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Newsletter

October 2024

On the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Pennant Hills Park Tennis courts we had a great day of fun and tennis, with funds raised going towards research at the CMRI Institute.

Thank you to all those who were in attendance on the day and helped us raise a grand total of \$19,641! Which will help go towards research for inertial retina disease.

Shout to Eden from the CMRI (and a member of NWST) for organising the draw for the day and helping contrast a great fundraising event. Thank you to all the volunteers, especially Duncan, Clare and Barb who helped out with catering and running the BBQ on the day. Thank you to all those who bought raffle tickets, there were some great prizes up for grabs on the day, congratulations to all the winners.

Prior to this wonderful day we had the chance to visit the Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI). We started the day off by a talk, presenting to us what CMRI is. We found out that they help many children with genetic diseases, birth defects, and more. Over 200 scientists are learning how cells and DNA work to help these children. They even started the Jeans for Genes fundraiser. Then they gave us a tour around the labs and explained what each one does. One for experimenting, one for analysing cells and DNA, one for extracting the DNA, and more. Later that day we got to extract the DNA from strawberries, which we then put in a small vial as a souvenir. We all loved visiting the CMRI. Thanks to North West Sydney Tennis and CMRI for making this day possible. And special shout out to Henry who accompanied us. – Amelia N , Junior Future Leader







# Presidents Message

Hi Everyone,

Our Associations Annual General Meeting was held on 15 October 2024) where we closed off an impressive '23/'24 year and made a fresh start on the new '24/'25 year.... and what an exciting year we have planned.

The Members of the Association have voted in our new Council of Management office bearers and the club's leadership is once again in great hands for the upcoming year.

I'd like to thank all our Junior, Adult and Senior Members and Social players who continue to choose our great club when playing Your tennis. NWST continues to be in good financial health thanks to your ongoing membership and court bookings. This revenue allows the club to maintain our courts in tip top condition and improve our facilities and our tennis offering.

We continue to value our Coaching Partners Voyager at Pennant Hills And Paul Toohey at Midson Road for their contribution to our success and are grateful for the steady stream of players that private coaches in the area send to our competitions.

The positive support we receive from Hornsby and Parramatta Council and the Members for Bennelong and Berowra, and the Hornsby and Epping Electorate adds to our progress.

We look forward to supporting you on your tennis journey and please come and say G'day when you see me around the courts.

Warm regards, Duncan



## Courts 3 & 8 Resurfacing + Courts 9 & 10

Dear Members, the resurfacing of courts 3 and 8 is scheduled to commence on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Please be aware there will be no access to the courts for a minimum of 2 days. If there is inclement weather, access will be pushed back. Comp secs and member bookings have been notified. Additionally, the fencing between courts 9 and 10 has been amended and re-sleeved.

Apologies for the inconvenience.

## Thank you Brian!

Thank you to Brian Tierney who has spent countless Hours over the past 3-4 weeks giving our benches a new coat of paint. Brian has completed painting the benches from Courts 1-6 and in front of court 7. Over the next few months Brian will aim to finish all the courts. Please thank him for his Hard work if you see Brian around the grounds!



## Midson Road's NONAGENARIAN (90-year-old)

The Midson Road Thursday morning tennis group held another 90th birthday party. This time it was for Eddie Miller. He joined our Monday group in September 2016 and has been an absolute gentleman. A thinking player who wins many points with his deadly drop shots.

Eddie also plays here on Saturday's and backs up again each Monday. We asked Eddie for some tips to help us to still be around, playing tennis at 90. He replied firstly to be positive and be friends with everyone. Secondly, eat whatever you like, even if it means fixing up a few things later. His only regret was not being able to get enough sleep to fuel his active lifestyle.

Our previous 90th party was held in November 2022 for Warren Hiser. He was our first nonagenarian. We presently have six octogenarians playing in our club.



# New Managerial Appointments

## Centre Manager

We are really pleased to announce the appointment of our Centre Manager and Assistant Manager at our great Association.

Darren joins our team as centre manager with a start date of 4 November 2025.

Darren has a rich history of tennis involvement, sports management, centre management and most recently as Head Tennis Coach at Tennis Nation.



## Assistant Centre Manager

Jackie de Vivo joins NWST from Gosford Tennis Club and will be transitioning from Gosford over a period to ensure Gosford is not negatively impacted by her leaving. Jackie is an active tennis player and has been running operations at Gosford for many years.

We look forward to both Darren and Jackie joining NWST in November. Please make them feel welcome when you see Both in the Proshop and around the grounds.



# Farewell from Henry

My last day will be Saturday November 9 as I have accepted a full-time position for Cricket NSW as a competition co-ordinator.

Since working for NWST in August 2022, I have grown as a person and learnt many various skills that I will take with me into my future career and into my personal life as a young adult. From starting as a Friday afternoon junior comp player, to working as a casual in the pro shop to sitting in a position to lead the centre, I find myself genuinely admiring the privileged position I am in to give back to the community I have belonged to since a young teenager.

I'd like to thank every member, committee member and volunteer for making my experience at NWST one I will never forget and treasure. The people in this community and club are what make working here a pleasure and enjoyable experience.

Some of my highlights at NWST have been my continued involvement with the Saturday Junior comp, helping to organise our recent charity day for Jeans for Genes and the successful running of many several major tournaments. I hope to continue to see everyone around the courts!

Kind Regards, Henry.

# School Boys School Girls Tournament 2024

**Dear Junior Players,**

We invite you to join us for the annual **School Boys School Girls tournament** held by North West Sydney Tennis

From Thursday, 21st November until Friday 29th November, excluding the weekend, we will be holding this popular event. It has been running for over 40 years, started by John Anderson at Southend, and we have been hosting it at our Pennant Hills Park Tennis Centre since 2012.

The youngest competitors are in Year 3, and the events are in Year categories and go all the way up to Year 12. Competitors can play both singles and doubles, are allowed to enter the event in one year higher than their current year and can also enter in a Junior or Senior School team. There is some excellent tennis for our members to watch.

The School Boys and Girls Tournament is a unique opportunity for schools to compete against each other. It is based not just on schools competing but also on individual school players. There are cash prizes that are awarded to the winning schools up to a total of approximately \$2,600.

Players compete in individual events (singles and doubles) as they normally do in junior tournaments. As they compete in matches, they earn points for their school. There is also the opportunity to compete in a teams event representing their school.

The tournament will be played on weekdays during school hours and each competitor will need one day off from school for their events. Each day matches will commence at 8.30 am and continue up to the Semi-Finals.

**This tournament in 2024 is officially sanctioned by Tennis Australia.**

**Dates:**

21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29 November 2024.

**Locations:**

Pennant Hills Tennis Centre - 25X Britannia St, Pennant Hills  
Parramatta Tennis Centre - Barton St, North Parramatta ('overflow' venue)

**Format:**

Singles & Doubles & Teams

**Entries Close:**

Thursday, 14 November

**Fees:**

Singles: \$50 per Individual\*

Doubles \$25 per Individual

Teams \$30 per Individual

\*For Individual entries, please include your school name in the notes section

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



# Interdistrict 2024 Wrap up

Congratulations to all the finalists and runners-up and participants in this year's Interdistrict competition. It was a great 2 months of tennis, and I was proud to see everyone put in a great effort. Thank you to all the parents, carers and team managers for travelling all over Sydney to get players where they needed to be and perform!

A full team by team result sheet is below

<b>Stan Pederson Cup U10s B</b>	
NWST 14	Runner Up (ESTA 5/46 def NWST14 2/14)
NWST 15	4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>AJ McAndrew Cup U12s B</b>	
NWST 9	Divisional Winners (Berela Carrmar 1 5/32 def NWST 9 0/18)
NWST 10	3 <sup>rd</sup>
NWST 11	3 <sup>rd</sup>
NWST 12	Division 5 Runners up (Parramatta City 3 - 4/28 Def NWST 4-12 – 1/15)
NWST 13	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Esca Stephens Cup U14s B</b>	
NWST 5	Premier Winners (NWST 5 6/44 Def NSTA 10 2/31)
NWST 6	3 <sup>rd</sup>
NWST 7	3 <sup>rd</sup>
NWST 8	4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Presidents Cup U16s B</b>	
NWST 2	4 <sup>th</sup>
NWST 3	Division 3 winners (NWST 3 - 3/31 Def Berala Carramar – 3/26)
NWST 4	Division 4 winners (NWST 4 – 4/30 Def Parramatta City – 2/12)
<b>Blackwell Cup Opens B</b>	
NWST 1	4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>M C Crakanthorp Cup 12s G</b>	
NWST 18	3 <sup>rd</sup>
NWST 19	Division 5 Winners (NWST 19 – 4/30 Def Berela Carramar 2/6)
<b>Wade &amp; Neal Cup 14s G</b>	
NWST 16	Divisional Winners
NWST 17	3 <sup>rd</sup>

## Interdistrict dates 2025

All open all juniors will commence 27/7/2025 and thence 3/8, 10/8,17/8, 24/8, 31/8 2025 (No play Father's Day)

Semi-final and divisional play off 14 September 2025 and Finals 21 September 2025

**Closing date for entries date 13 June 2025 (Entries will open 2025 March/April)**

# School boys School Girls tournament – Volunteers!

We are seeking help from our members for work behind the scenes. We would appreciate help in the kitchen, or on the BBQ, and if you are accredited in court monitoring or refereeing, we would be delighted if you could donate an afternoon or two in this area.

For all enquiries of offers of assistance, please email the Pro Shop – [info@northwestsydneytennis.com.au](mailto:info@northwestsydneytennis.com.au).

## New Tuesday Morning Men's Social

At Midson road John Grass is wanting to start a new Men's morning comp.

**Time:** 8:30 – 11AM (WEEKLY)

**Level:** Intermediate standard

**Format:** 8 game doubles alternating players

**Cost:** \$8/week

**If interested, please contact John Grass – 0424 662 691**

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Strategic Plan 2024-2028  
V6.0

Eastern Suburbs Tennis Association

## Strategic Plan

NWST has released our Strategic Plan 2024-2028, setting out our strategy to be a thriving club into the future. We have appointed a Project Manager to bring this strategic plan to life and would we invite all members to get involved. Reach out to the ProShop if you would like to assist.

## New Midson Road BBQ!

A brand new BBQ has recently been installed down at our Midson Road complex. The use of the BBQ is first in best dress. Please consider others when in use of the BBQ and make sure you clean up accordingly after use.



# Key Dates Term 4

School Boys School Girl Tournament: November 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28

SJC Finals: 7<sup>th</sup> December

MNL ends December 9 (Returns 2 Feb 2025)

TMW finals December 3

WNX ends December 4 (returns 5 Feb 2025)

TNM ends December 19 (returns 6 Feb 2025)

## Well fit and Yoga

### Updated days and times for Yoga and Wellfit

#### Yoga classes

Sunday 9.00am

#### Wellfit classes

Monday & Wednesday 9.00am



[To join in go the news and events on our website!](#)

## Babolat Hats and Jackets

Come down to Pro Shop to buy some lovely hats and caps!!!

**Hats:** \$20 (members), \$30 (non-members)

**Jackets:** \$80

**LIMITED STOCK SO GET IN QUICK!!**



# A WORD FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## Fleet Street Merchants

### Special offers from Fleet St Merchants on at the moment:

Spring is here, so its creamy chardonnay and lighter red wines at the moment. We've got discounts on both from Grand Noir, Oatley, Macaw Creek, and Chateau Tanunda.

You can see the full range and discounts at [eppingbottleshop.com.au](http://eppingbottleshop.com.au) or download our app Fleet Street and add Epping as your favourite. There are also a load of discount coupons there for you,

Bill and his team will always offer all NWST members a 10% discount on all purchases over \$50. #shoplocal and visit Fleet St Merchants on the corner of Boronia Ave and Midson Rd.



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## TAG Financial

### What do others say about TAG financial...?

"Extremely professional, thorough and someone who listens and advises accordingly. Highly recommended"

"The experience of the TAG financial team has benefited me greatly. Communicating with them about the development of our strategy was smooth and easy. Highly recommended!"

If it is time for you to seek professional advice for your future... for yourself, or for your family, have a conversation with TAG now.



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## Tennis Ranch

Remember @ Tennis Ranch as a member you can receive a discount so don't forget to mention you are from NWST. Worth the trip down Victoria Rd to the Gladesville store.

# Wayne Hackett – Racquet Restringing

Require a racquet restringing?

Wayne Hackett is your man for restringing here at North West Sydney Tennis! We have a range of string types to pick from, varying in price starting from \$35 to \$55. A full list of strings is available in the Pro Shop.

To restring your racquet, drop it off to a staff member at the Pro Shop. Please be advised all **payments are required to be in cash.**



## Friendly Fauna!

A group of Spitfire Caterpillars were captured outside the proshop last Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> October.

Additionally, keep your eyes peeled for a local [Tawny Frogmouth](#) and their babies behind court 11.. we offer so much more than tennis here at NWST!

(Photo courtesy of Duncan Davies)

## Pro Shop Holiday Hours

The holiday season is fast approaching, and we'd like to remind you that the pro shop will have limited opening hours over the Christmas/New year period.

The pro shop may be closed, but the complex will remain open for court hire! You can book a court via this link [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – 9am to 3.30pm

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January **PRO SHOP CLOSED**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 10am-2pm\*

\*Hours subject to change

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