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President's Report 2020/21

Dear Members and Tennis Community, As you know, we were pleased to recently launch a new brand name for the Association, North West Sydney Tennis.

Whilst the name has changed, the essence of the Association hasn't. We remain a volunteer led not-for-profit community organisation that for 98 years has been organising competitions and social tennis for the local community. We have recently started offering yoga to those who love to do so in an outdoor environment.

2021 has been another challenging year for us all in terms of the impact of COVID-19, not only on our tennis competitions and social play, but more broadly to our way of life. Despite these challenges we have been fortunate that tennis is one of the few sports that has been able to continue in some form and our membership has continued to grow across all the activities that we were able to run during the year.

I would like to recognise and thank our manager Sandi Edwards and her staff, for their ongoing commitment and flexibility to keep the centre open and allow us all the opportunity to play a game that we love within the guidelines of the NSW Health orders. I would also like to thank our coaching partners who have worked with us to keep both our centres safe and compliant.

Thank you so much to the many volunteers who generously give their time, energy and skills to helping the Association grow. In particular to Mary Baker our newest and very deserving Life Member; Kaye McIntyre, who with the great support of Sam McCullough and Mike House launched our new brand and enhanced our marketing abilities; our treasurers Andy Kleiberg and Dennis Pike who continue to guide our financial stability and Clare Perry, our diligent and committed Secretary.

We are very fortunate to have such good competition secretaries: Peter Ni who with Sandi Edwards runs our juniors competitions; Penny Ryan, Robyn Johnson, Robyn Thompson, Marina Hurst and John Phare who run the weekly adult competitions which when allowed, continued to build in numbers as members of the community reconnect with tennis.

A big thank you also to the many other volunteers both on and off the Council of Management who contribute in many ways to our wonderful Association by either helping in the pro-shop, assisting with membership or new competition software, supporting BBQs and fundraisers, landscaping and many other activities.

This year with the support of our two Councils; Hornsby Shire and the City of Parramatta, and the NSW Government, we have continued to invest further into both our centres to maintain them amongst the best community tennis facilities in Sydney.

- At David Scott Reserve Epping we have completed converting our galvanised wire fences to black coated wire to blend into the park setting.
- At Pennant Hills Park we have continued the refurbishment of the main club house with the installation of a new concertina wall to optimise the functionality of the space, installing new basins and automatic sensor taps in both the ladies and men's bathrooms and new air conditioners in the pro-shop and office. Outdoors we have continued our court fencing replacement programme for the courts in front of the clubhouse and installed pathway lighting between the carpark and Court 9 to improve the visibility and safety for those who use the courts at night.

Next year will be an important year for the Association as we tender for extensions to our Leases at both our centres at Pennant Hills Park and David Scott Reserve.

We ask all our members and court hirers for any support they can provide to assist us to retain our community tennis courts, our goal is to continue to provide fun and affordable tennis at some of the best tennis facilities in Sydney and also to celebrate our Centenary Year in 2023.

Best wishes, stay safe and continue to enjoy the game of your life!

Matt Condon



President, ETDTA Inc.

“Welcome all”



Our history. Our vision. And on a mission!

We have a rich tennis history in the area dating from 1923 and as a community based not-for-profit organisation we are immensely proud of our tennis centres being Epping and Pennant Hills Park Tennis Centres.

Our Association is run by a very dedicated and tennis knowledgeable Council of Management (CoM), who are volunteers with a love of community and tennis, as well as staff that run the day to day operations and assist in continuing the ongoing development of the Association.

The Association has over the years developed the written story for generations to come and is currently updating it as we reach our 100 year celebrations. Our Centenary sub-committee is in the process of bringing plans together for us to celebrate with our tennis members and the wider community in 2023.

Our vision is “To enhance ETDTA’s reputation as a premier community NSW tennis club and player’s overall tennis experience”.

From our 2021-2025 Strategic Plan our mission is to continue developing facilities and programs so as to have:

- tennis offerings that engage with the community’s desire and needs - to have fun, be social and stay healthy
- facilities that offers a community basis for enjoying their chosen sport, and
- ensure growth in financial KPIs so that as a not-for-profit organisation we can invest funds directly back into the facilities with the aid of our partners to meet the needs of future generations.

North West Sydney Tennis Brand Launch

In 2015 our Strategic Plan identified the need for our consideration of a name change for the Association that removed suburban geographical barriers to us as an Association.

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This was part of the overall aim to increase the knowledge of the brand and the profile of the Association through marketing and communications activities in the wider community.

Through a core group of volunteers on the subcommittee with expertise in PR, Sales, Marketing, Research, Strategy and Creative design and a wider branding committee from the CoM, we developed a brand based on the geography of our membership that will target a wider area of players and those interested in learning the game of tennis, taking us away from the limitation of traditional suburban tennis names.

No budget existed for research so we relied on publicly available information that identified the core reasons of why people wanted to play tennis, being:

- 47% fun and enjoyment
- 42% social reasons
- 37% health and well being
- 6% performance and competition

From this base we created and developed the new brand name and logos.

But a brand name is nothing if it is not promoted, so a range of marketing and communications collateral was developed to support the branding, including signage, refreshed website, (with thanks to the assistance of Roger Barclay, (one of our Life Members), newsletter layout/format, increased Facebook program, EDM subscription and from here specific marketing plans that address the needs of the community for the future.

We look forward to this work being built upon within the Association so that it continues to develop the tennis products and services that will engage with the wider market today and in the future.

Marketing Sub Committee

Kaye McIntyre, Sam McCullough, Mike House

Treasurer's Report

It is a pleasure to report to the members that again we closed off this financial year with a positive result for the Association. It puts the Association in a strong financial position to apply for a new lease for Pennant Hills in 2022, as well as for the 3 courts at Midson Road expected towards the end of 2021.

The present financial position of the Association enabled it to move a substantial amount to its capital provision, which seen from some years ago is a remarkable change.

During the year the Executive, backed by the CoM, has embarked on a drive to improve facilities at Pennant Hills for its members and the wider community and has again been successful to obtain grants to further improve the facilities for use of the general public and its members.



Capital Improvements

This year we have used \$91,442 out of the capital provision for the improvements to both facilities. The revenue collected from capital expenditure (via the \$2.50 levy) was \$31,616. This year we increased the provision for capital works in the balance sheet by \$122,357 [\$113,685 plus carried over grants of \$8,671]. At the end of the financial year the provision in the balance sheet is \$187,137.



Income

Despite COVID-19 the Association showed its ability to quickly adjust to the new circumstances.

Total income including grants and subsidies was \$603,319 which represents a 10.8% increase on last year's income. Noticeable is the increase in court hire of \$75,419 compared to last year. Our partnering with both coaching companies remains strong, and we look forward to continue working closely with Voyager Academy and Paul Toohey Coaching this coming year.

Expenditure

Total expenditure, disregarding the grants impact, was down by \$7,720. The main contributors to this was a decrease in electricity costs and the release of a long service leave accrual.

Personnel costs, excluding accruals, for annual and long service leave increased by \$19,810 for the year.

The Association's aim is to reduce the personnel expenses to near 30% of income. Previous year percentage was 37.2 % whereas this year at 35.8 % showed improvement.

Repair and maintenance costs also showed a slight positive result against previous year; however, this is a less controllable cost.

Cash Position

Assets

Bank/Cash Position 30/06/2021	\$	628,475	
Debtors recoverable	\$	64,634	
Inventory recoverable	\$	3,891	Estimated in case of winding up ETDTA
Total Cash and recoverable amounts	\$	697,000	

Liabilities

Creditors	\$	53,259	
Provision Capital Expenditure	\$	195,808	= Long Term
Accruals	\$	70,933	
Total commitments	\$	320,000	
Total available "free" to the Association	\$	377,000	





In Summary

One of the main items to be considered at the end of a financial year is to assess if the Association has the capabilities to financially meet its commitments and obligations. Viewing the present financial strength and the management of the Association gives me to believe that the Association, with the help of all its members, will have the sustainability to outlast its current lease commitments with the City of Parramatta and Hornsby Council and are in an excellent position to apply and accept a new lease or contractual agreements with both Hornsby Council and the City of Parramatta.

The future existence of the Association doesn't only depend on its financial situation; it exists thanks to its members, CoM, the Executive and its sub committees.

In closing, I would like to thank the Executive and the CoM for again giving me the opportunity to look after their financials and I am grateful for finding a new very capable Treasurer in Dennis Pike.

Special thanks need to go to Anne Wallis for her work as bookkeeper as without her the job would have been near impossible to do.

Andy Kleiberg

ETDTA Assistant Treasurer



Our Community

At North West Sydney Tennis our community is important to us, and we look to be able to engage with tennis members and the wider community in a variety of ways as our mission is to ensure that our centre facilities are available to all, tennis players or not!

For our members a large percentage enjoy the tennis centres for what we offer across social tennis and activities, weekly competitions, and various tournaments and challenges that are offered throughout the year. And certainly the ability to run normal activities over this year has proven difficult but we have continued on whilst following all the health orders at various times. Some of our offers have included:

- **Anyone for Yoga?** During 2021 one of our volunteers undertook to introduce yoga classes to our Pennant Hills site. We have club house facilities that can be used and being in Pennant Hills Park we are able to enjoy the outdoors court surfaces when appropriate. We offered three different days during the week with classes taking up to 12 people. These quickly grew to capacity and the plan to introduce more class options was thwarted with COVID-19 restrictions. With continued interest being expressed from members and local residents alike, additional classes at varying levels will be introduced when possible.
- **Weekends of fun? And over 30?** Our weekend round robins are run generally twice a year in normal times and can attract in the vicinity of 200-300 people from a wide area.
- Some outside the box thinking saw the introduction of the very popular **Covid Cup** based on singles and doubles play over summer which allowed players to be flexible as to when they played.
- **Outside tournaments** are fun to host and as an Association we are fortunate to be able to provide our facilities to others. We are looking forward to hosting **Tennis Sydney** which is Australasia’s largest LGBTI tennis club’s annual tournament and also the **Australian Chinese Tennis Club**. The **Independent Girls Schools Sporting Association** also join us for a 3 day



competition each year and more recently the local district **Primary Catholic Schools** gala tennis program.

- And as an Association we never stand still..... in the planning room and when COVID-19 rules allow is another **Flexi Singles Competition** which will meet a growing need for singles for the older juniors and adults wanting flexible competition formats.
- We were disappointed this year to not be able to host our very popular **Community Open/Fun** days at both centres. Hopefully 2021/22 will see these days feature again!.....AND....
- We were pleased as an Association to celebrate our newest Life Member Award to the very deserving Mary Baker! Mary also was nominated in the category of Sport NSW’s Volunteer Director of the Year in 2020, which followed on from other accolades in 2019 of Tennis NSW Volunteer of the Year and Newcombe Medal Finalist for Volunteer of the Year Award. And is also a member of SHEROES programme at Tennis NSW. All very well deserved!



Our Staff

Any organisation's success is determined by a variety of people, especially in a not-for-profit such as ETDTA where there is a combination of volunteers on a CoM and paid staff that manage and run the centres on a day to day basis.

We are fortunate to be able to say we have a dedicated and committed staff, consisting of full time, casuals and contractors who are managed on a daily basis by our Tennis Centre Manager Sandi Edwards, whose dedication is above and beyond. We thank you Sandi and your staff for your continued effort!





Competition Reports

We have a wonderful group of volunteers and their assistants who manage our adult competition and social programmes. And as everyone knows this past year has been particularly challenging for all. But they have managed to keep us all going with their communications to the captains of 103 teams in all. A massive effort from all and appreciated! Their reports follow, with the competition results collated at the end of this report.

Monday Night Ladies

Our Monday Night Ladies' Competition currently has 24 teams over 3 Divisions, each Division contains 8 teams. We have 139 ladies registered including Pool players. In July 2020 we had 183 ladies.

Our matches have been severely reduced from September 2020 to now (early August 2021) with a total of 24 matches being completed. The reason for this was the lock downs due to COVID-19.

In March 2021 we completed the competition that began in September 2020 and we congratulate the winning teams.

Our current competition began on 19 April but was suspended again with our last match played on June 21. The remaining five matches plus Semis and Finals will be completed once tennis is resumed.

When COVID-19 regulations are eased we will hold social tennis nights in school holidays, and a Christmas Party combined with some fun tennis in December, which are popular. Prior to another comp beginning, the social nights would include grading for new or returning ladies, or for teams looking for additional players.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of the Monday Night Ladies Committee of Tracey Croft and Shirley Goldsbrough, with help also from Judy Halbedl and Robyn Thompson. These ladies have a good knowledge of the players in their divisions which is invaluable at grading time. We share the job of entering the weekly results, and cover for each other so we can have a holiday, or time off in the knowledge that the competition will continue to be well run in our absence. Sandi and her staff at Pennant Hills are also of great help with memberships / match payments/ phone answering. As well I acknowledge the CoM of ETDTA all of whom work so hard to ensure we can all enjoy tennis.

My grateful thanks to all these people.

Robyn Johnson

Monday Night Ladies Competition Secretary.

Ladies Midweek

The **Autumn Competition** commenced on 4/2/20 with 3 Divisions, 19 teams, 113 team members, and 19 pool players. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, competition was suspended on 24/3/20. Resumed 21/7/20, all suspended matches were rescheduled, and finals were played on 22/9/20.

The **Spring Competition** commenced on 13/10/20 with 3 Divisions, 19 teams, 104 team members, and 17 pool players. It was decided that matches this year would be played on Melbourne Cup Day and on the Tuesday that the postponed School Boy/Girl Tournament was to be played. On Melbourne Cup Day, 5 \$1 and \$2 sweeps were organised which was fun! Last day of the competition for the year was 8/12/20 and resumed on 2/2/21 with final being played on 30/3/21. Results showed that this was fiercely competed with lots of close sets played!

The **Autumn Competition** commenced on 20/4/21 with 3 Divisions, 20 teams including 1 new Division 2 team, 116 team members and 11 pool players. Injuries, illness and a new team member now unavailable to play, left a team in Division 3 struggling with only 3 players. Pool and borrowed players kept this team afloat until a pool player agreed to join the team for the rest of the competition. Due to another COVID-19 breakout, Sydney was placed in lockdown until at least 30/9/21. Competition has been suspended until the lockdown has been lifted. All suspended matches will be rescheduled, new dates will be advised.

The **Tuesday Morning Ladies Social Tennis** is increasing in popularity with more ladies outside the competition interested in attending. I have been continually encouraging the players from the pool, teams on a bye and those ladies rostered off to come along for a great morning of social tennis. We need at least 6/8 ladies to attend weekly to make it an enjoyable morning. New players are always welcome.

Another challenging year! I thank Kelley Keyes and Jo-Anne Perry for their continual support and welcome them both back in their roles as Division 1 and 2 Co-ordinators for 2021/2022.

Penny Ryan

Ladies Midweek Competition Secretary





Wednesday Night Mixed

Our Wednesday night mixed competition has continued to develop with our 2021 season having an additional division created to cater for the higher performing teams which is a complement to our Association to be able to cater for all levels of player ability.

The 2020 competition held 5/8/20 to 9/12/20 had a total of 20 teams with 125 registered players and 32 pool players.

In **2021** we created a shorter format competition (Comp 1) with 4 divisions (Elite, Division 1, 2, and 3 of 47, 36, 32 and 39 players respectively) which was held from 27/1/21 to 24/4/21.

Our 2021 Comp 2 now has a total of 26 teams with 154 registered players in teams and 30 pool players which shows the strength and fun that it is.

Robyn Thompson & Marina Hurst

Wednesday Night Mixed Competition Secretary

Thursday Night Mens

Again our men's competition is going from strength to strength with an increase from 4 to 5 divisions needing 16 courts for an expected growth from 29 teams (171 players and 30 pool players) to 35 teams in total.

In 2020 there were 4 divisions using 14 courts: 29 teams, 171 team members and 30 pool players.

The current 2021 competition sees 5 divisions using 15 courts: 33 teams, 209 team members and 28 pool players with two rained off rounds to complete prior to the semis and grand finals.

Our upcoming competition I expect there will be 5 divisions using 16 courts. There is the possibility that two more teams will enter, giving 35 teams in total.

John Phare

Thursday Night Men's Competition Secretary

Challenges and Tournaments

At North West Sydney we offer various options for players, from juniors to adults, including our local schools that can be involved in various challenges and tournaments.

The **Primary and Secondary Schools Challenge** is a popular event played amongst primary or secondary schools from the north west of Sydney. The Challenges were all cancelled due to COVID-19 over terms 3 and 4 2020 so we were pleased that we were able to host these challenges in early 2021. Fifteen local high schools and 8 primary schools participated. Congratulations to the winning schools, Baulkham Hills High School and St Ives Park Public School !

The **Schoolboys and Schoolgirls Tournament** draws primary and secondary students from greater Sydney and regional NSW, and has been run by our Association for many years. It's a 7 day tournament held at the end of November each year utilising all the courts at Pennant Hills, and spilling over to Parramatta. Unfortunately it was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19.

Our annual **Grade Tournament** allows players of varied ages and abilities to come together and compete in singles, doubles and mixed events. This tournament is growing in popularity each year and is good blend of the competitive and social play. We look forward to locking in a future tournament date for this prestigious event.

Additionally members can represent the Association in different divisions of the city wide winter **Sydney Badge** competition or the various local **Interdistrict** competitions. The play in these fixtures is always intense, but (normally) softened by a nice camaraderie between teams. once the games are concluded.

Our Juniors

We have an amazing group of young people that come and play at our centre on Saturdays in term times. As with any sport juniors are the future and we were pleased that with all the ups and downs associated with COVID-19 that we were still able to offer junior programs across our popular Saturday junior competition format, as well as our junior championships, with a couple of matches still to be played! A huge thank you has to go to our Junior Branch President who has co-ordinated the Saturday juniors over a number of years, Peter Ni. Peter has done an amazing job and the Association is very thankful for the skills Peter has brought to his volunteer role. And, of course, thanks to our manager Sandi Edwards.



Membership

The total number of registered members in 2020/21 was 1,076 which included 519 adults, 266 seniors and 291 juniors. This has seen steady growth with an additional 366 members since 2016/17 with 96 of these being in the last period from 2019/20.

Significantly, the 2020/21 new membership figure includes 152 adults and 27 seniors. These new members came from both our long term permanent and casual court hirers, as well new players who have joined our regular weekly competitions.

Office Bearers and Committees

Our Patrons: Mayors of Hornsby and Parramatta, Phillip Ruddock & Bob Dwyer respectively, Mr John Alexander, Mr Julian Leeser, Mr Matt Keen.

Life Members	L. Pollard*, F. Stanford*, A. Peak*, F. Watson*, W. Bellamy*, L. Roberts*, F. Stewart*, A. Willard*, M. Willard*, R. Prior, A. Gilbert*, M. Books*, J. Eyles*, S. Hicks, P. Randall*, Michael Gilbert, A. Johnson*, E. Gum, D. Cochrane, B. Rickards, Meg Gilbert, T. Nicholson, C. Wagemans, H. Best, D. Rickards, S. Redknap, I. Cooper, A. Buckley*, K. Marshall, R. Barclay, J. Quee, B. Schultz, M. Baker.
President	Matt Condon
Immediate past President	Mary Baker,
Vice Presidents	Kaye McIntyre, Mary Baker
Treasurer	J. Botha, then S. Vyas, then Dennis Pike
Assistant Treasurer	Andy Kleiberg
Secretary	Clare Perry
Assistant Secretary	Karen Williamson, then Kim Ryder
Junior Branch Representative	Peter Ni
Chairmen of Selectors	Sandi Edwards
Social Secretary	Barb Schultz
Publicity Officer	Michael House
Membership Secretary	Judy Halbedl
Councillors	Sam McCullough, Melodie Nguyen, Paul Toohey Tracey Croft, Enone Melville
Courts Committee	Stephen Redknap, Barb Schultz, Clare Perry Matt Condon, Dave Cochrane, Roger Barclay
NSWHTA Delegate	David Cochrane
Honorary Solicitor	Ms. Diana Simoni
Auditor PMK PARTNERS Pty Ltd	Jeffrey McKee
Competition Secretaries	
Monday Night Ladies	Robyn Johnson
Tuesday Ladies	Penny Ryan
Wednesday Night Mixed	Marina Hurst
Thursday Night Mens	John Phare
Saturday Juniors	Peter Ni/Sandi Edwards
Grade Tournament	Chris Biviano/Alex Evans
School Boys & Girls Tournament	Mr Alan & Ms Meaghan Ling

Attendance Register For CoM 2020/2021 (September 2020 to September 2021)

M. Baker - 14	C. Biviano - 1	D. Cochrane - 12	M. Condon -14	T. Croft - 5
S. Edwards - 13	J. Halbedl - 14	*M. Hurst - 0	M. House - 12	*R. Johnson - 8
A. Kleiberg - 14	K. Marshall - 8	S. McCullough - 12	K. McIntyre - 11	#E Melville - 9
P. Ni - 2	C. Perry - 14	*J. Phare - 1	#D. Pike - 5	S. Redknap - 13
#K Ryder - 3	*P. Ryan - 12	B. Schultz - 13	#R. Thompson - 4	P. Toohy - 6
#K. Williamson - 1	#S. Vyas - 1			

*Competition Secretary attendance at CoM meetings optional.

#Note that not all above mentioned were on CoM for the whole 20/21 term





Minutes of 96th Annual General Meeting - 8th September 2020

Chair: Mary Baker

Meeting started 07:30 pm.

Present: 25 members, with 10 present in room, 15 via Zoom Link.

Mary Baker welcomed attendees to the 96th AGM. Special thanks to Clare Perry and Andy Kleiberg for enabling and setting up for the Zoom Links. Sam McCullough did a terrific job designing the cover of the Annual Report. Thanks also to those who contributed to the report. Feedback I have received is that a lot of people are reading it so your efforts with words are not wasted.

Thanks to the Competition Secretaries for getting players onto the courts, our core business, and of course included in this number are Peter Ni and Sandi Edwards who do a terrific job with the Junior Competitions. Thanks also to the Executive team and all their work.

Sandi and Craig Edwards are doing a wonderful job in the Pro Shop. Thank you to the members of the Council of Management for their attendance, input, and support, and lastly thank you to all the people who have volunteered for various tasks, especially Brian Tierney who did such a wonderful job of painting the clubhouses, and other items at PHPTC and Midson Road Tennis Centre; and Mafalda van der Heiden who has been getting the gardens into shape. Once more special thanks to Clare Perry for the myriad of tasks she has performed to get this AGM up and running. Further apologies were called for.

Apologies: Jim & Deanne Quee, Jacques Botha, Matt Condon, Shirley Goldsborough

Acceptance of Minutes of the 95th Annual General Meeting held 15th October 2019.

Moved Andy Kleiberg, seconded Stephen Redknap, that these minutes be accepted. Carried.

Presidents Report

As read, along with the thanks already given.

The major project this year was going on-line with our bookings and court payments, a process that was accelerated by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The process has now settled down and is running smoothly in this new membership year.

Moved Barb Schultz, seconded Clare Perry, that the President's Report be accepted. Carried.

Treasurers Report

Acting Treasurer greeted attendees and apologised for returning before them again. He stated it was only temporary as Jacques Botha had been very busy at his work because of a restructure. He asked that audience be not alarmed and assured them that Jacques would be back to do the honours in the current financial year.

Andy said it had been a strange special financial year for the Association. There was the completion of last year's project – new lights, automation, and the installation of an outside table tennis table. The total cost of the project turned out to be \$230,786. The contribution from the Association was \$20,656 with the balance of \$219,130 being received from 4 grants. In total, ours was a well-spent amount seeing the improvements made for the members and for the future.

The first 6 months of the last financial year we were travelling better than we predicted, and somewhat better than the



previous financial year. In the second half of the year COVID-19 came, which changed all issues. We were closed down, and Voyager were required to cease coaching. We had to assess how long we could maintain the status quo. Luckily this directive did not last too long and we were able to open on a reduced basis, and Voyager was permitted to resume coaching on a one-to-one basis as well.

Thanks to some innovative initiative from our Manager, Staff, and volunteers, a new singles competition was created with some success, and later on extended to doubles as well. It brought in sufficient funds to keep us going.

We received further help from the Federal government by way of Jobkeeper assistance and cash boost, and the very much appreciated help from Hornsby Council by foregoing the rent for the last quarter of the financial year. Thanks to this help, and not forgetting the restrictions imposed at the beginning of the COVID time, Voyager's performance this financial year was exceptional, a total of \$61,172 and well above their agreement and prediction for the year.

This all resulted in a positive result for the Association for the financial year of \$96,921. We decided to move \$25,000 of this to the Capital Reserve in order to have sufficient funds available for the coming years for further court resurfacing and replacement of the other assets of the Association.

Cash Position: Our cash position has improved substantially this year and is in a healthy state. Taking into account our known liabilities as at 30/06/2020, we have the unencumbered use of \$282,400 for the future and this puts us into a strong position to apply for and accept new long-term leases or agreements with the 2 different Councils.

In closing, it has been a privilege to prepare the financials this year, and I would like to give my special thanks to Anne Wallis for her help so I could step easily into the Acting Role, as well as cruising through the audit.

Questions were invited from the floor.

It was moved Stephen Redknap, seconded John Phare, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried.

Stephen congratulated both Andy and Jacques Botha on the job they have done as Treasurer in the past year.

Election of Office Bearers

The following people were elected as Office Bearers of the Association for the 2020/2021 year. The meeting and Zoom attendees had lists of those elected unopposed due to their being the only nomination for the position being received at least 3 weeks prior to the AGM (*asterisked). Other nominees were unopposed and elected at the meeting.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconded
President	Matt Condon	Mary Baker	Andy Kleiberg
Vice President	*Kaye McIntyre	Clare Perry	Barb Schultz
Vice President	Mary Baker	Clare Perry	Robyn Johnson
Treasurer	*Jacques Botha	Mary Baker	Andy Kleiberg
Assist. Treasurer	Andy Kleiberg	Mary Baker	Clare Perry
Secretary	Clare Perry	Stephen Redknap	André Kleiberg
Assist. Secretary	Karen Williamson	Mary Baker	Clare Perry
Monday Night Ladies	*Robyn Johnson	Barb Schultz	Andy Kleiberg
Tuesday Ladies	*Penny Ryan	Mary Baker	Stefani Warwick
Wednesday Night Mixed	*Robyn Thompson	Mary Baker	Andy Kleiberg
Thursday Night Mens	*John Phare	Stephen Henry	Matt Condon
Grade Tournament	Chris Biviano	Mary Baker	Andy Kleiberg
Publicity Officer	*Michael House	Barb Schultz	Sam McCullough
Chairmen of Selectors	*Sandi Edwards	Melissa Dolahenty	Mary Baker
Social Secretary	*Barb Schultz	Robyn Johnson	Mary Baker
NSWHTA Delegate	*David Cochrane	Sam McCullough	Mary Baker
Alternate Delegate	*Stephen Redknap	Clare Perry	Barb Schultz
Public Relations Officer	*Judy Halbedl	Mary Baker	David Cochrane
Ordinary Members (5)	*Sam McCullough	Mary Baker	Michael House
	*Paul Toohey	David Cochrane	Clare Perry
	Melodie Nguyen	Mary Baker	Sam McCullough
Junior Branch Representative	*Peter Ni	Sandi Edwards	Clare Perry

It was moved Stephen Redknap, seconded Andy Kleiberg, that Robert Cameron be approached to accept position as our Honorary Solicitor. Carried.

Mary Baker informed meeting that she had spoken to Adam Young some months ago. He had offered to help when our lease renewals are being negotiated.

It was moved Andy Kleiberg, seconded Stephen Redknap, that Jeffery McKee of PBA Partnership be appointed as auditor for the 2020/2021 financial year. Carried.

It was moved Stephen Redknap, seconded David Cochrane, that the following people be approached to be patrons:

Mayors of Hornsby (Phillip Ruddock) & City of Parramatta (Bob Dwyer), Mr Damien Tudehope (MLC), Mr Dominic Perrottet & Mr Matt Kean (MLAs & State MPs), Mr John Alexander & Mr Julian Leeser (Federal MPs). Carried.

Honorariums

It was moved Andy Kleiberg, seconded Stephen Redknap, that the honorariums for the past financial year remain at \$286.40 as CPI was only -0.3%. Carried.

Correspondence

A letter nominating Mary Baker for Life Membership had been received in April and Council of Management prepared a statement of Mary's achievements in support of this. This statement was not read to the meeting in the interests of time and consideration of the Zoom participants, but the file was emailed to all Zoom participants, and printed for those attending in person.

General Business

Mary Baker left the meeting while Clare Perry took control of the secret Zoom Poll to vote on the nomination of Mary Baker for Life Membership.

It was moved Clare Perry, seconded Gerry Baker, that Kaye McIntyre and Andy Kleiberg act as scrutineers. Carried.

Ballot papers were distributed to those in the room and gathered by scrutineers for counting. Clare Perry conducted the Zoom poll and the numbers from the Zoom secret poll were checked by Kaye McIntyre and the totals added to the room vote.

As a result of the ballot Mary Baker was elected as a Life Member of Eastwood Thornleigh District Tennis Association Inc. Mary Baker returned to the room.

It was moved Stephen Redknap, seconded Cochrane, that the ballot papers be destroyed. Carried.

John Phare took the Zoom chair to amplify his suggestions for completing 8 sets on competition nights. He said we are playing for a win, not a social get-together and that it is hard to play for 3 hours with no result because of wasted time. He finds himself having to organise the team each week to compensate his players for the sets they missed out playing the previous week.

John pointed out that the rules only allow a team to be 5 minutes late in fielding a pair before they are forced to forfeit the first set. He also said it was suggested that the sequence of play be changed to accommodate late arrivals and that warm-up is permitted 15 minutes prior to 7.30 pm if the courts are vacant. After 7.30 pm only a 2 min warmup is permitted.

His suggestions for ensuring that all sets are played were as follows:-

If the ball is an obvious fault, then let the ball go or pocket it – don't hit it back

Server's partner to hold the 3rd ball if possible – will save time if there is a let

Next pair should be ready to go onto the court immediately at conclusion of the set, i.e. watch the match

Pairs who have finished their set should leave the court immediately, not linger to talk

Consider reintroducing 4 bonus points for to the win to make it more of an incentive.

Extend finishing time to 10.40 pm

Make all sets in WNX mixed doubles.

Stephen Redknap pointed out that our lease does not permit regular competition past 10.30 pm.

Mary Baker undertook to ask the competition secretaries to make these points to their captains and players. She also undertook to survey WNX players over the next couple of Wednesday nights about the WNX suggestion as to all mixed sets.

Anne Mitchell asked if play could start prior to 7.30 pm, i.e. Voyager finish earlier but this is not possible. Mary Baker noted that Voyager is now off the courts at 7.30 sharp so said that the first pairs should be ready to walk on then. However the top courts now open at 7.23 pm so players can start their hit-ups prior to 7.30 pm.

It was suggested that the buzzer be sounded at 7.35 pm to alert players. It was moved John Phare, seconded Gerry Baker, that this be trialled to see if it resulted in early starting of play. Carried

Anne Mitchell commented that it is very dark around the top courts before the lights turn on. Mary said that for that reason we are now switching the lights on at 7.00 pm and that we have quotes to install lights up the path from carpark to court 9 and that this will happen soon.

Trophies: Mary Baker said it would be easier in Adult competitions for the grand final winners to receive a cash prize of \$90. This can be given out on Finals night. Stephen Redknap said it was nice to get a trophy and that there are teams for whom a trophy is a delight. John Phare said he would survey TNM for their opinion.

Upcoming Events: Grade Tournament was postponed in April and will now commence on evening of Wed 7th October with a mixed Round Robin, followed by the mens and ladies doubles round robins on evening of 8th October. Stephen Redknap suggested that the singles could also be played as a Round Robin. Mary will pass this suggestion on to Chris Biviano

Volunteers required: There will be a Seniors Round Robin held on Saturday and Sunday of the October Long weekend. There is also an Interschools event to be held 7-9 October. At both events we will run a BBQ and offer food & drinks (only alcohol at Seniors).

Andy Kleiberg thanked Mary for the great job she did as President with the new lights, rejuvenated clubhouse etc. Well done. Applause came from the floor.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 08:24 pm.



Competition Results

Monday Night Ladies

Our Monday Night Ladies' Competition currently has 24 teams over 3 Divisions, each Division contains 8 teams. We have 139 ladies registered including Pool players. In July 2020 we had 183 ladies.

In March 2021 we completed the Comp that began in September 2020 with the winning teams being:

Division 1 Waratah 2 with Jacinta as Captain;

Division 2 Currawong 1 with Narelle as Captain;

Division 3 Frenesi 1 with Tessie as Captain.

Ladies Midweek

The **Autumn Competition** commenced on 4/2/20 with 3 Divisions, 19 teams, 113 team members, and 19 pool players. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, competition was suspended on 24/3/20. Resumed 21/7/20, all suspended matches were rescheduled, and finals were played on 22/9/20. Results were:

Division 1 Banksia 2 5(30) defeated Waratah 1 0(12)

Division 2 Frenesi 1 4(33) defeated Frenesi 2 3(26)

Division 3 Bunderra 4(37) defeated Currawong 2 3(21)

The **Spring Competition** commenced on 13/10/20 with 3 Divisions, 19 teams, 104 team members, and 17 pool players. Finals were played on 30/3/21. Results were:

Division 1 Banksia 2 5(35) defeated Waratah 1 2(30)

Division 2 Frenesi 2 5(35) defeated Frenesi 1 1(24)

Division 3 Bunderra 5(38) defeated Currawong 2 3(34)

Although the scores do not show it, there were a lot of close sets played.

The **Autumn Competition** commenced on 20/4/21 with 3 Divisions, 20 teams including 1 new Division 2 team, 116 team members and 11 pool players. The Current Competition has been suspended until the COVID-19 lockdown has been lifted.

Wednesday Night Mixed

Competition 2020 – 5/8/20 to 9/12/20

- Division 1** 8 teams – 54 Players
Wallaroo 1 (Greg) 4/33 defeated Currawong 1 (Mary) 3/25
- Division 2** 6 teams – 35 Players
Acacia 2 (Steph) who came first with 76 points, with Acacia 1 (Niamh) second with 69.5 points.
- Division 3** 6 teams – 36 Players
Brigalow 1 (Leisa) who came first with 75.5 points, with Koala 2 (Gerry) second with 69 points.

There was a total of 20 teams with 125 registered players in teams and 32 pool players.

Competition 1 2021 – 27/1/21 to 24/4/21

- Elite** 6 teams – 41 Players
Coolabah 1 (Sharmila) 5.5/33 defeated Wallaroo 2 (Mafalda) 1.5/20
- Division 1** 6 teams – 35 Players
Currawong 2 (Lindy) 5/32 defeated Wilga 2 (Warren) 2/21
- Division 2** 8 teams – 43 Players
Koala 2 (Jenny) 4/33 defeated Banksia 2 (Hoadies) 3/30
- Division 3** 6 teams – 34 Players
Waratah 1 (Bruce) 6/35 defeated Bunderra 2 (Marion) 1/21

There was a total of 26 teams with 153 registered players in teams and 33 pool players.

Competition 2 – 2021 – 05/05/21 – Current

- Elite** 8 teams - 47 players
- Division 1** 6 teams - 36 players
- Division 2** 6 teams - 32 players
- Division 3** 6 teams - 39 players

There was a total of 26 teams with 154 registered players in teams and 30 pool players.

Thursday Night Mens

Previous competition 2020:

There were 4 divisions using 14 courts. 29 teams competed with a total of 171 team members and 30 pool players.

Division 1 Winners: Sudden Death

Division 2 Winners: Brigalow 1

Division 3 Winners: Koala

Division 4 Winners: Arunta 2

Annual Grade Tournament 2020/21

Event	Winner	Runners up
Open Men's Singles	Darren Soenario	Gersham Quezada
Open Ladies Single's	Nicole Pinchbeck	Isabela Hipolito
Open Men's Doubles	Rohan Best & George Wagemans	Paul Kent & Chris Biviano
A/B Grade Men's Doubles	Ronnies Tse & Nhu Voe	Alex Evans & Jasper Evans
Ladies Doubles	Nicole Pinchbeck & Karen Thompson	Mary Baker & Karen Williamson
Men's Plate Event	Matt Condon	Michael Kyaw

Current competition 2021 (in progress):

There are 5 divisions using 15 courts. 33 teams are competing with a total of 209 team members and 28 pool player with two rained off rounds to complete prior to the semis and grand finals.

Saturday Junior Competitions

Term 3 2020: 136 player registration across all three time slots (first term return to active SJC following Term 2 hiatus due to COVID-19 restrictions).

8am Morning		
Premier		
Winners	Nick Cook	Caroline Holland
Runners Up	Manuja Khatri	Julia Tan
Div 1		
Winners	Jacob Kratochvil	Enya Ding
Runners Up	Ryan Zhu	Marcus Dong
Div 2		
Winners	Arabella Subasinghe	Jasiel Tjoputra
Runners Up	Patrick Kratochvil	Neil Patney
Div 3 / 4		
Joint Winners	Shlok Kaushik	Advit Vyas
Joint Winners	Daniel Seto	Smera Gera

10am Morning		
Premier		
Winners	Maria Gorval	Cecilia Teoh
Runners Up	Liam Bignucolo	Aaron Lee
Div 1 / 2		
Winners	Arushi Bansal	Tony Dong
Runners Up	Zoe Hamper	Leon Pang
Div 2 / 3		
Winners	Gordon Huang	Ethan Li
Runners Up	Timothy Flower	Harold Rowe
Div 3 / 4		
Winners	Alexander Cheung	Phoebe Cheung
Runners Up	Sasha Lenehan	Owen Cameron

3pm Afternoon		
Premier		
Winners	Flynn Dunnachie	Tim Li
Runners Up	Cameron Davey-Webb	Anneliese Ferdinande
Div 1		
Winners	Brian Carpenter	Jaylen Nicotra
Runners Up	Nicholas Ross	Jack Young
Div 1x		
Winner (P1)	Brian Carpenter	
Winner (P2)	Nicholas Ross	
Div 2 / 3		
Winners	Xin Hu Dobbie	David Wu
Runners Up	Ajeet Kasi	Danica Li
Div 3 / 4		
Winners	Levi Strong	Jeremy Lee
Runners Up	Annabelle Roos	Douglas Yee

Term 2 2020: 171 player registrations all three time slots.

8am Morning		
Div 1/2		
Winners	Daniel Song	Richard Bang
Runners Up	Michael Hibbard	Luca Caus
Div 2		
Winners	Cameron Ni	Benny Fraser
Runners Up	Patrick Kratochvil	Neil Patney
Div 2/3		
Winners	Yoon Hwang	Vin Hwang
Runners Up	Jethro Rosettenstein	Nathan Rosettenstein
Div 3		
Winners	Dimitry Gorval	Jack Fellows
Runners Up	Sasha Lenehan	Owen Cameron
Div 3/4		
Winners	Andrew Zhang	Eric Bang
Runners Up	Matthew Best	Eshaan Sahni

8am and 10am Morning

Premier		
Winners	Maria Gorval	Cecilia Teoh
Runners Up	Shubhan Amlani	Vedant Tyagi
Div 1		
Winners	Andrew Xue	Renee Poon
Runners Up	Evan Chew	Marcus Dong
Div 1/2		
Winners	Rushabh Mane	Ethan Li
Runners Up	Thomas Jones	Therese Meney
Div 2/3		
Winners	Jamaine Koh	Matthew Howell
Runners Up	Khushi Vasavada	Ethan Wang
Div 3/4		
Winners	Jasper Gan	Ethan Ding
Runners Up	Heesung Kim	Yuwen Xiao
3pm Afternoon		
Premier		
Winners	Tim Li	Flynn Dunnachie
Runners Up	Zachary Ni	Nicholas Radburn
Div 1/2		
Winners	Benjamin Muhlethaler	Gordon Huang
Runners Up	Renee Poon	Xin Hu Dobbie
Div 2/3		
Winners	Danica Li	Ryan Haaf
Runners Up	Jayden Zheng	Jason Yan
Div 3/4		
Winners	Annabelle Roos	Riley Marcellino
Runners Up	Ruby Greenhalgh	Angus Weeden

Term 1 2021: 166 player registrations across two time slots.

Morning

Premier		
Winners	Vedant Tyagi	Shubhan Amlani
Runners Up	Kyle Zhang	Jordan Lam
Div 1		
Winners	Nick Ross	Rushabh Mane
Runners Up	Tony Dong	Fotima Halilova
Div 1/2		
Winners	Jaylen Nicotra	Patrick Kratochvil
Runners Up	Abhiyash Sabat	Caleb Heng
Div 1/2 @ 10am		
Winners	Jamaine Koh	Matthew Howell
Runners Up	Jasiel Tjoputra	Cameron Ni
Div 2		
Winners	Yoon (Peter) Hwang	Vin Hwang
Runners Up	Anthony Campobassi	Oliver Yee
Div 2/3		
Winners	Shlok Kaushik	Ellena Karaboikis
Runners Up	Dimitry Gorval	Smera Gera
Div 2/3 @ 10am		
Winners	Pranshul Sethi	Saraansh Sethi
Runners Up	Noori Mehra	Phoebe Cheung
Div 3A		
Winners	Marley Lepp	Benjamin Cooper
Runners Up	Sasha Lenehan	Owen Cameron
Div 3B		
Winners	Bilal Mukadam	Lilly Best
Runners Up	Olivia Wise	Logan Penfold
Div 4		
Winners	Eden Froggatt	Rhian Liem
Runners Up	Samuel Moir	Claudia Teutsch

Afternoon

Premier		
Winners	Roger Zhou	Renee Poon
Runners Up	Brian Carpenter	Anneliese Ferdinande
Div 1/2		
Winners	Nick Ross	Jack Young
Runners Up	Elijah Gulliver	Ocean Cheung
Div 2/3		
Winners	Ryan Haaf	Harper Hogan
Runners Up	Danica Li	Jeremy Lee
Div 3/4		
Winners	Angus Weeden	Toby Gill
Runners Up	Evelyn Lo	Elise Poon

Term 2 2021: 162 player registrations across two time slots.

8 am Morning		
Premier		
Winners	Kyle Zhang	Jordan Lam
Runners Up	Cecilia Teoh	Maria Gorval
Div 1 / 2		
Winners	Richard Bang	Euan Liem
Runners Up	Yoon (Peter) Hwang	Vin Hwang
Div 2		
Winners	Shlok Kaushik	Cooper Shen
Runners Up	Timothy Flower	Alexander Cheung
Div 3		
Winners	Marley Lepp	Benjamin Cooper
Runners Up	Andrew Zhang	Shradha Bebart

10 am Morning		
Premier / Div 1		
Winners	Benjamin Stephen	Jake Peeriz
Runners Up	Kieran Bull	Rushabh Mane
Div 1 / 2		
Winners	Jamaine Koh	Benjamin Marcellino
Runners Up	Anthony Campobassi	Oliver Yee
Div 2 / 3		
Winners	Dishita Verma	Ethan Ding
Runners Up	Riley Marcellino	Dorothy Li
Div 3 / 4		
Winners	Ruby Greenhalgh	Rhian Liem
Runners Up	James Dwyer	Wilson Zhu

3pm Afternoon		
Premier		
Winners	Catherine Yu	Mary Jackson
Runners Up	Aditya Arora	Gordan Zhou
Premier / Div 1		
Winners	Andrew Xue	Renee Poon
Runners Up	Nicholas Ross	Jack Young
Div 1/2		
Winners	Danica Li	Annabelle Roos
Runners Up	Nicolas Ng	Thomas Muhlethaler
Div 2		
Winners	Ethan Wang	Jeremy Lee
Runners Up	Saraansh Sethi	Jack Fellows
Div 2 / 3		
Winners	Daniel Seto	Isaac Ng
Runners Up	Roland Prasetya	Isabella Ho
Div 3		
Winners	Aiden To	Liam Doyle
Runners Up	Angus Weeden	Toby Gill
Div 3 / 4		
Winners	Young Chen	Bryce Peterson
Runners Up	Bhavya Kandola	Asher Pratheesh

Junior Age Champions: 73 players across 14 events.

EVENT	WINNER/S	RUNNER UP
10GS – Girls 10 years & Under Singles	Chloe Young	Catherine Davies
12GS – Girls 12 years & Under Singles	Danica Li	Ruby Greenhalgh
14GS – Girls 14 years & Under Singles	<i>Finals Still to be played!</i> Maria Gorval and Cecilia Teoh	
10BS – Boys 10 years & Under Singles	Ethan Wang	Ryan Haaf
12BS – Boys 12 years & Under Singles	Jaylen Nicotra	Dylan Tanuhardja
14BS – Boys 14 years & Under Singles	Eric Chen	Evan Chew
16BS – Boys 16 years & Under Singles	<i>Finals still to be played!</i> Christian Brown & Joshua Wright	
18BS – Boys 18 years & Under Singles	<i>Finals still to be played!</i> Christian Brown & Joshua Wright	
12GD – Girls 12 years & Under Doubles	Danica Li & Ellena Karaboikis	Isabelle Ho & Emily Yu
16GD – Girls 16 years & Under Doubles	Cecilia Teoh & Maria Gorval	Mary Jackson & Catherine Yue
10BD – Boys 10 years & Under Doubles	Eden Froggatt & Ahaan Sharma	Patrick Lewis & Evan Zhang
12BD – Boys 12 years & Under Doubles	Jack Young & Jaylen Nicotra	Ryan Haaf & Dimitry Gorval
14BD – Boys 14 years & Under Doubles	Evan Chew & Oliver Yee	Timothy Flower & Andrew Xue
18BD – Boys 18 years & Under Doubles	Jacob Kratochvil & Keiran Bull	Shubhan Amlani & Rushabh Mane



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