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President's Report 2021/22

There is a proverb that goes it takes a village to raise a child, the same could be said for running a successful community-based tennis association such as ours. Everyone who helps in any capacity is making a valuable contribution to who we are and our future.

As most members are aware we are on the cusp of celebrating our Centenary Year, a remarkable achievement given the changing nature of community tennis over the years, and it is thanks to the great work of volunteers, dedicated staff and support from our local community.

Despite the curve balls that the weather and Covid has again thrown at us: our membership has remained above 1,000, our competitions and social play options have bounced back, and we have had the financial capacity to continue to reinvest in the wonderful tennis facilities that we have been entrusted with.

In December last we were able to hold our delayed North West Sydney Tennis naming Gala Day and were very pleased that two of our long-standing patrons and supporters, Mr Julian Leeser the Federal Member for Berowra and Mr Philip Ruddock the Mayor of Hornsby Shire Council were able to share the unveiling honours of the new signage.

Another important event, the naming of court 6 as the Tony Gilbert Show Court was held in May this year to acknowledge Tony Gilbert and those who worked with him to build our wonderful 16 court tennis complex on the edge of Lane Cove National Park. We are thankful that Tony and his helpers had the vision and drive to recognise that the tennis competitions were changing from being run on peoples' backyard courts to those at a dedicated facility. As an Association it is an important lesson that continuing to evolve and invest is an important key to our future.

In the last 12 months we have completed the upgrade of our fencing at Pennant Hills Park so that all the court fencing is now coated black to blend into the environment and we undertook root removal that was encroaching underneath a number of courts. The Council of Management (CoM) is in the process of installing a state of the art hitting wall to be located next to court 8. We have had great support for this initiative with the local, state and federal governments and Tennis NSW all committing funds to assist us. At the Midson Road centre we utilised left over grant money to assist purchase a new water fountain and have recently replaced the playing surface on court 2 with assistance of the NSW government.

2022 has been another great team effort and there are many people that I would like to thank. A sincere thanks to all members of the CoM who regularly attend meetings, shared their skills and knowledge and are the core of our volunteers and members of our various sub-committees. A special thanks to the Executive of the CoM, Mary Baker and Kaye McIntyre our two Vice Presidents, Clare Pery our Secretary and Dennis Pike our Treasurer for their

energy and passion in assisting to lead the Association and the great support from Andy Kleiberg (our newest life member) and Anne Wallis (also our diligent bookkeeper) who are the Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.

A big thank you also for our amazing Competitions Secretaries Penny Ryan, Robyn Johnson, Marina Hurst and John Phare who run the weekly adult competitions and have juggled draws amongst disruptions from Covid and wet weather, allowing many of us to simply turn up, play and enjoy our tennis. Thank you to Dave Cochrane for his great work and assistance supporting the implementation of Xpoint for some of our competition formats. Thank you also to those of you who help in the background whether it is around the grounds or making wonderful coffees, such as Brian Tierney and Danny Hipolito.

I would like to acknowledge our Manager Sandi Edwards and her team for their ongoing commitment and flexibility to keep the centres open through the Covid-19 periods and running our Junior Saturday competitions. We ask all members to be respectful of our staff who often have to deal with weather events or IT matters that are outside their control. We farewelled Jack Inwood, a valuable staff member for many years and welcomed Andy Phelan as a grounds person assisting Craig Edwards and Henry Chim, Abigail Gosling and Tyrese San Diego joining Julia Dolahenty in the Pro Shop.

Finally I would like to thank our coaching partners Voyager Tennis Academy and Paul Toohey Tennis and our financial sponsors TAG Financial and Fleet Street Merchants for their valued support and ask that members take the opportunity to consider their services.

Next year is our Centenary Year and we ask all our members and court hirers for any support they can provide to assist us celebrate our Centenary Year in style in 2023.

Best wishes,



Matt Condon

President North West Sydney Tennis

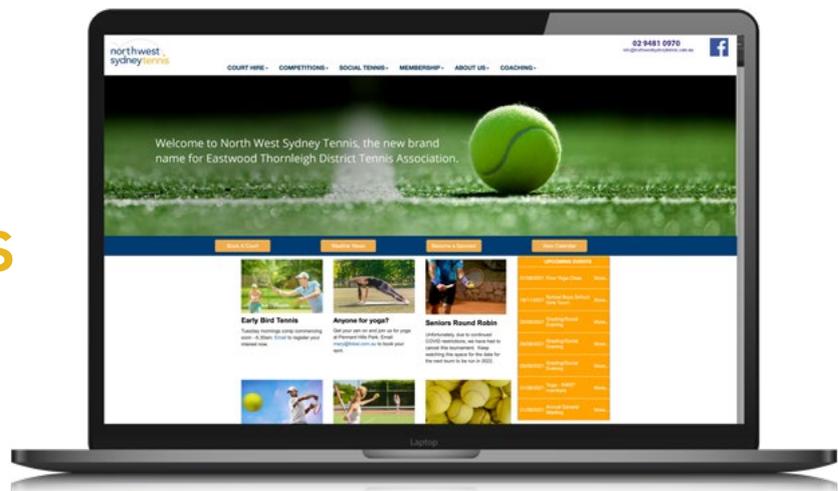


Our history. And still on a mission ...100 years here we come!

As this report is written we have a group of volunteers working to bring together the celebrations for all of our members, those that have played tennis in and for our Association in the past, those that have built their skills; become coaches, players, parents of young players, the youngest to the oldest, the hit and giggle to our elite players, and all those supporters - the wives, husbands, friends and partners, girlfriends and boyfriends, and mums and dads along with our community that has made the Association what it is.

We look forward to 2023 with our Centenary sub-committee becoming larger with more hands needed to assist as the time comes closer, to have some fun and to bring the plans together for us to celebrate.

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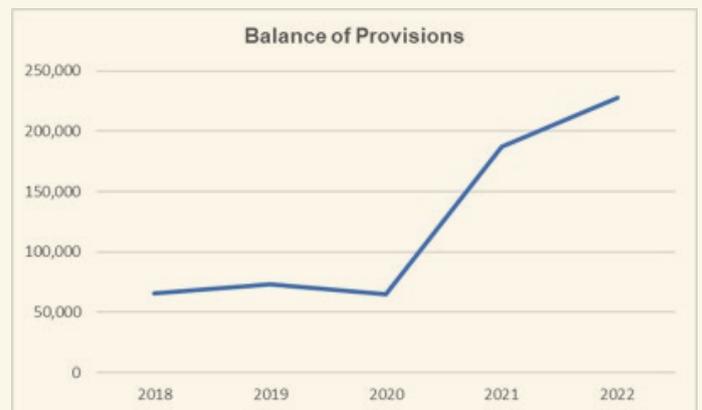
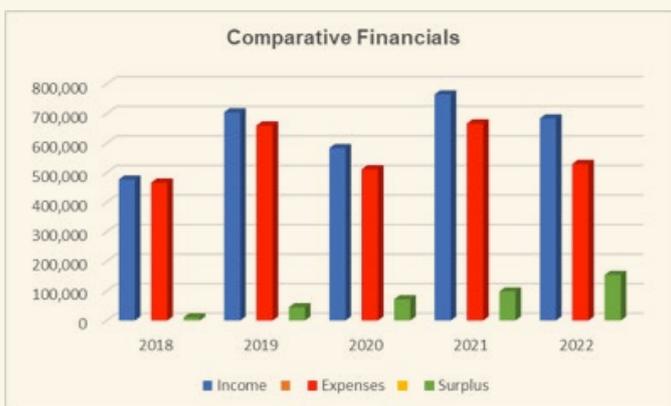


Treasurer's Report

Once again, we have pleasure in reporting to the members that we had a strong financial result for the year ended 30 June 2022. Our surplus shows an audited result of \$104,188 which is marginally above last year with an increase of \$5,799.

We have continued to provide for capital provisions increasing the provision by a further \$40,054.

Grants were received from several partners that assisted us to carry out further improvements both to the Pennant Hills and Epping complexes.



Income

Covid-19 & wet weather had adversely affected our ability to run special events as well as general bookings. Despite this our income from court rental is up 14% on last year. Membership fees were down slightly. The Pro Shop suffered by the lack of general activity at Pennant Hills recording a reduction in income. Grants were also down and there was no direct Government Covid assistance.

Expenses

Expenses were down by \$87,050. There was a large reduction in leasehold improvements and net capital improvement transfers of \$92,640. However, there was a large increase in rent paid due to additional court bookings amounting to \$26,754.

Wages were managed within the guideline set and showed an improvement to total income.

Cash

Our bank balance plus our debtors less our creditors showed a positive balance of funds at \$794,082 at 30th June, 2022. This is an increase from last year on the same basis. This clearly shows the strong financial position that the Association is in.

Summary

The Association constantly assesses the viability for the future and does not just look back over its shoulder. Our future maintenance cost with 19 courts requiring major works scheduled over a number of years means we need to be adequately providing for this year on year rather than taking big hits in any one year.

We recently undertook a review of our facilities with Tennis NSW who gave us a very high assessment of the condition of the complexes currently and our ability to maintain this for the foreseeable future.

I acknowledge and support our previous treasurer when he stated that our Association doesn't only depend on its financial situation. We extend thanks to its members, the CoM, the Executives and its sub-committees. I would personally like to thank that group for the support they have given me over the year. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the excellent work of Anne Wallis in all her bookkeeping and support work and the assistance of the previous treasurer, Andy Kleiberg.

Dennis Pike
Treasurer

WhatsApp and new tennis formats at NWST

With a forever changing world the Association is embracing technology to ensure it is easy for people to communicate and to engage in tennis offers, whether it be a casual social hitting group, or communication sharing within a competition. We are moving with the changes and have adopted WhatsApp as a way of communicating easily.

Our Pro Shop along with volunteers have created three new social offerings:

- **Friday Tennis @ Midson Rd**
- **Weekend Wildcards @ NWST, translated as 'Sunday afternoon tennis', and**
- **NWST Casual Hitters**

Two of these groups alone have resulted in approximately 100 participants so far, which opens the opportunity for people to find out more about NWST and to engage in our offers as well as our membership advantages.

Our Monday Night Ladies competition also has a group messaging service so weather updates and alerts for fill in players can be made directly to the group and sent promptly and easily through WhatsApp.





Our Community

2022 has been a busy year for us at North West Sydney Tennis!

After many delays we hosted a **Community Fun and Tennis Gala Day** in December 2021. We launched the North West Sydney tennis brand with some fun fare, a sausage or two, community stalls and tennis. Our juniors were featured with the finals of their championships, and we welcomed our local supporters on the day to unveil our new brand. We particularly would like to thank our dedicated volunteers on the day, and also our Federal Member for Berowra Mr Julian Leeser, Hornsby Shire Council Mayor, Mr Philip Ruddock and Councillor Sreeni Pillamarri and the then Tennis NSW CEO Mr Lawrence Robertson.



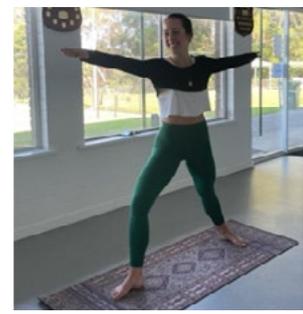
Many past members and their families attended the opening of **The Tony Gilbert Show Court** opening celebration held in May 2022. The late Mr Gilbert was influential in identifying the land held by Hornsby Council and then overseeing the design and construction of the Pennant Hills 16 court complex to accommodate the growing tennis population in the area.



With the lessening of the impacts of Covid-19 we were able to get back to group activities, including community yoga lessons, weekly competitions, and various tournaments and challenges that are offered throughout the year. Some of our offers have included:

We also attended the **Hills Parenting Expo** in February to promote the tennis centres to the general public. We combined with Voyager Coaching and Tara from Thrive Collective on the day.

- **Anyone for Yoga?** We have continued our yoga classes at Pennant Hills which has been proving popular not just with our tennis players but local community people, both ladies and men. We use our club house facilities and outdoor areas when appropriate, and we continue to offer three different class times during the week with classes taking up to 15 people.



Our Community cont.

- **Round Robins for the over 30s.** Our weekend round robins conducted with Seniors NSW are run generally twice a year and can attract in the vicinity of 200-300 people from a wide area, although these numbers have been affected by our la Nina weather pattern recently!



- **Outside tournaments** are a privilege to host in our beautiful park surrounds and as an Association we are fortunate to be able to provide our facilities to others. We enjoyed hosting **Tennis Sydney** which is Australasia's largest LGBTQI+ tennis club's annual tournament and the **Australian Chinese Tennis Club** too. The **88 Tennis Club** this year combined with **Sydney Lady Chinese Tennis Club** to play the **Dragonix Mixed Doubles Tournament**.



- **The Independent Girls Schools Sporting Association** also joined us each year and more recently the local district **Primary Catholic Schools** gala tennis program is a feature for primary schools in the area.



- And as an Association we never stand still..... we purchased a new **state of the art ball machine** that is available for hire to members at a discounted rate and have been working on a plan which will result in a **state of the art hitting wall** that will be available to all at Pennant Hills by the end of 2022. And yes - those raffle tickets purchased have gone to assist in the funding for projects such as this.
- As an Association we also have developed a range of **community partners** at the centres who we acknowledge for their support of us as a not-for-profit community tennis association. Community partnerships are an important way to support each other in the local area and we welcome them to our centre.
- We are fortunate to have **TAG Financial** who have been a community partner supporting us for the last 18 months and we welcome a new partner, **Fleet St Merchants**, who have supported us on many occasions with functions that we have held for the community.



- And a well-deserved **Life Member Award** to the very deserving Andy Kleiberg! Andy has for many years assisted the Association with his Treasurer skills as well as volunteering his time to support various social and tournament events, as well as being available to assist with maintenance, grounds and staff needs when that extra helping hand is needed. Thank you and congratulations Andy.



Our Staff

As a not-for-profit we are very fortunate to have a dedicated staff that not only run the day to day operations of our centre being our face to the community in the Pro Shop, but importantly being the people who pull everything that goes on behind the scenes together: supporting our volunteers, arranging tournament draws and bookings, organising the Saturday Junior competitions, assisting and planning with our contractors, whether it be our coaching partners, Voyager and Paul Toohey Coaching, our maintenance and cleaning people, electricians, plumbers, or coordination of external school tournaments to name a few! It is a busy place.

Some days they have to paint a smile on their faces when weather has affected our internet for days due to rain and telecom failures and knocked out our phones and booking system, or NSW Health updates means changing things up during pandemics. It goes on and on. And we turn up to play tennis!!

We say thank you to all our staff at the Association. Particularly Sandi our Centre Manager. We wish our young staff that have moved on to further their careers all the best, and our new staff Henry, Tyrese, Henry T and Abi, we look forward to you all developing in your respective roles!



Our members and the CoM

A number of our members outside and within the CoM have various expertise within their professions and this last year we have tapped into some of these talents to assist in complying with regulations and procedures for the Association. Some of these projects have included putting in place Tennis Australia's requirement for us to have specific member protection policies and a safeguarding children policy and even updated evacuation procedures. We thank Vipin Kaushik and Kerrie Marshall for involving themselves in some of the junior matters. A special thankyou to Henry Chim for his work on developing and implementing the child safe Procedures with Sandi Edwards.



Adult Competition Reports

Competition is an important part of tennis. We have a large number of people that play in our junior summer and winter competitions, various tournaments, adult night and day and badge competitions.

A special mention to our Competition Secretaries, volunteers that assist with the day and night adult competitions, manage between them 89 teams, with 682 players in teams and on pool lists. We thank them for their time and organisation skills - from all 682 players!

Want to test your skills? Come and join in the Sydney Badge Competition!

This year represents the third consecutive season in which NWST has entered a Men's Sydney Badge Competition team and the first year in which we have a ladies team. Sydney Badge is a fast competitive competition drawing from Clubs across the greater metropolitan area and sees us play four sets of doubles in an afternoon. After the competitive play, we have light refreshments and often discuss our lack of fitness, struggles for movement, and remedies for old age – well some of us!

In previous years the men's team has made the semi-finals of 1.3 grade and hope to be there again this year. Our ladies team is firmly planted in 2nd place with one match to go in 1.4 and we look forward to them bringing home the season with a place in NWST history. No pressure girls....

Contested on Saturdays at 12pm for home matches, and played across other Sydney Tennis Clubs, we enjoy a competitive atmosphere playing a consistently strong standard of tennis. For those looking to reach a larger pool of players to test your skills, Sydney Badge is the largest competition run by Tennis NSW and draws in excess of 800 players from as far South as Wollongong and as far North as Wyong.

The 2022 NWST Teams are composed of:

Mens: Greg Armstrong, Michael Fitzgerald, Alex Evans, Chris Biviano, Gershom Quezada, Brett Haines, Scott Baker, Paul Kent with reserve Chris Lees.

Ladies: Fay Yiannakopoulos, Anne Wallis, Mary Baker, Janelle Waters, Karen Williamson, Gemma Biviano, Melissa Dolahenty, with reserves Jodie Armstrong, Anneliese Armstrong, Sally Sims, Marina Hurst, Clare Perry.

On occasion, NWST also hosts the Beecroft Ladies Team when they are washed out, adding to the atmosphere in our local tennis hangout.

Why don't you try out a season with your mates? Check out Tennis NSW's website for details about Badge. Contact the Pro Shop by email early next year to indicate your interest or have a chat about Badge Tennis with any of the above participants in the meantime.

Paul Kent

Monday Night Ladies

Due to Covid-19 social distancing restrictions, no competition was played in the later part of 2021. The competition that had begun before the lock down, resumed at the end of January 2022 and that competition was completed prior to Easter 2022.

We began our second competition of 2022 on May 2nd. Our Monday Night Ladies' Competition currently has 22 teams over 3 Divisions, 1 and 2 have 8 teams per Division; Division 3 has 6 teams. This competition will conclude in September and a third competition will begin prior to the summer school holidays. We currently have 120 ladies registered and 20 ladies in the pool. This is a drop in numbers but that is often the case during winter.

There has been a major change in the way our MNL Comp is managed. The CoM decided that our Association should update to a system whereby players can access a UTR. To do this we have implemented Xpoint which allows players to enter scores as each set is completed. This means the weekly work load of the Comp Secretary is greatly reduced. Xpoint allows any player to see at a glance their draw, position on the ladder, individual standings, and results. I have been very happy with the uptake of this new system by the ladies of our Monday Night Comp, after an initial reluctance by some. Nearly every match is now entered during the night or very soon afterwards - if players feel uncertain about entering scores on their phones the home team can use any device with a larger screen at their convenience after the match.

To implement XPoint so successfully I would like to thank Dave Cochrane and Marina Hurst for their guidance and inputs.

As Xpoint does not have a Home Page as such, we have retained the original Monday Night Ladies' website, in parallel with Xpoint where players can view availability of pool players/ 4 Set winners/notices and other information.

We have also recently introduced a WhatsApp group so that any player who has agreed to be part of the group can be informed of court playability re weather conditions, social, grading nights and other notices. There has been a great take up of this system for MNL.

I would like to acknowledge the help I receive from Sandi and her staff, especially Henry, in the Pro Shop at Pennant Hills in respect to team payments/weather updates/phone answering. Thanks also to Judy Halbedl for her tireless work with membership and pool updates. As well I acknowledge the CoM of NWST 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 suspended **Autumn competition 2021** recommenced on 1/2/22. A hot and humid day, some teams agreed to stop play and split the remaining sets. Competition continued to be challenging with 2 out of 4 matches rescheduled due to wash outs and points shared. The Tildesley Shield Tournament was scheduled on 15/3, so no competition matches were played on that day. Division 1 & 2 played their semi-finals on 22/3 while Division 3 played match 15 and of course the finals were washed out, rescheduled on 5/4. The results are listed in the competition results area.

In the new **Winter Competition 2022** one of our longstanding Division 3 teams was unable to re-register leaving Division 3 with only 4 teams. To make the overall competition more balanced and fairer for all divisions to enjoy, the LMW committee decided to move teams down between divisions. At the last-minute ladies from our social tennis group were able to form a new Division 3 team, thus allowing Division 1 & 2 teams to remain, and the competition commenced as scheduled on 26/4. 3 Divisions of 8, 7+B, 5+B, consisting of 20 teams, 110 team members, 13 pool players listed making 123 members.

Xpoint has been running parallel to our Barefile website page and most teams have been able to enter the order of match players, plus set scores in Xpoint. As there are many differences between the two systems, changes are being discussed to ensure the system is suitable before a decision is made to adopt the Xpoint programme.

With our **Tuesday Morning Ladies social tennis** we rely on the support of our bye teams, pool players and the ladies rostered off to play socially. We encourage new players to join and have advertised on Facebook and in the NWST newsletter. So far two new teams have formed from our pool players and new players have joined via this social group.

After 7 years as LMW Competition Secretary I have decided not to renominate, allowing another person the chance to take up the challenge. It has been enjoyable, sometimes stressful, but overall, a rewarding experience and I will always be grateful for the help, wisdom, and support of the LMW committee Kelley Keyes and Jo Perry, and the various members of the CoM, thank you.

Remember, volunteers make the difference at NWST! It takes many hands to make light work and new volunteers are always welcome to join the committee and lend a hand.

Penny Ryan

Ladies Midweek Competition Secretary





Wednesday Night Mixed

Our Autumn competition commenced on 5th May 2021. Due to Covid-19 lockdown our regular competition was suspended after our match on 23rd June 2021.

In November 2021, as our current competitions were not running, the association ran **WNX Covid Cup (CV)**. We had three divisions, two with 4 pairs and one division with 6 pairs. It was a social competition and accepted well by everyone. For most people this was the first tennis they had played since our competition was suspended in June. We also introduced our new scoring system Xpoint sports to this competition.

We recommenced our suspended Autumn competition on 2nd February 2022 and picked up from where we left off. This comp ran through till 4th May 2022.

Our current comp started on 11th May 2022. We have four divisions, 1 division with 7 teams and a bye and 3 divisions with 6 teams. We had three teams pull out from the Autumn competition. We then created two new teams with new players to fill the gaps in Division 3 and 4.

We currently have 155 team members, 29 pool players and occupy 13 courts. We are currently running two scoring systems side by side, Barefile on our website and Xpoint. Most players are getting use to Xpoint and entering their own scores, either on the night or the next day. I would like to thank everyone for moving with the times and learning the new system.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Judy Halbedl for all the help and support she gives me on a weekly basis. Judy assists by entering the weekly results into one scoring system and collects the scores cards when I am not playing. Also, to Mary Baker for her continual and ongoing support, Dave Cochrane for his expertise with Xpoint. Henry, Julia and Sandi in the Pro Shop for their ongoing help and updating me when the weather is not looking great. To the many people, Mary and Gerry Baker, Judy Halbedl, Melissa Dolahenty, Kelly Keyes who assist me with grading on our **social/grading nights** which we run at least once every school holiday and they appear to be a real hit. I am getting more and more new people contacting me enquiring about our WNX competition. It is great to see, and I believe people are keen to get out and on the court after the Covid lockdown.

Marina Hurst

Wednesday Night Mixed Competition Secretary

Thursday Night Mens

Yes, we had disruption caused by Covid-19 and I would like to thank the tenacious way everyone hung in there. The winning teams from Autumn 2021 competition is in the competition results area for your perusal!

This year there were 5 divisions, 33 teams and 210 team members with about 20 pool players.

2022 has been a good year for TNM with all 16 courts being used. We currently have 5 divisions, 32 teams and 215 team members with about 20 pool players. Several new men have joined us in the last few months. If the rain holds off we expect the current comp to finish towards the end of September.

John Phare

Thursday Night Men's Competition Secretary

Junior Competition Reports

Saturday Junior Competition

Our Saturday juniors continues to be a popular option for juniors from around our district. It is well supported by various independent coaches in smaller centres around the north west of Sydney and we thank them for their on-going support.

We were able to hold a competition in term 1 2022 with 69 teams and 138 players participating.

From the end of term 1 we have initiated a winter and summer competition rather than school term based to be in line with other sports. Our first winter competition started in May and will continue through to September. We have 152 registered players, 9 divisions, aged from 8 -18 years, comprising 100 males and 52 female players. The format is best of 9 game sets. There are 3 time slots of 8am, 10am and 3pm match times. All have 3 players per team, graded P1, P2, P3 giving a mix of opponents for the second doubles set.

With the oversubscription for the 3pm match time, we also created a 1pm timeslot. Based on number of players in this division, we used the 2 players per team format, graded as P1 and P2. They play 1 x singles set and 2 x doubles sets. Format is first to 6 games.

Interdistrict

Cancelled in 2021 but we have been busy planning for 2022/23. We are looking forward to working with our coaching partner, Voyager Tennis Academy and jointly entering 18 teams for next year.

Competition Challenges and Tournaments

We were pleased in early 2022 that we were able to have both the Primary Schools and Secondary Schools challenges and welcomed a terrific group of high schools and primary schools.

Junior Age Championships

Unfortunately, we were not able to run our Junior Age Championship in 2021/22 due to Covid-19.

Membership

Due to the unusual circumstances affecting last year i.e. a pandemic, we saw a slight decrease in overall members renewing their membership, no doubt for a variety of reasons.

But we attracted 157 new adult members and 17 new senior members, which represents 16% growth in new members. Our total number of members therefore reached 1,054 for the 2021/22 FY. This number comprised 544 adults, 264 seniors and 246 juniors.

Overall, the total membership that we retained in 2021/22 was a great result considering that Covid restrictions in the first half of the financial year meant that our usual activities were severely curtailed.



Office Bearers 2021/2022

Patrons: Mayor of Hornsby and Lord Mayor of Parramatta, Philip Ruddock & Donna Davis respectively; MPs Mr John Alexander, Mr Julian Leeses, Mr Matt Kean.

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.
President	Matt Condon
Immediate past President	Mary Baker
Vice Presidents	Kaye McIntyre, Mary Baker
Treasurer	Dennis Pike
Assistant Treasurer	Andy Kleiberg
Secretary	Clare Perry
Assistant Secretary	Anne Wallis
Junior Branch Representative	Peter Ni
Chairmen of Selectors	Sandi Edwards
Social Secretary	Barb Schultz
Publicity Officer	Lindy Gerke
Councillors	Melodie Nguyen, Paul Toohey, Laurie Tesoriero Enone Melville, Vipin Kaushik
NSWHTA Delegate	David Cochrane
Alternate Delegate	Stephen Redknap
Public Relations Officer	Judy Halbedl
Competition Secretaries	
Monday Night Ladies	Robyn Johnson
Tuesday Ladies	Penny Ryan
Wednesday Night Mixed	Marina Hurst
Thursday Night Mens	John Phare
Grade Tournament	Chris Biviano/Alex Evans
School Boys & Girls Tournament	Mr Alan & Ms Meaghan Ling
Honorary Solicitor	Ms. Diana Simoni
Auditor	Howard Ghadia
Patrons	Donna Davis, Lord Mayor, City of Parramatta, Philip Ruddock, Mayor, Hornsby Council, Julian Leeses, Member for Berowra, Matt Kean, Hornsby Electorate

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

M. Baker - 10	C. Biviano - 0	D. Cochrane - 9	M. Condon -10	L. Gerke - 9
S. Edwards - 10	J. Halbedl - 10	*M. Hurst - 5	V. Kaushik - 3	*R. Johnson - 5
A. Kleiberg - 7	K. Marshall - 5	M. Nguyen - 6	K. McIntyre - 9	E Melville - 6
P. Ni - 0	C. Perry - 9	*J. Phare - 0	D. Pike - 10	S. Redknap - 9
L. Tesoriero - 7	*P. Ryan - 10	B. Schultz - 10	A. Wallis - 5	P. Toohey - 4

*Competition Secretary attendance at CoM meetings optional.





Minutes of 97th Annual General Meeting - 21st September 2021

Chair: Matt Condon

Meeting started 07:30 pm.

Present: 27 members.

Apologies: Nil

Acceptance of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.

It was moved John Phare, seconded Kaye McIntyre, that the minutes of the 2020 AGM be accepted. **Carried.**

President's Report

Special thanks to Kaye McIntyre and Sam McCullough for the great work redesigning the look and feel of this year's Annual Report, making it look modern, professional, and retaining a club community feel. Also, a big thank you to Clare Perry who has organised all the elements of tonight's Zoom AGM.

Twenty-twenty-one 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. We have been fortunate that tennis has been able to be continue in some form. Thank you to Sandi Edwards and her staff for keeping the centre open in a Covid safe way.

We are encouraging all our members to be fully vaccinated not only for their own safety but that of the broader community and the ability for us to be able to restart our competitions as soon as possible.

A big thank you also to the many other volunteers, both on and off the Council of Management, our competition secretaries, and all who contribute in many ways to our wonderful Association. A special thanks to the members of the Executive – Kaye McIntyre, Mary Baker, Clare Perry, Andy Kleiberg and Dennis Pike for their time and expertise.

We were pleased to recently launch a new brand name for the Association, North West Sydney Tennis. The marketing team of Kaye McIntyre, Sam McCullough and Mike House have done a wonderful job with all the branding elements and refreshing

the website. They were assisted in this task by input from Sandi Edwards, Roger Barclay, Mel Nguyen, and the indefatigable proof readers, Judy Halbedl and Enone Melville. Whilst the name has changed, the essence of the Association hasn't. We remain a volunteer led non-for-profit community organisation. We were disappointed that our launch day / family day was disrupted by Covid, we still plan to have a family day early in the New Year.

Our vision is "To enhance ETDTA's reputation as a premier community NSW tennis club and player's overall tennis experience". To this end:

- We have recently started offering yoga and are planning to start a new singles comps for adults
- We will be completely our fencing upgrade converting the all the fences from galvanised wire to black
- We are also looking at the feasibility of a hitting wall the potential to upgrade the clubhouse at some stage in the future
- We have already started planning our centenary celebration in 2023.

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. I ask all our members for any support they can provide to assist us to retain our community tennis courts, so ETDTA can continue to provide enjoyable and affordable tennis at some of the best tennis facilities in Sydney.

Thank you , Matt Condon - President

Moved Clare Perry, **seconded** Andy Kleiberg, that the President's Report be accepted. **Carried.**

Treasurers Report

You must be surprised to hear from me again. I have been promising the last 2 years that I wouldn't be the one to present the annual financial report and here I am back again. So, the inference might be don't believe anything I tell you. I hope that you accept my excuses for this and please at least believe the finance report prepared for you.

As written a good year for the Association despite the Covid-19 issue or may be because of it.

We haven't seen such an increase in court hire for a while, but it might be too early to conclude a resurgence in tennis but may be the increase is because of the present circumstances regarding the restrictions around the Covid-19.

As a not-for-profit Association, any surplus and amalgamated surpluses need to be re-invested in the Association. So at the end of the last financial year we had a reservation for future capital investment of \$195,808 and a retained surplus of \$377,000 totalling \$572,808 to be re-invested into the Association for future needs, modernisation and expansion. This is a very good position to be in and shows a healthy Association and should give our Lessors sufficient basis to consider us for a new lease or agreement.

I like to emphasize that the financial strength of the Association is just a reflection of the way the Association is run it is not a form of creative accounting, but it represents a true reflection of the people who are running the Association.

Again, I am happy to tell you that this year I am taking a back seat and will accept the role of Assistant Treasurer and let the present and coming financial years in the capable hands of

Dennis Pike our new Treasurer. I have enjoyed the role over the last years which was made very easy for me by Anne Wallis who has been a treasure for the Association in keeping all these figures and protocols all together.

Matt Condon thanked Andy for his stewardship over the past years.

Andy Kleiberg - Treasurer

Moved Dennis Pike seconded Stephen Redknap, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried.

Stephen Redknap wanted it noted the wonderful job Anne Wallis does in supporting the Treasurer and was sure Dennis Pike will find her help invaluable.

Financial Report year ended 30 June 2021

Moved Mary Baker seconded Michael House, that the audited Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2021 be accepted. Carried.

Election of Office Bearers

The following nominations were received at least 3 weeks prior to the AGM and these nominees are elected unopposed as Office Bearers of the Association for the 2021/2022 year.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconded	Date Received
President	Matt Condon	Mary Baker	Kaye McIntyre	31/08/21
Vice President	Kaye McIntyre	Mary Baker	Matt Condon	31/08/21
Vice President	Mary Baker	Kaye McIntyre	Matt Condon	31/08/21
Treasurer	Dennis Pike	Clare Perry	Matt Condon	31/08/21
Assist. Treasurer	Andy Kleiberg	Clare Perry	Dennis Pike	24/08/21
Monday Night Ladies	Robyn Johnson	Barb Schultz	Julie Fitzgerald	24/08/21
Tuesday Ladies	Penny Ryan	Judy Halbedl	Lois Dutton	31/08/21
Wednesday Night Mixed	Marina Hurst	Clare Perry	Mary Baker	31/08/21
Thursday Night Mens	John Phare	David Chidgey	Robert Leung	24/08/21
Chairmen of Selectors	Sandi Edwards	Matt Condon	Mary Baker	01/09/21
Social Secretary	Barb Schultz	Clare Perry	Stephen Redknap	24/08/21
NSWHTA Delegate	David Cochrane	Mary Baker	Matt Condon	31/08/21
Alternate Delegate	Stephen Redknap	Clare Perry	Barb Schultz	24/08/21
Public Relations Officer	Judy Halbedl	Barb Schultz	Clare Perry	30/08/21
Ordinary Members (5)	Paul Toohey	Clare Perry	Barb Schultz	24/08/21
	Enone Melville	Clare Perry	Mary Baker	31/08/21
Junior Branch Representative	Peter Ni	Mary Baker	Sandi Edwards	31/08/21

Election of Office Bearers to positions where vote required at AGM

It was moved Barb Schulz, seconded Stephan Redknap, that Clare Perry be elected as Secretary. **Carried.**

It was moved Mary Baker, seconded Stephan Redknap, that Anne Wallis be elected as Assistant Secretary. **Carried.**

It was moved Mary Baker, seconded Matt Condon, that Chris Biviano and Alex Evans be jointly elected as Grade Tournament Secretary. **Carried.**

It was moved Kaye McIntyre, seconded Mary Baker, that Mel Nguyen be elected as ordinary member of committee. **Carried.**

There are subcommittees of which members who do not need to be part of the Council of Management to be asked to join. These persons only need to have a special interest in one of the areas to be addressed.

Mike House and Sam McCullough happy to be part of marketing subcommittee but will not stand for election to the Council of Management. Matt Condon thanked them for their service on Council of Management over last couple of years.

Election of Honorary Solicitor

It was moved Mary Baker, seconded Dennis Pike, that Diana Simoni be approached to continue as our Honorary Solicitor. **Carried.**

Appointment of Auditor

It was moved Stephen Redknap, seconded John Phare, that PMK Partners be appointed as our auditors for financial year ended 30 June 2022. **Carried.**

Appointment of Patrons

It was moved Barb Schultz, seconded Mary Baker, that the following people be approached to continue as patrons. **Carried.**

Lord Mayor City of Parramatta Council - (until September elections: Bob Dywer).

Philip Ruddock – Mayor, Hornsby Council.

Damien Tudehope MLA. J

John Alexander – Member for Bennelong.

Julian Leeser – Member for Berowra.

Matt Kean – Hornsby Electorate.

Dominic Perrottet – Epping Electorate.

Honoraria

It was moved Stephen Redknap, seconded John Phare, that the sum for an honorarium for the 20/21 term be set at \$297.30. **Carried.**

Correspondence

The only correspondence before the AGM is a letter nominating Andy Kleiberg for Life Membership of the Association.

General Business

It was moved Clare Perry, seconded Mary Baker, that Life Membership of ETDTA be conferred on Andy Kleiberg. **Carried.**

Paul Toohey wanted to thank Brian Tierney for all his work at Midson Road which he has carried out as a volunteer.

Robyn Johnson wanted it noted that she would not be accepting the Honorarium for MNL and would like the money to remain in General Funds

Stephen Redknap thanked Michael House and Sam McCullough for the work they have done in the marketing, advertising etc., as well as preparing the new-look Annual Report. This sentiment was endorsed by the meeting.

Mary Baker thanked Matt Condon for his leadership this year and is looking forward to the next term.

Matt agreed that we are heading into another important year and when restrictions lift will be good to be able to mix socially again. He thanked the outgoing committee for all their work.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 08:22 pm.



Competition Results

Monday Night Ladies **Prior to Easter 2022**

- Division 1** Wallaroo 1 (Captain Mary Baker); Runner Up Wallaroo 2
Division 2 Banksia (Captain Tracey Croft); Runner Up Bunderra 2
Division 3 Brigalow (Captain Bridget Rowe-Sykes); Runner Up Rosella 2.

Tuesday Ladies

- Division 1** Waratah 1 4(43) def. Banksia 2 4(37)
Division 2 Frenesi 2 4(38) def. Frenesi 1 2(24)
Division 3 Currawong 2 won on a forfeit. Wilga 2 had to forfeit as there were no team members available to play. Note: 2 approved emergency players were available to reserve for the team.

Wednesday Night Mixed **May 2022**

- Elite** Coolabah 1 (Richard) 5/35 defeated Wallaroo 1 (Paul) 2/21
Division 1 Acacia 2 (Steph) 1/12 were defeated by Rosella 2 (Brian) 5/36
Division 2 Rosella 1 (Catherine) 4/33 defeated Telopea 1 (Erin) 4/29
Division 3 Telopea 2 (Chandan) 4.5/30 were defeated by Bunderra 2 (Marion) 3.5/34

Thursday Night Mens **Autumn 2021**

- Division 1** Chris Biviano, Jonathon Delacourt, Alex Evans, Gershon Quezada, Scott Spence
Division 2 Satheesh Vasanthraj, Sheikh Ahmed, KD Bae, Robert Claudio, Marvin Kim, Desmond McLehlan, Laurence Suseno, Henry Tang
Division 3 Kevin McKenzie, Aditya Aron, James Biviano, Andrew King, Nic McInerney, Gordon Tan
Division 4 Gavin Long, John Argent, Andy Burke, Mark Colley, Steve Gray, Barry Parker, Greg Steel, Rod Watts
Division 5 Malcolm Lemaire, Rod Berry, Rimas Burneikas, Wendell MacLoud, Hans Satyan, Keith Wiseman

Saturday Junior Competitions

Term 3 and 4 2021 No tournaments due to Covid-19.

Term 1 2022: 69 teams of 2 players each, 138 players

8am Morning

Premier		
Winners	Bradley Mah	Bye Player
Runners Up	Catherine Yue	James Wu
Div 1 Blue		
Winners	Aaryan Pahwa	Mervyn Wang
Runners Up	David Loh	Patrick Kratochvil
Div 1 Red		
Winners	Aidan White	Shlok Kaushik
Runners Up	Jasiel Tjoputra	Enya Ding
Div 2		
Joint Winners	Alex Lu	Jack Fellows
Joint Winners	Alexander Liu	Nina Zhang
Div 3		
Winners	Owen Cameron	Sasha Lenehan
Runners Up	Eric Bang	Advit Vyas
Div 4		
Winners	Katie Langstaff	Lara Tucker
Runners Up	Alex Dai	Daniela Froggatt

10am Morning

Div 1		
Winners	Lachlan Au	James Bekris
Runners Up	Cameron Mah	Nathan He
Div 2		
Winners	Jamaine Koh	Matthew Howell
Runners Up	Noori Mehra	Caitlyn Au
Div 3/4		
Winners	Tyler O'Connell	Natalie Hopkins
Runners Up	Isaac Ng	Taylor Sorak

3pm Afternoon

Premier		
Winners	Anneliese Ferdinande	Renee Poon
Runners Up	Catherine Yue	Mary Jackson
Div 1		
Winners	Hogeun Cho	Ryan Haaf
Runners Up	Nicholas Ross	Jack Young
Div 2		
Winners	Ahaan Sharma	Chloe Cheng
Runners Up	Isabella Wang	Emily Yu
Div 3		
Winners	Medha Lingham	Isabella Dong
Runners Up	Toby Gill	Angus Weeden
Div 4		
Winners	Richard Sun	George Ruan
Runners Up	Owen Tong	Kawing Liu

Secondary Schools Challenge Term 1 2022

High Schools: Carlingford, Castle Hill, Cherrybrook Technology, Cammeraygal, Crestwood, James Ruse, Kings, Knox Grammar, OLMC, McDonald College, Normanhurst Boys, Pennant Hills, Tangarra Girls, Marist College, North Sydney Girls, Purchase Road, Redfield College, St John XXIII Catholic College.

68 registered players.

Winning School: Carlingford High School

Division Winners:

Div 1	
Winners	Aimee Jin and Jennifer Ott – North Sydney Girls
Div 2	
Winners	Daniel Cao and Roger Shi - Cammeraygal
Div 3	
Winners	Patrick Kratochvil and Dimitry Gorval – Marist College
Div 4	
Winners	Jasiel Tjoputra and Isaac Ng – Carlingford
Div 5	
Winners	Claudia Teutsch and Angus Weeden – Pennant Hills

Primary Schools Challenge Term 2 2022

Primary School: Beecroft, Cherrybrook, Eastwood, Epping, Pennant Hills, St Ives Park.

Winning School: Pennant Hills

Division Winners:

Winners	Lenny Fayers and Andrei Sokolov - Pennant Hills
Winners	Daniel Rashidifar and Mitchel Harris – St Ives Park

Sydney Junior Teams Tournament (SJTT) Term 1 2022

Division 1 – Final held at Caterson Tennis Centre 20/3/2022.

Result: NWST 4 sets and 27 games vs HDTA 1 set and 27 games

Results:

NWST team 1	Cecilia Teoh UTR 6.99 and Jennifer Ott UTR 6.8
HDTA team 1	Alexander Mah UTR 7.03 and Marco Fogolin UTR 6.23



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