

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



EASTWOOD THORNLEIGH DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION Inc.



**View of courts 3-5 taken on east side of Main clubhouse.
Photographer: Ray Gerke**

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ETDTA Inc. - Minutes of the 100th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 15th October 2024

Location: Pennant Hills Park Tennis Centre
Meeting Opened: 7:40pm
Chair: Clare Perry
Present: As per attendance list – total of 46 members

1. Apologies

Tracey Croft, Barbara Schultz, Kaye McIntyre, Robyn Thompson, Matt Condon, Jennie Campbell

It was **moved** Mary Baker, **seconded** Lindy Gerke, that the Apologies be accepted. **Carried.**

2. Alterations to Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Office Bearers 2022/2023 should have reflected the following:

President Mary Baker, then Kaye McIntyre

Secretary Clare Perry, then Tracey Croft

It was **moved** Dennis Pike, **seconded** John Phare, that alterations to the Minutes of the October 2023 AGM meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

3. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was **moved** Lindy Gerke, **seconded** Enone Melville, that the Minutes of the October 2023 AGM meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

4. President's Report – Clare Perry (Acting President)

Report in the Annual Report 2024 as read.

Added to this Clare Perry welcomed everyone to the 100th AGM of ETDTA Inc and explained that whilst our Centenary dinner was held in October 2023 the Association had it's official opening at Midson Road on 17 November 1923. However, as dates of the AGM's are mobile, in the 1960s it as pushed forward from the end of the year to January of the following year, so that particular year missed out on holding an AGM, hence the discord between our AGM number and Anniversary date.

She also added that she realised she omitted to thank our hardworking Treasurer for most of the last term, Dennis Pike. Andy Kleiberg will cover that subject in his report.

Henry Toczydlowski was to be congratulated once more on his excellent performance as Acting Manager, his talent for organisation on display last Saturday at the charity day, Jeans for Genes, so ably organised by him and wishes him the best for his future endeavours.

It was **moved** Mary Baker, **seconded** Kelley Keyes, that the President's Report be accepted. **Carried**

5. Treasurer's Report – Andy Kleiberg (Acting Treasurer)

Treasurer's comments about the financial health of the Association :

- Firstly, I just represent the hard work here from the previous Treasurer, Dennis Pike and bookkeeper, Anne Wallis. I have just put the figures together and organised the audit. The hard work was done by them so don't want to take the credit for the last 12 months in regard to the financials.
- In tennis terms, we "aced" it this year, so I can serve you a smorgasbord of good news.
 - Plenty of cash;
 - adequate provisions;
 - know where it should be allocated to be spent.

For example: We are looking for a renewed 10 year lease during which time we will need substantial provision to cover the cost of replacement of 25 courts which would amount to approximately \$1m.

- Thanked the good guidance of the Executive with the help of the Council of Management.
- Noted that previous treasurer, Dennis Pike, played a major role in this for last couple of years and thanked him for his excellent work and commitment to the job along with the help of the backoffice staff.
- Welcomed the new Treasurer, Ajay Patankar, who has stepped up and taking the reins as from this financial year.

It was **moved** Steve Redknap, **seconded** Brian Tierney, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.
Carried

6. Acceptance of audited Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2024

It was **moved** Brian Tierney, **seconded** John Phare, that the audited Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2024 be accepted. **Carried**

7. Office Bearers already deemed elected under the ETDTA Inc Rules

Nominations were received at least 3 weeks prior to the AGM and the following are elected noppoted as Office Bearers of the Association for the 2024/2025 year. Entries received prior to 7.30 pm on 24th September 2024 were deemed to be compliant.

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER	Date Received
TREASURER	Ajay Patankar	Clare Perry	Tracey Croft	20/08/24
CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS	Henry Toczydlowski	Mary Baker	Melissa Dolahenty	20/08/24
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER	Judy Halbedl	Enone Melville	Deborah Murray	20/08/24
THURS NIGHT SECRETARY	John Phare	Richard Otten	John Safajou	06/08/24
GRADE TOURNAMENT	Melody Nguyen	Raelene Gauld	Clare Perry	09/09/24
ORDINARY MEMBER (1)	Enone Melville	Judy Halbedl	Deborah Murray	20/08/24
JUNIOR BRANCH REP	Kelley Keyes	Sally Sims	Melody Nguyen	19/08/24
NSWHTA DELEGATE (1)	Melissa Dolahenty	Clare Perry	Tracey Croft	20/08/24

8. Election of Office Bearers – Nominations for President

The following nominations were received for position of President prior to 7.30 pm on 24th September 2024 and were deemed to be compliant. As more than 1 nominee, a vote will be called for the successful candidate at the AGM.

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER	Date Received
PRESIDENT	Duncan Davies	Clare Perry	Barbara Schultz	15/08/24
PRESIDENT	Lindy Gerke	Robyn Thompson	Jennifer Campbell	17/08/24

Scrutineers nominated by each candidate to hand out ballot papers were :

- Gaurav Gupta and Andy Kleiberg.

It was announced the outcome of the secret ballot with a majority was **Duncan Davies**.

It was moved, **Dave Cochrane**, seconded **Steve Redknap**, that the ballot papers be destroyed. **Carried**

The incoming President, **Duncan Davies**, then took the chair at 8:10pm.

9. Election of Office Bearers – Positions still to be filled

Further nominations were then called for the following positions as Office Bearers of the Association for the **2024/2025 year**.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Vice President 1	Lindy Gerke	Clare Perry	Mary Baker
Vice President 2			
Assistant Treasurer			
Secretary			
Assistant Treasurer			
Comp Secretaries:			
Monday Night Ladies	Fay Yiannakopoulos	Mary Baker	Clare Perry
Tuesday Ladies	Monique Spiller	Kelley Keyes	Mary Baker
Wed Night Mixed	Rod Berry	Lindy Gerke	John Phare
Publicity Officer			
Social Secretary	Barbara Schultz	Lindy Gerke	Brian Tierney
NSWHTA Delegate 2	Dave Cochrane	Mary Baker	Steve Redknap
NSWHTA Alternate Delegate			
Ordinary Member 2	Gaurav Gupta	Clare Perry	Mary Baker
Ordinary Member 3	Matt Condon	Mary Baker	Dennis Pike
Ordinary Member 4	Debbie Stewart	Enone Melville	Marine Hurst
Ordinary Member 5			

It was then **moved** that the above positions be filled as stated by the **Proposer and Seconder**. **Carried**.

10. Election of Honorary Solicitor

It was **moved**, Clare Perry, **seconded** Steve Redknap, that Diana Simoni from Cameron & Associates be contacted to ask if she will continue as Honorary Solicitor for the 2024/2025 year. **Carried**

11. Appointment of Auditor

It was moved, Andy Kleiberg, **seconded** John Phare, that Howard Ghedia be appointed as Auditor for For 2024/2025 term. **Carried**

12. Appointment of Patrons

It was **moved**, Clare Perry, **seconded** Dennis Pike, that the following people be approached to act as Patrons for our Association for the 2024/2025 term;

- Martin Zaiter, Lord Mayor, City of Parramatta Council
- Warren Waddell – Mayor, Hornsby Council

- Jerome Laxale – Member for Bennelong
- Julian Leaser – Member for Berowra
- Replacement for Matt Kean – Hornsby electorate;
- Replacement for Dominic Perrottet – Epping electorate.

Carried

It was **moved** Steve Redknap, **seconded** Dave Cochrane, that Phillip Ruddock also be asked if he would continue as Patron for the Association. **Carried.**

13. Honorarium

It was **moved** Andy Kleiberg, **seconded** Brian Tierney, that the Honorarium for the 2023/2024 term of \$322.00 be accepted. **Carried.**

14. Correspondence

No Correspondence

15. General Business

Andy Kleiberg, on behalf of the Council of Management, thanked Clare Perry for stepping up to be Acting President in these last few months as her work was much appreciated.

Meeting closed: 8:29pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Annual General Meeting – North West Sydney Tennis Association

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I present this President's Report to the members, partners, volunteers, and the broader North West Sydney Tennis (NWST) community for the Annual General Meeting. The past 12 months have been an extraordinary period of achievement, growth, and resilience for our Association. Our Council of Management (CoM) has delivered on key priorities, ensuring that NWST remains not just a strong, vibrant organisation, but a vital part of Sydney's sporting landscape.

Introduction

The past year has challenged communities, families, and organisations alike across Australia. Rising costs and economic pressures have been felt by all, and yet, in the face of these challenges, the NWST Association has excelled. The commitment, professionalism, and vision of our Council of Management have ensured that the Association is not only stable but thriving. I am confident that NWST stands as a beacon of excellence, both today and for many years to come.

Centre Management Capability

First and foremost, the evolution of our centre management capability has been nothing short of transformational. Over the last 12 months, we have refined our operational processes, invested in upskilling our staff, and implemented new management frameworks that maximise efficiency, responsiveness, and great member experience. Our operations are now more robust and adaptable, enabling us to respond quickly to opportunities and challenges alike. The seamless day-to-day running of our facilities is a credit to the professionalism of our management team led by Jackie De Vivo & Anne Wallis in Finance.

Member Satisfaction

Member satisfaction remains at the heart of everything we do. Through regular surveys, open forums, and ongoing feedback mechanisms, we have gained valuable insights into the needs and aspirations of our members. This year, we recorded high satisfaction ratings, reflecting improvements in court availability, facility cleanliness, communication, and programming. Our members are more engaged than ever, and their enthusiasm fuels our Association's progress. NWST continues to balance the needs of Competition, Members, Social and Coaching in a fixed capacity environment and we continue to innovate to better service these needs.

Complex Maintenance

Our facilities are the foundation of all that we do. This year saw continued investment in complex maintenance, with notable upgrades to court surfaces, lighting, clubhouses, and surrounding amenities through successful grants and funding from our Capital reserves and in some instances donations from members. Preventative maintenance schedules have been strictly adhered to, minimising downtime and ensuring all members and visitors can enjoy a safe, welcoming environment. The Pennant Hills Park Tennis Centre and Midson Road stand as a testament to our commitment and vision—remaining a gem in the Sydney tennis crown.

Tournaments Hosted

A key highlight this year has been our role as host to a variety of Seniors, Adults and Juniors tournaments and events. From grassroots competitions to Metro championships, NWST has provided players of all ages and abilities with opportunities to compete, develop, and showcase their talent. These tournaments have both strengthened our reputation as a premier tennis hub and contributed to the broader tennis community in New South Wales.

Financial Results

Despite the ongoing cost of living crisis, NWST has maintained strong financial health. Prudent financial management, careful budgeting, and the pursuit of new revenue streams have enabled us to not only meet but surpass our targets for the year. Our reserves have been bolstered, and we have reinvested surplus funds into infrastructure, programs, and member services. The Association is in a robust financial position, providing a solid foundation for future growth.

Voyager & Paul Toohey Coaching Relationship

The partnership with Voyager and Paul Toohey Coaching continues to flourish. Their expertise, professionalism, and dedication to player development have elevated our coaching programs to new heights. This relationship has supported players across all levels—from beginners discovering their love for tennis to advanced athletes aspiring to elite competition. Our coaching partners play a vital role in the sustained success and vibrancy of NWST.

InTennis Point of Sale Implementation

Embracing innovation, we successfully implemented the InTennis Point of Sale system this year. This state-of-the-art platform has streamlined our booking, payment, and reporting processes, enhancing the member and visitor experience. The management team's adaptability and focus ensured a smooth transition, and the benefits are already being felt across our operations.

Council of Management Performance, Transparency & Trust

The Council of Management has operated this past year with exceptional performance, transparency, and trust. Meetings have been conducted openly, decisions communicated clearly, and governance standards consistently upheld. The culture of trust within the CoM has enabled us to collaborate effectively, confront challenges honestly, and pursue bold objectives for the benefit of all stakeholders.

Volunteer Commitment & Enthusiasm

An Association is only as strong as its volunteers, and NWST is privileged to be supported by a passionate and dedicated volunteer base and commented on as a unique strength of NWST by all and sundry. This past year, volunteers have contributed countless hours, undertaking roles from event coordination and tournament support to facility maintenance and committee work. Their energy, generosity, and enthusiasm have been instrumental to our achievements. On behalf of the CoM and all members, I extend my heartfelt thanks to every volunteer who has contributed to our shared success.

Strategy for Lease Tender & Lease Extension

Looking to the future, the Council of Management has devoted significant resources to the development of a comprehensive strategy for the upcoming lease tender process. Through careful planning, stakeholder engagement, and expert advice, we are confident that NWST is well-placed to secure tenure and continue operating our facilities for generations to come. We are also delighted to report the successful negotiation of a lease extension at Pennant Hills Park Tennis Centre, providing both stability and certainty for our Association's future.

Xpoint Impasse Resolved

A longstanding operational challenge was resolved this year with the resolution of the Xpoint impasse. Through patience, negotiation, and a willingness to find common ground, we have ensured that our systems remain efficient and fully integrated. This outcome reflects the collaborative spirit and problem-solving capability of our management team.

Looking Ahead

All of the achievements detailed above are part of our ongoing commitment to the NWST Strategic Plan. The priorities we have pursued are not arbitrary, but rooted in a clear vision for NWST's future as a premier tennis association. In a world where backyard courts are disappearing and urban land is at a premium, Pennant Hills Park Tennis Centre and Midson

Road stand as a rare and precious asset—a facility that will, I am confident, still be admired and enjoyed 50 years from now.

Our goal remains to ensure that NWST is not only a leader in tennis today but a guardian of the sport's future in Sydney's North West. We will continue to innovate, invest, and advocate for our members and community, building on the solid foundations laid this year.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate my thanks to every member, volunteer, staff, partner, and my fellow Council of Management members. The list of individual contributors is so long but you know who you are and how much we value your contribution. The achievements of the past 12 months are a testament to your hard work, passion, and belief in the value of our Association. NWST has had a storied success in the last 100 years and is in very good hands, and I am excited for all that lies ahead in the next 100 years.

Let us continue to work together in the coming year to deliver excellence, foster community, a culture of trust and transparency and ensure that North West Sydney's Pennant Hills Park Tennis Centre and Midson Road remain a shining example of what can be achieved when people unite around a common purpose.

Thank you.

Duncan Davies, President
North West Sydney Tennis Association

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A strong result for the year ended 30 June 2025 has again been achieved. The surplus shows an audited result of \$136,085 profit which is an increase of 3.8% over the previous year.

A further \$150,000 has been provided for an increase in the provision for capital improvements.

A substantial grant has been received from Hornsby Shire Council which has assisted us in carrying out further improvements.

Income

Total income was up \$87,373 representing a substantial increase of 9.4%. Our Coaching partner made a major contribution to this success. Our ProShop & tournament fees achieved growth rates of 6.4% & 30.5% respectively.

Expenses

Total expenses were up by \$82,407 or 10.4%. The biggest increase was in court resurfacing of \$59,600. Whilst rent was up by \$13,485 our wage costs showed a welcome saving of \$9,434.

Cash

There is a substantial net positive balance of \$1,545,382 between our Current Assets less our Current Liabilities. This is an increase of \$137,323 over the previous year. The Committee has been very aggressive in seeking bank term deposits opportunities to benefit from interest whilst maintaining security over the capital. We have nearly \$1.1 million in term deposits.

Summary

A recent audit of our 19 courts has highlighted the need for capital works in the coming year. We have the funds to be able to do this work & we have again sought grants from Hornsby Shire Council & other bodies to assist with this. The size of our complex means we have an ongoing obligation to ensure we can keep the centre up to our high standards.

We are optimistic over the financial outlook for the 202/826 financial year.

Our thanks again go out to the members, the CoM, the Executives and its sub- committees to recognise the support given over the year. A special mention goes to our bookkeeper Anne Wallis for the excellent work she does for the Association & for the manner in which she does that work.

Andy Kleiberg & Dennis Pike
Joint Treasurers

MANAGER'S REPORT

I commenced my role as Manager at Northwest Sydney Tennis in March 2025, and it has been an incredibly rewarding journey so far. From day one, I have loved the challenges and opportunities this role presents, and I'm proud of what we have collectively achieved over the 8 months, we certainly hit the ground running.

One of the key improvements this year has been the implementation of our new Point of Sale (POS) system in the pro shop. This has significantly upgraded our previous manual setup, streamlined our stock management and made end-of-day balancing far more efficient.

A standout highlight for the centre was the successful hosting of the Tildesley Shield, one of the largest school tennis tournaments in the state. It was a fantastic showcase of our organisational strength and capacity to deliver high-level competitions.

Equally rewarding has been watching our junior players thrive - especially through their strong representation in the Age Championships and Sydney Interdistrict Competition. It is great to see our players in their new NWST polos this has added a great visual identity to our teams, our players are now easily spotted and proudly representing the club.

We've made key adjustments to our junior programs this year, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Changing a timeslot helped significantly on Saturdays allowing us to keep all players at Pennant Hills. We are now looking at a Sunday morning spot as an alternative to take the load off Saturdays. It's great to hear consistent word-of-mouth from the wider tennis community, reflecting the quality and organisation of our competitions.

We're also testing the waters with UTR match play across both coloured ball levels and UTR 1-5 categories. Participation has been strong, and we're excited to expand this initiative further in Term 4.

Looking ahead in our Junior space, our School Boys and School Girls Championships are set from 24th November through to 2nd December - another major event that will highlight our centre's strengths. We've also just secured a J125 Tournament for the January school holidays, with Alan Ling confirmed as the Tournament Director. Hosting a TA-sanctioned event will be a fantastic way to kick off 2026.

Our adult competitions continue to thrive with strong participation numbers. A heartfelt thank you goes to our competition secretaries, whose dedication and efficient coordination have ensured these events run seamlessly. I'm particularly looking forward to the Open Grade Championships in October, where we hope to see strong participation from both competitive and social players as we award our inaugural trophies for 2025.

Social Tennis is also seeing growth in numbers, congratulations to the social heads you are really making sure tennis is being played and well organised.

On the Interdistrict front, our Blackwell Cup Premier 2 team is currently sitting in 1st place as of the 21/08 with hopes high for a strong finish to secure the cup in 2025. Across the board, our competitive teams are performing exceptionally well:

- **7 teams** in 1st place
- **9 teams** in 2nd
- **3 teams** in 3rd
- **2 teams** in 4th or lower

Earlier this year in July, our Seniors Tournament (NRT5) was also a success. We're aiming to schedule this earlier in 2026 to avoid overlap with other major senior events. Mary, Gerry, Clare and Barb did a great job keeping them all happy with an array of food and drinks. Thank you to all who helped in this event.

Of course, with growth comes increased workload and I would like to thank our dedicated staff and volunteers, we've been able to meet these challenges head-on. I want to give a very big thank to every volunteer who has stepped up—you've offered unwavering support and helped meet our goals, offering words of encouragement and your contributions are truly invaluable.

Finally, our facility maintenance continues to set us apart. The positive feedback we receive from visitors about our centre's presentation is a testament to the incredible work done behind the scenes. Special thanks to Andy and all the volunteers who assist in keeping our facilities in top shape.

I'm incredibly proud of what we've achieved together in such a short time. I'm excited to continue building on this momentum in the months and year ahead, working alongside our friendly and competent staff, committed volunteers, and passionate tennis community.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Jackie de Vivo

Manager

COMPETITION REPORTS

Monday Night Ladies Competition Report

The Monday Night Ladies (MNL) Competition has enjoyed another successful year of tennis. Participation levels have remained consistent across all three divisions, reflecting the continued enthusiasm and commitment of our players.

Competition Overview

- **Division 1:** 8 teams
- **Division 2:** 6 teams
- **Division 3:** 6 teams

Unfortunately, the year was impacted by higher-than-usual rainfall, particularly in recent weeks. This resulted in a number of matches being rescheduled, including the Finals.

Finals – 25 August 2025

- **Division 1:** Wallaroo 2 vs Banksia 2
- **Division 2:** Currawong 1 vs Frenesi 1
- **Division 3:** Acacia 1 vs Frenesi 1

Social Tennis

Social tennis was held at various times throughout the year, including during school holidays, as well as on semi-finals and finals nights. While some sessions were well attended, others were affected by cold weather conditions, limiting participation.

Looking Ahead – Spring 2025 / Summer 2026

The next MNL competition will commence on **1 September 2025**.

- Division 1: 8 teams

- Division 2: 6 teams (with 2 new teams joining)
- Division 3: 6 teams

The new draw will be published on **XPoint** by **27 August 2025**.

Closing Remarks

We are delighted to have a dedicated volunteer stepping into the role of **MNL Competition Secretary**. I am confident she will make an excellent contribution to the competition and its future success.

It has been a privilege to serve as MNL Competition Secretary. I extend my sincere thanks to all players, volunteers, and supporting staff, and I wish the incoming Secretary every success in this role.

Fay Yiannakopoulos

MNL Comp Secretary

Ladies Midweek Competition Report

North West Sydney Tennis offers Ladies a Midweek Tennis Competition, which is played on a Tuesday all day from 9.30 to 3pm. We offer this competition during the school term only and have a mixture of University students to retired ladies playing in 3 divisions according to ability.

The format consists of 4 players on court from each team on any given match. Most teams like to have a minimum of 6 players registered to cover for injuries and holiday plans, although it has been noticed that many teams are now down to 4 or 5 players due to injuries and women returning to work or grandchildren minding.

Teams can have any number of players registered in their team. A team Registration costs \$120 per team, per comp. Each player must also pay the Association membership fee yearly.

A pool player or a player from outside the Association may play a one off match for any team without being a member of the Association, to help out a team or to encourage that player to come and experience the association competitions.

We usually play 3 competitions a year depending on the weather and wet matches, which can push out competitions from 16 weeks (including finals) to 19-20 weeks. Most comps run for 15 weeks then finals.

This new comp will hopefully conclude the first week in December before we conclude for the year and school term finishes, although we have had 2 wet matches to begin the comp so are already looking at a longer comp and finish date. The players are not happy to play later than the first week of December as many are then on holidays. Players are also not happy playing on Melbourne Cup Day so we leave this date as a social play day.

This Comp Winter Spring 2025 we have 3 divisions

Div 1 6 teams (29 players registered)

Although a team dropped out due to injuries and holidays, they assure me they will return in the new year. I have also encouraged and look like getting another team to join Div 1 next year so the grade should be back to 8 teams in 2026.

Div 2 7 teams (41 players registered)

Div 3 4 teams (15 players registered)

This division has many difficulties as the players are on the older side and are injured and at times fearful of the weather and court conditions. eg slippery in the wet or the heat especially for them not so much the younger players.

There are many pool players but these players do not want to join a team to strengthen or enlarge this division.

Pool Players Registered

(not always available and not willing to create a team, across all divisions)

Div 1 8 Players

Div 2 7 players

Div 3 6 players

For the Ladies Midweek comp we are at present using 10 courts at Pennant Hills Park and 1 court at Midson Road.

Monique Spiller

Ladies Midweek Comp Secretary.

Wednesday Night Mixed Competition Report

General Update

Since the 2024 AGM we have completed the Spring 2024 competition, started and completed the Autumn 2025 competition and we are about to start the Spring 2025 competition. In 2024, we had 23 teams but unfortunately this has now dropped to 20 teams in 2025 (we may have 21 or possibly 22 teams in the Spring 2025 competition). The loss of teams has been due to a few main reasons: personal circumstances (injury, moving, travel, work/other conflicts), preference for a different format (i.e. not sitting off between sets) and preference for an earlier finish time (new people find 10.30pm too late to finish). We continue to find new teams, some whole teams coming from other clubs and some new members from other North West competitions or from the Midson Road social groups, who have been assisted to form teams.

The Spring 2024 competition had 160 players (not including reserves) in 23 teams, while for the Autumn 2025 competition there were 135 regular players in 20 teams and 62 additional players who played at various times as reserves. The Spring 2025 competition is likely to have between these two levels. Clearly, participation is still high and a lot of people are enjoying some fun and competitive tennis. We may need to find ways to increase community awareness though and possibly consider other formats to remain attractive for modern busy lifestyles.

It is probably fair to say that WNX is the 2nd competition for most players, with a large majority either playing in MNL (ladies) or TNM (men). In those other competitions though (particularly TNM), there is not the same high participation in WNX, most likely due to many players being unable to commit to more than one competition per week. Multiple invitations have been made to both MNL and TNM competition players to consider WNX but with low response levels. This seems to indicate that future (adult) growth will need to come from the community. In a minor highlight though, we have two Voyager coaches joining the next competition!

There has been a reasonably level standard of play across all divisions, with no team wholly undefeated and generally close positioning on the ladders. New teams have been able to play competitively and a good sense of camaraderie has been reported. It is likely that no teams will be relegated or promoted, as the affected teams feel they are playing at the right level.

Social Tennis

We held multiple social tennis nights over the year, since the last AGM. The first was the Xmas social function and tennis night, which about 80 people attended. Raffle prizes were organised, a barbecue and drinks were served, and presentation of a gift and thank-you card was made to Marina Hurst, who stepped down after 5 years as WNX Competition Secretary. The night was a very big success. Further social nights were held during the January, April and July holidays and these were also generally well attended. These nights are not only a good forum for the

existing players to meet and socialise but also enable irregular and new players to experience first-hand what the club has to offer. Generally, this leads to increased participation. There has also been regular weekly social tennis on competition nights but with just one court being used, due to low attendance levels. These will be monitored for ongoing interest.

Member Feedback

To ensure the ongoing attractiveness of and participation in our WNX Competition, members are encouraged to give feedback and their views are sought from time to time. For example, players in Divisions 2 and 3 (both with a 6-team format) expressed interest in playoffs between the lower finishing teams to be held while the top two teams played the final. This change was introduced in the most recent competition and received positively. Other items of interest have also been regularly communicated to members and this open interaction seems to be appreciated.

Ongoing progress of the competition will be communicated in the monthly reports.

Rod Berry

WNX Competition Secretary

Thursday Night Mens Competition Report

At the start of the year there were 4 divisions, with 30 teams and around 200 members with approximately 16 pool players on Thursday nights. Fifteen courts were utilized throughout the year.

Unlike recent years, there were no byes, so every team got to play every week.

Div 1 - 8 teams;

Div 2 – 8 teams;

Div 3 - 6 teams;

Div 4 – 8 teams;

Division 2 in particular could easily have had 10 teams of a similar standard and it was very much appreciated that a couple of those teams stepped forward to play in division 1.

Unlike other comps TNM does not automatically promote and demote teams for each new comp. We appreciate teams being able to self-manage to find their 'sweet spot' within the divisions so all can enjoy their tennis.

John Phare

TNM Competition Secretary.

ANNUAL GRADE TOURNAMENT 2024

The tournament was played over multiple nights from 30 September-10 October. All events were played in a round robin format.

Ladies singles champion was Isabela Hipolito and the runner-up Melissa Dolahenty.

Mens singles champion was a close match with Chris Biviano defeating John Anderson.

The Open Ladies Champions were Nicole Pinchbeck and Karen Thompson, runners-up were Melissa Dolahenty and Mafalda Van Der Heiden. Division 2 ladies doubles winners were Catherine Belic and Marina Hurst with Anne Cheung and Mei Ogier runners-up.

Open Mixed Doubles was played in 2 pools with a total of 10 teams with the winner of each pool playing off to become the champions. Isabela Hipolito and Arjun Babla defended their title by defeating Melissa Dolahenty and Chris Biviano.

Mel Nguyen

Grade Tournament Secretary

JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

Saturday Junior Competition – Growth & Highlights (2024 – 2025)

The Saturday Junior Competition continues to thrive throughout 2025, demonstrating consistent growth and a strong commitment to maintaining high standards across each term.

- **Term 4, 2024:** 133 Junior Registrations
- **Term 1, 2025:** 117 Junior Registrations
- **Term 2, 2025:** 147 Junior Registrations
- **Term 3, 2025:** 153 Junior Registrations

Key Developments:

- **Court Supervisor** commenced Term 2 with their presence this has calmed down issues with parents and kids.
- In **Term 2**, high demand in the 3:00pm session at Pennant Hills, this led to Cedarwood being used as outside courts to accommodate Division 2 matches.
- In **Term 3**, the 10:00am session was replaced with a 1:00pm slot to better cater to players involved in multiple winter sports. This adjustment provided two afternoon playing options (newbie players suggested to join 1pm for supervision) and addressed low registration numbers previously seen in the morning sessions.
- New timeslots for the summer season are currently being discussed

These strategic changes contributed to increased participation and greater flexibility for players and families, reflecting the competition's adaptability. We had a wait list of people wanting to play but due to the courts being at full capacity we were not able to fulfill all entries for Term 3.

Winners from Term 4 2024 to Term 2 2025 (Term 3 currently in progress)

8am Term 4 2024			
Winner		Runners up	
Premier Division			
Ethan Khaw	Zachary Lee	Stanley Liang	Jake Parry
Divison 1 (White)			
James Sun	Leo Ma	Bhavya Kandola	Roger Liu
Divison 1 (Blue)			
Isabella Pu	Marc Gelao	Eric Cho	Jake F
Divison 2			
Jacob Orlovich	Hamish Liao	Alex Dai	Lachlan Zhou
Divison 3			
Issac Lee	Riya Malhotra	Alfie Fellows	Campbell Scott

10:30am Term 4 2024			
Winner		Runners up	
Division			
Edward Hu	Nathan Tong	Tristan Kan	Ayman Khan

3pm Term 4 2024			
Winner		Runners up	
Premier Division			
Ken Lam	Dimitrios Angelinas	Kawing Liu	Chris Wong
Division 1 (Blue)			
Ethan Huang	Sophia Mabambe	Jingyuan Yin	Jayden Wei
Division 1 (White)			
Nina Zhang	Ellena Karaboikis	Advit Vyas	Nathan Kim
Division 2/3			
George Zhou	Brian Li	Evelyn Lo	Olivier Capel

8am Term 1 2025			
Winners		Runners up	
Premier Division			
Zachary Lee	Jeremy Chisholm	Ethan Swinfield	Marc Gelao
Division 1			
Luc Middlecote	Nathan Kim	Joshua Ng	Hamish Liao
Division 2			
Alex Dai	James Chui	Leighton Wu	Collin Wu
Division 3			
Xavier Leung	Hubert Gao	Leo Shi	Coco Dunn
Winners		Runners up	

10am Term 1 2025			
Bailey Petersen	Laura Xin	Ananya Pilani	Caden Liu

3pm Term 1 2025			
Winners		Runners up	
Premier Division			
Sebastian Tam	Akshar Vysyaraju	Enze Xi	Ethan Huang
Division 1			
Marc Gelao	Liam Orlovich	Thomas Li	Jayden Wu
Division 2			
Michael Tam	Lewis Curzon	James Sun	Enhao Xi
Division 2/3			
Sophia Mabambe	John Angelinas	Saraansh Sethi	Allison Li
Division 3			
Henry Wu	Harry Xu	Luke Brooks	Harper Robb-Jackson

8am Term 2			
Winners		Runners up	
Division 1			
Yongzhen Woon	Heath Callow	Joseph Cha	Joshua Ng
Division 2			
Gloria Kim	Alice Kim	Anton Galati	Leighton Wu
Division 3			
Tristan Kan	Xavier Leung	Catherine Davies	James Chui
Division 4			
Samuel Moir	Sunoo Park	Emerson Smith	Sunny Han

10am Term 2			
Winners		Runners up	
Division 4			
Caden Liu	Nathan Tong	Brian Li	Yannick Amith

3pm Term 2			
Division 1 (Pool A)			
Dimitrios Angelinas	Liam Orlovich	Jeremy Chisholm	Luc Middlecote
Division 1 (Pool B)			
Axel Bradatsch	Ethan Yang	Ellana Karaboikis	Chloe Cheng
Division 2 (Pool A)			
Harrison Cooper	George Zhou	Enhao Xi	Alexander Tsioutsias
Division 2 (Pool B)			
Jensen Lim	John Angelinas	Kevin Yang	Yumeng Li
Division 3			
Ashvath Vysyaraju	Arjun Ramireddy	Annabelle Roos	Michelle Sagar
Division 4 (Pool A)			
Skandha Prasanna	Lachlan Wang	Harry Xu	Martin Tam
Division 4 (Pool B)			
Elva Rong	Samuel Hsu	Ethan Lee	Aiden Xie

Junior Age Championships

The inaugural **Junior Age Championships** took place across the weekend of May 17–18, with an impressive **74 players** competing in singles events across the **10s to 16s age groups**.

Some divisions kicked off on **Friday night**, progressing through pool rounds and culminating in **semifinals and finals on Sunday**. The level of competition and enthusiasm was outstanding, showcasing the depth of talent and commitment among our junior players.

It was especially exciting to witness the drive from all participants to etch their names onto the **inaugural championship trophies**—which have now been updated with the winners’ names.

Please see below the 2025 Junior Age Championship winners names and finalist

The **championship board** will be updated once dates for the **Open events** are confirmed.

Age Championship 2025 Winners NWST Tennis

U10 Boys Hamish Liao
U12 Boys Hendrix Collis
U12 Girls Emily Nguyen
U14 Girls Isabella Pu
U14 Boys Kawing Liu
U16 Boys Nathan Milne
U16 Girls Sairah Arora

Age Championships 2025 Finalist NWST Tennis

U10 Boys George Zhou
U12 Boys Max Petersen
U12 Girls Ingrid Suen
U14 Boys Dimitrios Angelinas
U14 Girls Sophia Mabambe
U16 Boys Sebastian Tam
U16 Girls Riana Puri

SYDNEY Interdistrict

2025 Sydney Interdistrict sees 21 Teams competing with coverage over 9 cups. 2025 sees a strong competition ahead for NWST and NWST will be a strong contender for the Overall pointscore Cup. Competition has commenced with all teams decked out in our new polo shirt shining bright under the NWST banner.

School Boys and School Girls Tournament 2024 – Clare Perry

The entry numbers this year matched the expectation expressed by Alan Ling. They necessitated the hire of courts at Parramatta for the first 3 days to cope with the number of events. The weather was kind, with the exception of the heat, and matches proceeded to time, in fact ahead of time on most days. Rain affected play on the last day, with courts requiring water removal on multiple occasions

Matches played - 879

Rain affected Matches - 5 (Abandoned, not played)

Entries - 738

Players - 483

Events - 50

Prize Money: \$2,600

Winning Secondary School (\$800): Central Coast Sports College. **Runner Up (\$500):** Queenwood.

Winning Primary School: Kent Road Public School. **Runner Up:** Chatswood Public School

Winner Open Boys Singles (\$250): Christopher Sakal. **Runner Up:** Xander Crabb

Winner Open Girls Singles (\$250): Tongni Chen. **Runner Up:** Stefani Koleska

UTR Match Play Juniors

- June Long Weekend UTR Mini Round Robin Tournament
- School Holidays (July) (middle weekend) Mini Round Robin Tournament
- Sundays throughout school term. **UTR 1+ to 5+ & Orange and Green Ball**

35 players for the mini round robins

12-16 players for the Sunday play (currently no play whilst interdistrict is on until after finals day 21st September)

EASTWOOD THORNLEIGH DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION Inc.
MEMBERSHIP 2024/25

The North West Sydney Tennis memberships at the close of the 2024/25 financial year totalled 1,051 comprising 531 Adults, 260 Seniors and 260 Juniors. This total represented an increase of 12 members compared with the previous year.

Over the past five years we've regularly maintained a membership of more than a thousand players each year, despite experiencing an average annual "churn" rate of 25% in our Adult memberships. Fortunately, the loss of those existing members has regularly been offset by the acquisition of a similar number of brand new members joining the Association, and by the return of various ex-members after a period of absence, thereby maintaining the status quo.

Judy Halbedl

OFFICER BEARERS AND COMMITTEES 2024/2025

PATRONS	Messrs Jerome Laxale, Julian Leaser, MLA Hornsby
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, A. Kleiberg, B. Tierney, J Halbedl.
PRESIDENT	Duncan Davies
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	Clare Perry
VICE PRESIDENT	Lindy Gerke (resigned)
VICE PRESIDENT	Kelley Keyes
TREASURER	Ajay Patankar <i>then</i> Andy Kleiberg/Dennis Pike
ASSISTANT TREASURER	
SECRETARY	Clare Perry
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	
PUBLIC OFFICER	David Cochrane
JUNIOR BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE	Kelley Keyes
CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS	Henry Toczydlowski
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Barb Schultz
PUBLICITY OFFICER	
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER	Judy Halbedl
COUNCILLORS	Gaurav Gupta Debbie Stewart (resigned) Enone Melville (resigned) David Cochrane & Mel Dolahenty Ms. Diana Simoni Howard Ghedia
NSWHTA DELEGATES	
HONORARY SOLICITOR	
AUDITOR	
COMPETITION SECRETARIES	
MON NIGHT LADIES	Fay Yiannakopoulos
TUESDAY LADIES	Monique Spiller
WEDNESDAY NIGHT	Rod Berry
THURS NIGHT MENS	John Phare

**SATURDAY JUNIORS
GRADE TOURNAMENT**

Jackie de Vivo
Mel Nguyen

SUBCOMMITTEES (2024/2025)

(President and Secretary are ex-officio on all committees)

FINANCE

D. Pike, M Baker, A. Kleiberg

REMUNERATION

D. Pike, M, Condon, D Davies, M. Baker

COURTS

M. Dolahenty, D. Cochrane,

C. Perry, B. Schultz

GRANTS

L. Gerke (resigned November), Kelley Keyes

M. Condon,

FUTURE BUILDING

M. Baker, M. Condon, D. Davies, M.

Dolahenty, M. Nguyen

LEASE

A. Kleiberg, C. Perry, D. Cochrane, D. Pike

TOURNAMENTS

M. Baker, K. Keyes, Mel Nguyen

STRATEGIC PLAN PROJECT LEADER

D. Davies

GROWTH TEAM LEADER

L. Gerke (resigned)

PROSHOP STAFF OCTOBER 2024

Daniel Desacadura, Abi Gosling, Will Harvey,
Gabbi Keyes, Carol Qui, Maria Gorval

MANAGER

Jackie de Vivo

MAINTENANCE MANAGER

Andy Phelan

ATTENDANCE REGISTER FOR COM 2024/2025*

Mary Baker -8	David Cochrane - 10	Matt Condon - 2	Duncan Davies - 10
Melissa Dolahenty - 7	Lindy Gerke – 2 [®]	Gaurav Gupta - 6	Judy Halbedl - 10
Kelley Keyes - 4	Andy Kleiberg - 8	Kerrie Marshall - 6	Enone Melville – 4 [®]
Melodie Nguyen - 7	Ajay Patankar - 0	Clare Perry - 10	Dennis Pike - 8
Barbara Schultz - 8	Debbie Stewart – 2 [®]		

* Competition Secretary attendance at regular CoM meetings is optional thus not recorded here.

[®] Resigned during this term, hence not appearing in Financial Statement at end of Financial Year.