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# 2024 | Annual Report

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# President's Report 2023/24

**The 2023/2024 Financial Year continued well for ETDTA Inc. due in large part to the presence of our coaching partner, Voyager. Voyager continues to grow and it is very pleasing to see the junior talent they are harnessing, with high standards of play on display throughout the day. It is worthwhile to visit, just to spend time watching the lessons and squads. Good tennis in real life, rather than on the TV! This excellence was on display at the Interdistrict matches, played in August and September at PHPTC, where many of our Juniors played hard, bonded, and did well.**

For well over a year work has been going on behind the scenes to create a strategic plan for the Association. There are various areas in which we feel we could do better, and this plan attempts to address those. Sincere thanks to Ray Gerke, husband of our very successful grant writer Lindy Gerke, for his intensive investigations that have led to the production of this plan which runs from 2024 to 2028. He has been ably assisted in the production of the plan by Lindy. To quote, "This strategic plan identifies the **what** and **why** of future operations to deliver the vision." It is anticipated that the Association will be even stronger following the implementation of the Strategies and Missions listed in the plan. To this end, members of the Council of Management have been asked to volunteer to head up 5 key result areas:- Club Environment, Growth, Sustainability, Accountability, and Local Community. The assistance of any member of the Association who is interested in helping to achieve the goals of this plan would be very welcome. As an aside, it is to Ray that thanks go for the photographs of our Centre, reproduced in this report.

After having spent more than a year as Manager of the Pennant Hills Park and Midson Road Tennis Complexes, Kelley Keyes has left us. In her time Kelley has managed to revive the Junior Branch, and given the Junior Competitions a big boost. Kelley worked with Voyager Coaching to create the teams for 2024 Interdistrict and it is very pleasing that this year we have 19 teams entered, one of the biggest contingents from any Association. It augurs well for tennis when such enthusiastic participation is evident. At the time of writing, one week prior to the Finals Day, we have 3 teams in the finals, and several winners at divisional level. Congratulations to those teams and to all who participated to represent us.

Once again we have been fortunate to win several grants to upgrade and improve our centres. Lindy Gerke and Dennis Pike are to be congratulated for their successful applications. We have received Capital Grants Assistance for the 2024/2025 years from Hornsby Council. This provides 50% towards replacement of two court surfaces, landscaping behind courts 5 & 6, and installation of cold water dispensers in the small clubhouses. And from the NSW Government we received a grant for purchase and installation of an electric BBQ for

Midson Rd, which we hope to have completed by the end of 2024. We were able to upgrade fittings in the outside bathrooms under a 2022/23 NSW Government grant, which also partly funded a replacement exhaust fan in the inside ladies bathroom.

I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who are essential to the running of this Association. These are the members of the Council of Management who give up their time each month, and sometimes more often, to attend meetings, often dealing with mundane but essential matters that are integral to providing the tennis that we love. You will find their names in the attendance figures and it would take too long to thank them individually for their contributions, but I will single out Judy Halbedl for the time she devotes to membership renewals, and Anne Wallis for her voluntary role as Assistant Secretary, minute-taking at the often lengthy meetings, in addition to her role as our bookkeeper. Others for special mention are Kaye McIntyre who served as President for the majority of this term, and continues to be the mainstay of the PHPTC Sunday Social, Tracey Croft as Secretary, and Enone Melville, Vice President, who gave up a lot of time to the work to modernise our Constitution, a project that is very near completion and soon will be presented to the general membership for their acceptance. Many thanks are also due to Matt Condon and Mary Baker who have spent a lot of time on staffing matters and guiding the finances, Mel Dolahenty as head of the Courts Committee, and Barb Schultz, our Social Secretary, who seems to spend more time at PHPTC than she does at home!

No roll call of those who have given their time selflessly would be complete without acknowledging the work of Andy Kleiberg, Life Member and previous Treasurer, and Jack of all Trades. He repairs the faulty motors of our mowers, steps in to maintain courts when it is needed, mans the ProShop, volunteers at the Tildesley Shield and Schoolboys and Schoolgirls events, and has recently stepped in as Acting Treasurer to finalise this year's accounts. Andy also helped put together the new Voyager storage shed in the rear carpark. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude.

# President's Report cont.

Similar thanks go to the unassuming Brian Tierney who goes about his work very unobtrusively at PHPTC, but to him goes the credit for the beautiful gardens and shrubs that are appearing in increasing number around the complex. His favourite Brunswick Green paint is seen on the benches behind the courts and our gutters and roofs are kept clear of vegetation and leaves as a result of his hard work and diligence. However the list of volunteers does not end with those already mentioned. There are also the general Association members who volunteer to help in the canteen and elsewhere at various events, or roll up to assist with the maintenance of the Centre through their participation in our Sunday working bees.

My last acknowledgement is of the thanks we owe to our Competition Secretaries, Fay Yiannakopoulos of Monday Night Ladies, Monique Spiller of Ladies Mid-week, Marina Hurst of Wednesday Night Mixed, and John Phare of Thursday Night Mens. We could not do without you and the jobs you do, sometime thankless, but it is due to you that our competitions are run well and embraced alike by our long-time and newer members.

I thank our sponsors, TAG Financial, Fleet Street Merchants, and Smashing Restrings for their contributions this year.

My final comments I reserve to thank Henry Toczydlowski who stepped in to act as Manager. He has done a magnificent job and endeared himself to many. I cannot praise him highly enough and am sad that he is leaving us, but our loss is a win for Cricket NSW and I predict a great future for him. His work with the juniors and his sense of responsibility is impressive. Henry takes up his new position on 13th November but will continue to work on Saturdays to see the completion of Term four Junior competitions. Thank you Henry and best wishes for a stellar future.

Clare Perry  
President



# Future Vision...

## In June 2024, the Council of Management approved our NWST Strategic Plan 2024-2028.

This strategic plan was developed over a period of time on an iterative basis from an initial workshop in June 2023 and ongoing participation by the Executive and a number of members involved in several workshops and a detailed survey.

Our strategic plan sets out our expected outcomes for the future based on planning and performance measures that are needed to achieve the vision that should always be the focus of the strategic plan. Our vision is multifaceted and the

interdependencies are important to understand. Each part of the vision relies to some extent on the other parts of the vision also being achieved.

Our strategic plan identifies the **what** and **why** of future operations to deliver the vision. The how and cost are covered in business plans each year.

## The scorecard is grouped into 5 Key Results Areas (KRA). A combined total of 17 strategies are grouped under the KRA's.

### 1 Club Environment

- a. Including everyone
- b. Social environment
- c. Opportunity for all to contribute

### 2 Growth

- a. Junior development
- b. Promotion
- c. Recruiting members

### 3 Sustainability

- a. Retention of members
- b. Coaching
- c. Technology
- d. Courts & Surrounds
- e. Clubhouse

### 4 Accountability

- a. Finance & Sponsorship
- b. Volunteers
- c. Management of volunteers
- d. Policies & procedures
- e. Planning

### 5 Local Community

- a. Image

**Every KRA and Strategy has been prioritised to ensure scarce resources are allocated to the most important issues facing the Association or present the biggest opportunity.**

**A copy of the plan is available on request by members.**



# Treasurer's Report

**We again have pleasure in reporting to the members that we had a strong financial result for the year ended 30 June 2024.**

**Our surplus shows an audited result of \$131,120 which is better than last year by \$37,471.**

We have continued to provide for capital provisions increasing the provision by a further \$166,989 this financial year.

A grant was received from the Office of Sport that assisted us to carry out further improvements for our complex at Midson Road.

This year the Association accepted a new strategic 5-year plan and is starting the process of implementation. The expected result of this should put the Association on an even better footing than the present one.

## Income

Total income was up strongly from the previous year due to a better performance of the Coaching company and a welcome increase in our competitions.

This represented an increase of 11% over the 2023 year.

The pro-shop recorded similar sales as last year but generated a better profit than 2023.

## Expenses

Total expenses were up by \$58,444 which included an increase in our capital provisions of \$50,000 more than last year.

Personnel costs as a percentage to total income less grants received were 30.7 %.

## Cash

Our bank balance plus our debtors less our creditors showed a positive balance of funds at \$1,269,923 at 30th June, 2024. This is an increase of \$289,652 from last year on the same basis. This clearly shows the strong financial position that the Association is in.

## Summary

Ongoing maintenance cost with 19 courts requiring major works scheduled over a number of years means we need to be adequately providing for years rather than taking big hits in any one year.

We continue to regularly review our facilities with Tennis NSW & other bodies who have given us a high assessment of the condition of the complexes currently and our ability to maintain this for the foreseeable future.

My thanks go to the members, the CoM, the Executives and its sub-committees 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 & support work and to Dennis Pike our retired Treasurer keeping the Association in trouble free financial waters.

Andy Kleiberg  
Acting Treasurer





# Manager's Report

**Firstly, I would like to thank all the volunteers, committee members and Pro shop staff for their hard work and dedication to North West Sydney Tennis.**

**As Manager, I see the impact and importance of each person has on this club and it does not go unnoticed.** Without the help and collaboration of individuals, my role would be a lot harder. So once again I thank everyone who contributed to the growth and development of the club in 2024.

Special mention to departing manager Kelley Keyes. The uplift in standards and the introduction of so many new initiatives including Junior Future Leaders, recycling strategies, and delivering competition after competition and tournament after tournament to such a high standard that we are so proud of.

Around the grounds we were able to install some fantastic new benches onto all the courts! A great effort from our initial fundraising efforts led by Mary Baker with our raffle last year, through to the assistance of those installing them over the holiday period, Andy Kleiberg along with Andy Phelan.

#### **Additional maintenance upgrades:**

- New shed installed on court 5
- Hitting wall fence installed
- Court 5 fencing upgraded
- New storage shed installed for Voyager

In August we successfully re-sanded all courts 1 through 16. Looking ahead into October a grant has been approved by council to re-surface courts 3 and 8. We aim to get these courts completed by mid-November in time for the School Boys and School Girls Tournament.

I look forward to seeing the 2024/25 season of tennis unfold here at North West Sydney Tennis.

Henry Toczydlowski  
Manager

# Our Staff

**Being a not-for-profit community sports association, we are fortunate to have a fully staffed Pro Shop, who run the day-to-day operations of our centres.**

Our staff coordinate and deliver Saturday Junior Competition, NSW Hardcourt Interdistrict, the annual Junior Age Championships, Secondary and Primary School Challenges to name a few and support and assist our volunteers with many other tournaments and events throughout the year.

They are the smiling face or warm voice that you encounter when making an enquiry and they work closely with our coaching partners, Voyager Tennis and Paul Toohey Coaching, maintenance contractor and schools to ensure that events are planned and delivered as best they can.

Thank you to all the staff at the Association led by Kelley Keyes then Henry T and supported by Andy P (Maintenance Manager) and our Customer Service team – Abi G, Daniel S and Gabi K.





# Adult Competition Reports

## Monday Night Ladies

Our Monday Night Ladies' Competition currently has 22 teams over 3 divisions: Div 1- 8 teams, Div 2- 8 teams, Div 3 – 6 teams.

Unfortunately, we had 1 team drop out for this winter competition, but a new Div 2 team joined, formed from pool players who were invited along to a social hit on finals night. We currently have a total of 14 players in the MNL Pool.

I plan to contact all these players individually to invite them along to the next social hit planned for Finals nights, in the view of forming new teams. I am optimistic that at least 1 if not 2 more teams will be formed to join our Summer Comp 24/25.

The current competition will conclude in mid-September after which the summer comp 2024/2025 will commence.

This has been my first year as MNL Comp Secretary. I enjoyed learning all about XPoint, and I am thankful for the opportunity given me to make a small contribution to our association, at which I played many years of enjoyable tennis.

I would like to acknowledge the help I received from Kelley and her staff, especially Henry, in the Pro Shop at Pennant Hills in respect to MNL XPoint Comp Draw, team payments/weather updates and all the work they all do in ensuring the MNL Comp runs smoothly.

Thanks also to Judy Halbedl for her tireless work with membership and pool updates. Also, I acknowledge the members of the CoM of NWST all of whom work so hard to ensure we can all enjoy our tennis.

My grateful thanks to all these people.

I have confirmed to the CoM that I will be standing for the position of MNL Competition Secretary at the AGM 2024.

I look forward to another year of Monday Night Ladies Competition. My goal is to assist our MNL ladies in any way I can, to make their tennis more enjoyable, and to also reach out to more ladies so that we can continue to grow our MNL teams.

Fay Yiannakopoulos

Monday Night Ladies Competition Secretary

# Adult Competition

## Reports cont.

### Ladies Midweek



We were happy to introduce two new teams to this current competition. One in Division 1 and one in Division 3.

Currently we have 7 teams and a bye in Div 1, 8 teams in Div 2, 4 teams in Div 3.

Our Winter Competition started in July and will conclude with finals to be played 19th November if no wet matches are needed to be played.

We will be playing Melbourne Cup Day this year with a luncheon to share. The Comp will finish before the end of the year and Social tennis will hopefully be offered and popular for the final week of the school year.

We continue to try and encourage players from throughout Sydney to join our competition. It looks like we may be getting another new team in our next comp which will be starting next year after the Christmas break.

We have Reserves for each Division: 9 for Div 1, 6 for Div 2, 7 for Div 3.

Each week there are still many reserves filling in for teams due to injuries, holidays, covid still hanging around. We are all thankful for all these players on the reserve list making it possible for many teams being able to field teams week to week. Many of these players are happy to remain on the reserve list so they have freedom to say no and do not wish to be enrolled full time in a team.

Once again, I would like to thank Jo Perry, Anne Mitchel and Lois Dutton for all their help in co-ordinating the draw and Henry for also helping me with XPOINT issues. Much appreciated.

We are so thankful to be able to continue to play in such beautiful surroundings with such a great group of gals who just love the game of tennis.

Monique Spiller

Ladies Midweek Comp Secretary.

### Wednesday Night Mixed

Our Spring Competition commenced on 13th September 2023. We had 20 teams, 138 registered players across three divisions.



At the end of this comp we had one team take a comp off due to the team being a family team and they were going away on a family holiday. So they will miss Autumn competition and return for Winter/Spring 2024.

Our Autumn Competition commenced on 13th March 2024. We had 22 teams, 141 registered players across three divisions. We had two new teams formed. One in division 1 and the other in division 2. Division 1 team had current members and new family members join and division 2 team had one lady who had previously played WNX and two social players from Midson Road form a team and a new female join.

We continue to have quite a big pool list of 13 women and 25 men. We are always in need of female players to join.

Xpoint is still working well for our competition and we have changed and now win on sets first then games. People have slowly come to terms with the change. There still appears to be a lot of teams looking for players to fill in due to sickness and also people back travelling.

We have adjusted the winning trophy/glasses. The selection is now consistent through the entire team ie. the team all receive either trophies, glasses or the cash prize. This streamlines the process for the pro-shop and also the trophy shop.

Marina Hurst

WNX Competition Secretary

### Thursday Night Mens

This year there were 5 divisions, with 32 teams and 195 members with approximately 16 pool players on Thursday nights. This is slightly less than previous years and only 15 courts were utilised.

With a small number of pool players it is great to have these people available and appreciate that those teams on byes make themselves available to fill in for others as needed, especially for Div 5.

Div 1 - 7 teams, Div 2 - 8 teams, Div 3 - 6 teams, Div 4 - 7 teams, Div 5 - 4 teams

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.

The next comp may well only have 4 divisions with the 3 remaining division 5 teams being absorbed into division 4.

John Phare

TNM Competition Secretary.



# Our year in snapshots



# Our year in snapshots





# Junior Competition Challenges and Tournaments

## Saturday Junior Competition

In 2023/24 our Saturday Junior Competition has gone from strength to strength and has seen continuous growth as well as ongoing stability each term. We are lucky to have continuous support from Voyager Tennis as well as the local, independent coaches who feed our program. Our growth has been such that we now use courts at Cedarwood Drive, Cherrybrook and extend our gratitude to Kurt Morrison of Cherrybrook Tennis Coaching, for working with us by offering more courts to put more juniors on the court.

Term 3 2024 saw us continue our Winter comp with 139 registered players, across the 8am, 10am and 3pm timeslots. In Term 4 2023 our Summer SJC commenced in October 2023 and continued until April 2023. Our registrations numbers remained consistent for our Summer SJC with 141 registered players. Term 1 2024 saw a slight drop to 128 registrations and Term 2 2024, 130 registered. Across each term we averaged 135 registrations which is phenomenal.

Our juniors are the lifeblood of our club and we aim to continue the strong participation levels into our 2024/25 program, with a focus on transitioning our older athletes into our midweek adult competitions.



STC 23 T3		
8am Div Prem	Patrick Kratochvil, Andrew Zhan	David Loh, Hogeun Ch
8am Div 1	Anneliese Ferdinande, Mary Jackson	Lanwen Chen, Lucas Korth
8am Div 2	Charlie Xue, Aaron Kim	Alexander Liu, Malhar Joshi
8am Div Yellow	Yongzhen Woon, Alex Dai	Victor Perronet-Qiu, Alexander Tsioutsias
8am Div 3 Blue	James Chui, Michael Chui	Evan Zhang, Bennett Han
10am Div 3 White	Huanchen Yu, Tristan Kan	Tavlin Kour, Ray Zhang
3pm Div 1	Ryan Haaf, Ahaan Sharma	Jacob Lee, Roy Lee
3pm Div 2	Brendan Kim, Suyi Ren	Ethan Khaw, Stanley Liang
3pm Div 3	Maria Gabrys, Bailey Petersen	Evelyn Lo, Dorothy Li
3pm Div 4 Blue	Mathew Lawrence, Jeremy Chisholm	William Shen, Declan Cheng
3pm Div 4 Yellow	Victor Guo, Skandha Prasanna	Jingyuan Yin, Jingxun Xie

# Junior Competition

## Challenges and Tournaments cont.

STC 23 T4		
8am Div Prem	Jun-Wei Wong, Dimitry Gorval	Andrew Zhang, Roland Prasetya
8am Div 1	Charlie Xue, Lanwen Chen	Luke Ramsay, Benny Fraser
8am Div 2	Alexandra McKenzie, Maria Gabrys	Ethan Khaw, Stanley Liang
8am Div 2/3	Advit Vyas, Nicho Warrilow	Yongzhen Woon, Kaiden Tailby
8am Div 3	Daniel Seto, Harry Xu	Ashvath Vysyaraju, Samuel Moir
10am Div 3	Oscar Crossley-Meates, Thaddeus Tang	James Sun, Teshan Harischandra
10am Div 4	Clara Davydenko, Charlotte Wu, Mia Jacob-Flores	Alexander Tsioutsias, Victor Perronet-Qiu, Brian Li
3pm Div 1	Ajeet Kasi, Ashton Liu	Ahaan Sharma, Kawing Liu
3pm Div 2	Heath Callow, Dorothy Li	Suyi Ren, Claudia Teutsch
3pm Div 3	Bhavya Kandola, Sophie Chiang	Ella Chen, Luc Middlecote
3pm Div 4	Catherine Davies, Amanda Tan	Alexander Tsioutsias, Elva Rong

STC 24 T1		
8am Div Prem	Patrick Kratochvil, Dimitry Gorval	Andrew Zhang, Rhys Lau
8am Div 1	Alexander Liu, Nicho Warrilow	Andrei Sokolov, Charlie Xue
8am Div 2	Elise Poon, Alexandra McKenzie	Stanley Liang, Yongzhen Woon
8am Div 2/3	Issac Orlovich, Emily Nguyen	Harry Juneja, Bhavya Kandola
8am Div 3	Isabella Pu, Leo Liu	Amelia Nguyen, Samuel Moir
10am Div 3/4	Alexander Tsioutsias, Sophie Wijesuriya, Jensen Lim	Zachary Lee, Nathan Kim, Adrian Liu
3pm Div 1	Ajeet Kasi, Ashton Liu	Tyler O'Connell, Horace Hu
3pm Div 2	Chloe Cheng, Dorothy Li	Heath Callow, James Sun
3pm Div 3 White	Alexander Tsioutsias, Skandha Prasanna	Emily Nguyen, Amanda Tan
3pm Div 3 Blue	Jingyuan Yin, Jingxun Xie	Clayton Poon, Timothy Kwong

STC 24 T2		
8am Div Prem	Marcus Dong, Maria Gabrys	Hogeun Cho, Lanwen Chen
8am Div 1 White	Stanley Liang, Yongzhen Woon	Ethan Khaw, Vedant Prakash
8am Div 1 Blue	James Montgomery, Django Crabb	Joshua Ng, Daniel Seto
8am Div 2	Harry Juneja, Emily Nguyen	Huanchen Yu, Alexander Tsioutsias
8am Div 3	Catherine Davies, Arianne Davies	Oscar Crossley-Meates, Samuel Moir
10am	Nathan Kim, Ryan Xu	Zachary Lee, Issac Lee
3pm Div Prem	Ken Lam, Anji Kanda Rawal	Ahaan Sharma, Kawing Liu
3pm Div 1	Kenny Di, Anthony Kang	Heath Callow, James Sun
3pm Div 2	Chloe Cheng, Emily Nguyen	Annebelle Roos, Alexander Tsioutsias
3pm Div 3	Jake Parry, Luke Brooks	Sophia Mabambe, Thomas Weeden
3pm Div 4	Jingxun Xie, Declan Cheng	Mohak Bhattacharya, Teshan Harischandra



# Junior Competition

## Challenges and Tournaments cont.

### School Boys and School Girls

North West Sydney Tennis hosted the School Boys School Girls Centenary tournament from November 23 to December 1. We faced many rain delays as well as scorching heat on several days, however this didn't deter the high level of tennis played across the week. There was a pleasing increase in the numbers of entries from 453 (289 players) in 2022 to 754 entries (404 players) in 2023.

Congratulations to Central Coast Sports College who took out 1st place in Primary Schools and 1st place in Secondary schools! This is the 2nd year in a row Central Coast Sports College have won the Secondary schools event. Well done to St Ignatius for finishing 2nd in Primary Schools and Redlands School who came 2nd in Secondary Schools.

The Tournament would not have been able to run as smoothly as it did without our dedicated tournament directors – Alan and Meaghan Ling. Your work did not go unnoticed, and we are very grateful to have such a good team in charge of this wonderful tournament. Thank you, Alan and Meaghan!

Additionally, the tournament would not have been the success it was without our hard-working volunteers. Special thanks to Robyn Johnson, Mel Dolahenty, Deb Murray, Karen Lenz, Cathy Goswell, Bep Kleiberg, Andy Kleiberg, Dave Cochrane, Jodie Horley, Donna Chalmers, Judy Halbedl, Olivia Mak, Kaye McIntyre, Heidi Fung, Enone Melville, Duncan Davies, Deb Stewart, Karen Thompson, Fay Yiannakopoulos, Donna Dragosetti, Katarzyna Musial-Gabrys, Julie Fitzgerald, Majella Casey, Monique Spiller, Caroline Wills, Robin Langdon, Dennis Pike and most importantly Clare Perry and Barb Schultz for their tireless work planning and running the canteen for the whole event. We look forward to this year's tournament which will take place on November 21 to November 29, 2024!



### Junior Age Championships

The Junior Age Championships (JAC) were held on Friday 24, Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 May. We had a huge pool of 62 players competing for the Singles Age Championship and the quality of tennis and sportsmanship was top notch. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us across the weekend. A special thank you to all the Pro Shop staff who took registrations and collated draws and finals fixtures. Congratulations to all the winners and finalists. The honour boards in the main clubhouse were updated upon completion of the JAC.

Age Category	Winners	Runners Up
<b>U10 G (S)</b>	Ishita Nayal	Emily Nguyen
<b>U10 B (S)</b>	Lanwen Chen	Tyler O'Connell
<b>U12 G (S)</b>	Audrey Henri-Liauw	Maria Gabrys
<b>U12 B (S)</b>	Jacob Lee	Ahaan Sharma
<b>U14 G (S)</b>	Catherine Davies	
<b>U14 B (S)</b>	Benjamin Jiao	Aadi Sharma
<b>U16 B (S)</b>	Andrew Zhang	Gordon Huang
<b>U18 B (S)</b>	Hogeun Cho	Richard Bang
<b>U12 B (D)</b>	Ahaan Sharma, Tyler O'Connell	Kawing Liu, Jacob Lee

# Junior Competition

## Challenges and Tournaments cont.

### Interdistrict

This year we had 19 teams competing over the 6-week period, and three premier teams made it to the finals, and one premier team made it through to the semi finals.

In the playoff for the Esca Stephens Cup, NWST 4 def NSTA 10. Congratulations to the boys in this team – Cade Petrie, Prachandra Komarla, Ethan Wang, & Andrew Xiao.

In the McAndrew Cup Berala Carramar 1 def NWST 9, and in the Stan Pedersen Cup, ESTA def NWST 14.

Of the teams who made it to the finals of the lower divisions of the various cups, played on semi-finals day, 3 teams were victorious.

Cup	Age Group	Division	Winner	Runners Up
<b>Esca Stephens</b>	14 & Under Boys	Premier F	<b>NWST 5</b>	NSTA 10
<b>Mc Andrew</b>	12 & Under Boys	Premier F	Berala Carramar 1	NWST 9
<b>Mc Andrew</b>	12 & Under Boys	5	Parramatta City 3	NWST 12
<b>Stan Pedersen</b>	10 & Under Boys	Premier F	ESTA	NWST 14
<b>Wade &amp; Neal</b>	14 & Under Girls	Premier SF	Tennis World 5	NWST 17
<b>Presidents</b>	16 & Under Boys	3	<b>NWST 3</b>	Berala Carramar
<b>Presidents</b>	16 & Under Boys	4	<b>NWST 4</b>	Parramatta City
<b>MC Crakanthorp</b>	12 & Under Girls	5	<b>NWST 19</b>	Berala Carramar



# Membership

**At the close of the 2023/24 financial year membership totalled 1,039, comprising 820 Adults (including 270 Seniors) and 219 Juniors. Whilst this is certainly an impressive total compared with the majority of other tennis associations in Australia, it actually represents a decrease in our membership numbers compared with the FY23 total of 1,157.**

The Adult & Senior member numbers have maintained the levels achieved in previous years, but the number of Juniors - due to various factors - has been quite volatile over the past few years. Junior members in FY22 numbered 247. This figure rose to 333 in FY23 but has subsequently dropped to 219 during the past financial year.

The groundwork has been set for a recovery, though, and there have been promising signs so far this financial year. The Junior membership figures have already reached 169 over just the first couple of months of FY25. This figure includes registrations for our July-September (school term) Saturday Tournaments and also our Interdistrict Tournament contingent which consists of 19 teams (made up of 4 players each) who have been selected to represent North West Sydney Tennis. Hopefully they will equal the success they achieved last year in winning the trophy!

Plans are also underway with a view to increasing the overall membership by way of our Five Year Strategic Plan, which will hopefully enable lots of new members to share in the enjoyment of our serene bushland venue and wonderful facilities.

Judy Halbedl

Membership

# Office Bearers 2023/24

**Patrons: Mayors of Hornsby (Phillip Ruddock) & Parramatta (Pierre Esber),  
Messrs Jerome Laxale, Julian Leeser, 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, A. Kleiberg, B. Tierney, J Halbedl.
President	Kaye McIntyre then Clare Perry (Acting)
Immediate past President	Mary Baker/Kaye McIntyre
Vice Presidents	Clare Perry, Enone Melville
Treasurer	Dennis Pike then Andy Kleiberg (Acting)
Assistant Treasurer	Ajay Patankar
Secretary	Tracey Croft
Assistant Secretary	Anne Wallis
Junior Branch Representative	Radhika Prasanna
Chairmen of Selectors	Kelley Keyes
Social Secretary	Barb Schultz
Publicity Officer	Lindy Gerke
Public Relations Officer	Judy Halbedl
Councillors	Gaurav Gupta, Duncan Davies, Enone Melville
NSWHTA Delegate	David Cochrane
Honorary Solicitor	Ms. Diana Simoni
Auditor	Howard Ghedia
<b>Competition Secretaries</b>	
Monday Night Ladies	Fay Yiannakopoulos /Karen Williamson
Tuesday Ladies	Monique Spiller
Wednesday Night	Marina Hurst
Thursday Night Mens	John Phare
Saturday Juniors	Kelley Keyes
Grade Tournament	Geoff Darmody/Mel Nguyen
School Boys & Girls Tournament	Mr Alan & Ms Meaghan Ling
<b>Subcommittees</b>	
Finance	D. Pike, A. Patankar, M Baker, A Kleiberg
Remuneration	D. Pike, M, Condon, K. McIntyre, M. Baker
Courts	M. Dolahenty, D. Cochrane, C. Perry, B. Schultz
Grants	L. Gerke, E. Melville, M. Condon, G, Gupta
Future Building	M. Baker, M. Condon, K. McIntyre, D. Davies, M. Dolahenty, M. Nguyen
<b>Strategic plan</b>	
Project Leader	D. Davies
Growth Team Leader	L. Gerke
Proshop Staff October 2024	Daniel Desacadura, Abi Gosling, Will Harvey, Gabbi Keyes
Acting Manager	Henry Toczydlowski
Maintenance Manager	Andy Phelan

## Attendance Register For CoM 2023/24\*

Mary Baker -9	Matt Condon - 7	Lindy Gerke - 10	Radhika Prasanna - 4
Kelley Keyes - 6	Andy Kleiberg - 7	Gaurav Gupta - 6	Barbara Schultz - 8
Tracey Croft - 10	Kaye McIntyre - 6	Judy Halbedl - 10	David Cochrane - 11
Duncan Davies - 9	Enone Melville - 9	Kerrie Marshall - 3	Geoff Darmody
Clare Perry - 9	Ajay Patankar - 4	Melodie Nguyen - 9	Melissa Dolahenty - 9
Dennis Pike - 8	Anne Wallis - 9		

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



# Minutes of 99th Annual General Meeting - 24th October 2023

**Chair: Kaye McIntyre**

**Meeting started 07:39 pm.**

**Attendance as per attendance Register: 26**

## 1. Apologies:

Geoff Darmody, Martin Wing, Karen Williamson, Gaurav Gupta, Penny Ryan, Anne Wallis, Ajay Patankar, Monique Spiller, Brian Tierney

It was **moved** John Phare, **seconded** Matt Condon, that the apologies be accepted. **Carried.**

## 2. Acceptance of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting:

It was **moved** Matt Condon, **seconded** Andy Kleiberg, that the minutes of the 2022 AGM be accepted. **Carried.**

## 3. President's Report: Kaye McIntyre

I refer you to page 1 of Annual Report but just a few words in addition.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of the Association in the past year and my apologies for not naming everyone.

As always, it is a busy tennis centre and we continue, with staff and volunteers, as well as our member cohort, to play tennis in a beautiful park setting, which we all must be thankful for.

We have had some changes this year and it is reflection on a society as a whole, as an organisation it is important that we stay up to date with government/council requirements, community expectations and tennis regulations, whether it be children's safety, inclusiveness, privacy laws, diversity needs etc. Also being able to meet increasing inflationary costs.

All of this means as a volunteer committee we are pressed at times to fulfil those needs, and it is very important that as people we appreciate what others do, and show kindness to all, something that sometimes goes missing in busy lives.

And we have been busy. Grant writing, constitution redrafting,

centenary functions, tennis walls and fencing, infrastructure improvements with new fencing, seating, bathroom improvements, venue sustainability rating work, strategic planning, council liaison and so on.

Also, a new Manager to the centre that brings to us a depth of experience in sports management and program development, or redevelopment as needed. I would like to thank Kelley Keyes personally for her foresight, work ethic, management skill and ability to assess and to develop new programs, whether off her own initiative or with partners such as Tennis NSW for various areas. Also, her aim to develop, especially within junior tennis, a culture that will endure with sport and friendship. And to do it always with a smile!

Also, development of new products, for example, a recent Thursday afternoon school project which is in progress now, pilots for girls in the new year, and revamped programs to meet today's sporting consumers. New products, or tennis offerings take time, energy and investment, and without these we will not develop and have the ability to fill the courts as needed to increase court hire revenue.

And to finish, a note to the volunteers, our gardening guru, Brain Tierney, our competition secretaries and especially to Robyn Johnson who is retiring after 5 years in the Monday night role.

Their team of captains, our committee members and other pop-up volunteers, whether it be a special project, such as Ray Gerke has been assisting on, and also our social tennis organisers, our annual report layout by Sam McCullough on a tight turnaround. Thank you. Our centenary sub-committee led by Dave Cochrane, great job. Our staff, supporting our members and keeping things on spec in the pro shop and surrounds. And lastly to the executive and their counsel. Thank you.

## Acceptance of President's Report

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

#### 4. Treasurer's Report: Dennis Pike

In my mind, in the Balance Sheet there are only 2 major items to highlight. The cash situation is just under \$200k up on previous years. We've also increased our provisions considerably.

The P&L – total income is well up on last year, total expenses are also well up on last year. Total profit is down by approximately \$11k. For YE22 we put \$50k aside in provisions and for YE23 we put \$100k aside.

#### Acceptance of Treasurer's Report (Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2023)

It was **moved** Gerry Baker, **seconded** Matt Condon, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. **Carried.**

#### 5. Office Bearers Already Deemed Elected Under ETDTA Inc. Rules:

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 2023/2024 year.

Position	Nominee
Treasurer	Dennis Pike
Assistant Treasurer	Ajay Patankar
Public Relations Officer	Judy Halbedl
NSWHTA Delegate	Dave Cochrane

#### 6. Election Of Office Bearers To Positions Where Vote Required And/Or Late Nomination Was Received at AGM

Kaye read out the late nominations for the following positions and called for any further nominations from the floor. None were received.

**Junior Branch Delegate:** It was **nominated** Kelley Keyes, **seconded** Kaye McIntyre, that Radhika Prasanna be elected as Junior Branch Delegate. **Carried.**

**Wednesday Night Mixed Secretary:** It was **nominated** Kaye McIntyre, **seconded** Tracey Croft, that Marina Hurst be elected as Wednesday Night Mixed Secretary. **Carried.**

**Social Secretary:** It was **nominated** by Kayleen Howe, **seconded** Clare Perry, that Barb Schultz be elected as Social Secretary. **Carried.**

**Grade Tournament Secretary #1:** It was **nominated** Kaye McIntyre, **seconded** Tracey Croft, that Geoff Darmody be elected as Grade Tournament Secretary. **Carried.**

Kaye read each position yet to be filled and called for nominations from the floor:

**President:** It was **moved** Lindy Gerke, **seconded** Matt Condon, that Kaye McIntyre be elected as President. **Carried.**

**Secretary:** It was **moved** Kaye McIntyre, **seconded** Mary Baker, that Tracey Croft be elected as Secretary. **Carried.**

**Monday Night Secretary #1:** It was **moved** Kaye McIntyre, **seconded** Mary Baker, that Karen Williamson be elected as Monday Night Secretary. **Carried.**

**Monday Night Secretary #2:** It was **moved** Kaye McIntyre, **seconded** Judy Halbedl, that Faye Yiannakopoulos be elected as Monday Night Secretary. **Carried.**

**Ladies Midweek Secretary:** It was **moved** Clare Perry, **seconded** Mary Baker, that Monique Spiller be elected as Ladies Midweek Secretary. **Carried.**

**Thursday Night Mens Secretary:** It was **moved** Judy Halbedl, **seconded** Matt Condon, that John Phare be elected as Thursday Night Mens Secretary. **Carried.**

**Grade Tournament Secretary #2:** It was **moved** Judy Halbedl, **seconded** Mel Dolahenty, that Mel Nguyen be elected as Grade Tournament Secretary. **Carried.**

**Publicity Officer:** It was **moved** Cathy Goswell, **seconded** Tracey Croft, that Lindy Gerke be elected as Publicity Officer. **Carried.**

**Chairman of Selectors:** It was **moved** Kaye McIntyre, **seconded** Mary Baker, that Kelley Keyes be elected as Chairman of Selectors. **Carried.**

**NSWHTA Delegate:** It was **moved** Dave Cochrane, **seconded** John Phare, that Mel Dolahenty be elected as NSWHTA Delegate. **Carried.**

**Ordinary Member:** It was **moved** Dave Cochrane, **seconded** Kaye McIntyre, that Gaurav Gupta be elected as Councillor. **Carried.**

**Ordinary Member:** It was **moved** Matt Condon, **seconded** Mary Baker, that Duncan Davies be elected as Councillor. **Carried.**

**Ordinary Member:** It was **moved** Clare Perry, **seconded** Mary Baker, that Enone Melville be elected as Councillor. **Carried.**

Nominations were invited for the following positions but none were received:

Vice President #1

Vice President #2

Ordinary Member #4

Ordinary Member #5

Office Bearers of the Association for the 2023/2024 year.

#### 7. Election Of Honorary Solicitor.

It was **moved** Mary Baker, **seconded** Matt Condon, that Diana Simoni from Cameron Legal be approached to continue as our Honorary Solicitor. **Carried.**

#### 8. Appointment Of Auditor

It was **moved** Dennis Pike, **seconded** Andy Kleiberg, that Howard Ghedia continue to act our auditor for financial year ended 30 June 2024. **Carried.**

#### 9. Appointment Of Patrons

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

Lord Mayor City of Parramatta Council – Pierre Esber

Philip Ruddock – Mayor, Hornsby Council

Jerome Laxale – Member for Bennelong

Julian Leeser – Member for Berowra

Matt Kean – Hornsby Electorate

Dominic Perrottet – Epping Electorate

#### 10. Honoraria

It was **moved** Dennis Pike, **seconded** John Phare, that the sum for an honorarium for the 22/23 term be set at \$320.00. **Carried.**

## 11. Correspondence:

1 item of correspondence was received.

- A letter was received by Council of Management on 20 October 2022, nominating Judy Halbedl for Life Membership of the Association. This letter fulfilled the requirements to enable the nomination to be put to a vote by secret ballot at this AGM.

Kaye read the Letter of Nomination and commended Judy for her nomination as a life member of ETDTA.

## 12. General Business:

Prior to the secret ballot to vote on Life Member nomination, it was **moved** Clare Perry, **seconded** Dennis Pike, that Dave Cochrane and Andy Kleiberg be appointed as scrutineers to distribute, collect and count the secret ballot papers. **Carried.**

The scrutineers reported that the vote was overwhelmingly in favour of Life Membership of ETDTA Inc. being conferred on Judy Halbedl.

It was **moved** John Phare, **seconded** Clare Perry, that Life Membership of ETDTA be conferred on Judy Halbedl. **Carried.**

It was **moved** Clare Perry, **seconded** Dennis Pike, that the ballot papers be destroyed. **Carried.**

Grade Tournament Secretary position – Clare Perry questioned the necessity of having 2 people in this position when there is only 1 reflected in the Constitution. After general discussion, it was agreed having 2 was beneficial due to the amount of work involved. Mel Nguyen's position as Joint Grade Tournament Secretary remains.

**Meeting closed at 8:22pm**





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