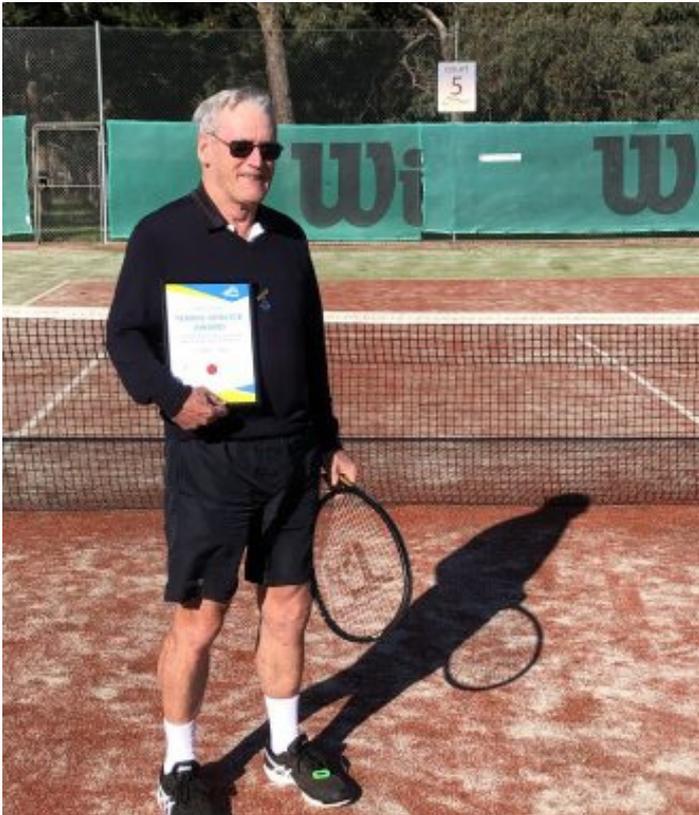
# THE *Waverley* INFORMER

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## CELEBRATING LINDSAY COSTER

Congratulations to Lindsay Coster on being awarded a Tennis Service Award by Tennis Victoria.



Lindsay was a founding member of Lum Reserve TC in 1973. He joined the Committee of Management in 1993, serving as Treasurer for 18 of his 20 years in office.

Over the years, Lindsay has been integral to improving club facilities and facilitating connections with the local community.

Lindsay is currently our Match Convenor for the Mid-Week Men's Competition.

## HUGO TURNING HEADS (AND TAILS)

At only age 5, young Hugo Gallasch has done something most people only dream of. Hugo had the fantastic opportunity to toss the coin for the Australian Open 2021 Men's Final between Daniil Medvedev and Novak Djokovic.

Hugo has been having lessons at Glendearg All Saints Malvern TC for the last 2 years and is an absolute tennis nut. His favourite players are Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer.



*If you didn't get a chance to see Hugo in action, you can check out the Men's Final on-court walk on via the official Australian Open TV YouTube channel.*



## CHALLENGE CUP PREMIERS

A great end to the Summer Season with the Nottingham Hill Pinewood Tennis Club Challenge Cup!



▲ *Glen Dawes, Rhys Xavier, Gerard Di Paolo, Ivan Kiriakov & Matthew Starling.*

## A FRESH FACE FOR BLACK ROCK

Black Rock Sports Club are proud of the huge effort of club volunteers in upgrading the club grounds and venue. The clubhouse was painted inside and out, as well as all of the fences and shed.

With the retirement of a bowling green, they've also scored two additional grass tennis courts. The new courts were used this Summer season, with the Black Rock C Special 1 team taking on Mayfield Park for their first match.



## THE RETURN OF MID-WEEK MENS

Not even a snap lockdown could stop the Mid-Week Men's competition from restarting for the Autumn 2021 season, with 27 teams fielded across 5 sections from A Reserve to C Grade.

Special shoutout goes to Glen Waverley and Burden Park TCs for each providing 10 teams to the competition, and St Christopher's for providing 3 teams.

The upcoming Spring Season will begin in July so now is the perfect time to register your interest. Our ever-growing list of "Special Seniors" could always do with some more players. Contact Lindsay Coster for more information – 0419 535 573 or [mwm@waverleytennis.asn.au](mailto:mwm@waverleytennis.asn.au)



▲ *Over 80's, Kal Nemeth (Doveton), Ken Mitchell (Burden Park) and Ebbie Brito (Lum Reserve) at Whites Lane Mulgrave TC after another satisfying practise session.*



## NOBLE COMMUNITY TC HOT SHOTS PRESENTATION

After the finals had been played, the Hot Shots Orange and Green Ball players from Noble Community TC celebrated their fantastic achievements from the season.

Each player was awarded a Waverley Tennis Hot Shots Match Play certificate and medal by WDTA Vice President, Marcos Ahumada Gonzaléz.

We are all keen to see these youngsters back on court after the school holidays!



*Hot Shots Match Play is the start of the Waverley Tennis Junior Competitions Pathway. It's a great way to introduce kids to the game, and for parents to also get involved in the organisation and running of matches.*

*Flick over to the end of the issue to check out the Waverley Tennis Junior Competitions Pathway and if it's right for your players!*

## HOT SHOTS MATCH PLAY

Despite a small interruption at the start of Term 1 due to Melbourne's 5-day lockdown, we had a successful Hot Shots season this summer that lasted for 5 weeks including finals. Restrictions meant we had to split up our finals day across Noble Community, Keysborough, Rowville and Dingley Tennis Clubs, but the day still went ahead smoothly. Special thanks to all the convenors who made this possible and have continued to show dedication in helping our Hot Shots program grow.



▲ (Noble Community TC (top), Keysborough TC (middle) and Rowville TC (bottom) Hot Shots players receiving their awards at the end of the season.



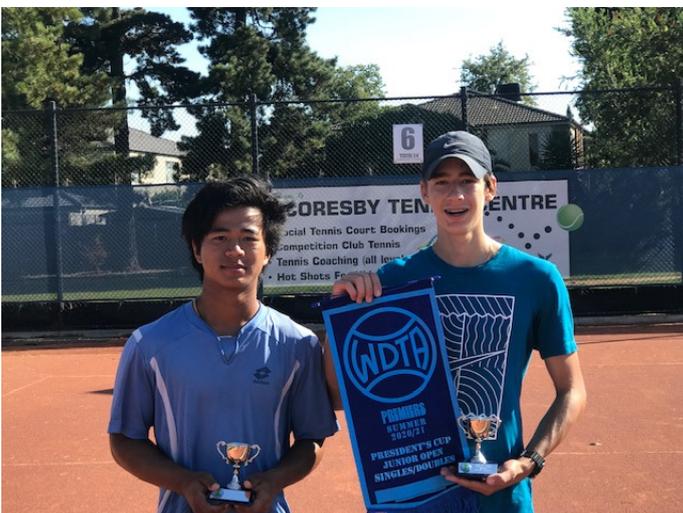
## SCORESBY WANTIRNA SOUTH TC SHOWING US HOW IT'S DONE

Impressive results from the boys at Scoresby Wantirna South TC who took home the Summer 2020/21 premierships in both the President's Cup and A1 Grade!



▲ Serious game faces from our A1 winners, Ben Grieves and Nathan Wong

*Presidents of President's Cup, Joseph Mung and Alex Jaulin ▼*



## PAT CASH CUP

The annual Pat Cash Cup was held in Wodonga on 27 and 28 February 2021. Our Waverley Tennis team made it to the semi-finals which were played on the Sunday, battling it to place 4th overall – well done to all the players (and thanks to the parents for driving all the way up to the border)!



▲ What a feat getting the entire team into one photo!

*(Back row) Prisha Baliga, Benjamin Krnic, Ayan Keshwani, Alex Jaulin, Marko Pavicic, Jennifer McDonald, Bianca Barbic, Josh Ascar*

*(Front row) Liam Kindler, Connor White, Coco Philp, Max Chen, Christiana Masvosva, Aarmaya Chandran, Leona Doan, Tamara Licina*

*Benjamin Krnic in action! ▼*



# 2021 SILVER Junior Tournament

395 matches were played from 4pm on Friday 5 March until Monday 8 March with 230 players selected from a crazy 284 entries.



▲ Girls U16 Doubles Final – Christina Dodaj & Jaimin Mandi (W), Kirra Bond-Scott & Hope Backx



▲ Girls 12 Singles Final – Siya Kothapalli & Scarlett Dattoli (W)



▲ Chris Alevizos, winner of Elizabeth Peers Award with Lyn Gillen, our Tournament Director



▲ Boys U12 Singles Final – Lachlan King (W) & Liam Polizzi with Lyn Gillen

◀ Girls U16 Singles Final – Felicity We & Gabrielle Villegas (W) with Lyn Gillen



## WAYNE ARTHURS CUP

The Wayne Arthurs Cup for Under 10's was played at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on the weekend of 10 and 11 April 2021. The Waverley Tennis team had a bye first up, but hit the ground running, winning all 3 of their matches on the Saturday.

Unfortunately, play was abandoned on the Sunday due to rain.

Thanks to our team managers, Lyn Gillen and Stephen Gay, for keeping everything running smoothly on the day.



▲ Go Team!: Eleni Makantasis, Qiqi Lei, Bryn Baik & Will Brooks-Gay



## INTRODUCING MICHAEL LEWIS: NIGHT TENNIS CONVENOR

We are pleased to introduce to you the newly appointed Night Competition Convenor, Michael Lewis.

Michael has many years of experience in the tennis arena and we are super excited he has joined the committee to provide us with his knowledge and expertise.

Michael can be reached at the following email address for any enquiry on Night Tennis [night.tennis@waverleytennis.asn.au](mailto:night.tennis@waverleytennis.asn.au)

## WAVERLEY WEEKEND HANDBOOK

Don't forget our official weekend competition handbook is available online as an electronic copy this season.

The teams and fixtures in the handbook include all team changes and withdrawals that have been made at the time of the upload.

Check out the Waverley website to view the latest PDF version.

The cover of the 'juniors &amp; seniors winterseason2021 official handbook &amp; fixture' is displayed. It features a blue background with a white tennis ball graphic in the top right corner. The text on the cover includes 'juniors &amp; seniors winterseason2021 official handbook &amp; fixture', 'Includes changes up to 26 May', the website 'www.waverleytennis.asn.au', and the organization 'Waverley and District Tennis Association Incorporated' with ABN 57 026 531 361.



## VALE ANDREW RYDELL

With heavy hearts, we advise our good friend, Andrew Rydell, passed away on 26 March 2021 after a brave battle with cancer.



Andrew stepped up to the challenge of Junior Convenor at Mount Waverley TC in 2018 and was instrumental in ensuring MWTC could submit a junior team in the Saturday comp for the first time in 20 years.

Andrew was voted in as President in June 2018 and worked tirelessly with the Committee to build the reputation of MWTC, grow the membership and update the facilities. Under Andrew, MWTC enjoyed a major resurgence with memberships growing from 40 to 120 and 5 junior teams, as well as a major update to club security, courts, facilities and equipment.

He will always be remembered for his smile and unwavering dedication to his family and friends at MWTC.

## VALE FRAN COGGINS

It is with sadness that we advise of the passing of Fran Coggins.

Fran was a member of the Waverley Tennis Committee of Management for one year some time ago.

Fran was also a Life Member of the Burwood TC, having served a lengthy period in roles as Club President, Secretary, Treasurer and Court Captain, and representing the club in competition tennis for many years in both weekend and night tennis.

In latter years, she was also a member of Ashburton Uniting Church TC where she enjoyed playing social tennis and having a good chat.

We are grateful for Fran's commitment to sharing her love of tennis and will miss her greatly.



## COMING UP: QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY TOURNAMENT

It is time for one of our favourite tournaments of the season – the Waverley Tennis Gold AMT will be held over this Queen's Birthday long weekend. This tournament was not held last year so we are keen to kick things off again this year.

Player registrations have now closed, but friends, family and spectators are always more than welcome to come along and enjoy the day.

Come and show your support for players at Doveton TC from Friday 11 June to Monday 14 June 2021.



## PAID WORK OPPORTUNITY – TENNIS OFFICIALS NEEDED

Tennis Australia are currently recruiting officials for their many points tournaments held over the year.

Luckily the majority of these tournaments are in Melbourne.

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in this opportunity to participate, contact Tennis Australia.



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*In the spirit of reconciliation, Waverley Tennis would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we work, live and play. We pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.*

