

2022 Ainslie Tennis Club President's Report incorporating reports from:

The Competitions Coordinator
The Asset Manager
The Fundraising Subcommittee
The Club Coach
The Revenue Manager

I am pleased to report that the Ainslie Tennis Club continued to grow and consolidate over 2022. Membership passed 160 with most members being single adults and seniors, with family members making a significant contribution. By the end of 2022 we had also seen growth in our tertiary and junior ranks, possibly associated with our continued good results across junior and adult tennis league competitions as reported upon below by our Competitions Manager, Kat and our Club Coach, Myles.

In addition to growth in membership numbers, we also saw consolidation of revenue contributions from court hire, donations, and fundraising. The reports below from the Revenue Manager, Fouad, provide details of revenue collections in 2022 and the Committee is looking forward to further improvements in 2023.

Another area of consolidation was the improvement of our courts, club house and club house precinct. 2022 saw improvements in court maintenance, lighting, and tennis net quality. Another important improvement was the synthetic grass, and the new picnic table with the blue sun umbrella.

I would like to thank all the committee members who each made important contributions to the ongoing operation of the tennis club. The club is lucky to have members willing to donate their time and efforts across a range of activities including taking on executive committee roles, chairing or being part of the important Strategic Asset Management and the Fundraising subcommittees, mowing grass, trimming hedges, organising club social and competition tennis, and bringing additional tennis coaching to Ainslie.

In this regard it was a delight to further develop the Neil Hendy Cups including introducing the tennis competition management app developed by the Dutch company Scala Sports. It was great to include the finals of the women's and men's open singles as part of the Club's Christmas party. The Club's 2022 singles champions were Stephanie Bayley-Nelson and Ben Bramble respectively.

2023 should be another strong year for the club and will bring several new challenges including further strengthening our financial position, completing several important asset improvements, and further expanding the range of competitions contested for the 2023 Neil Hendy Cups.

Club Competitions Report - Kat Knope

Adult League Report for 2022

In Adult Leagues, we continue to have strong representation in every season, including a Division 1 team. There were between 6 and 8 teams from Ainslie each season and Ainslie teams were Champions in four competitions during the year.

Table: ACT Tennis Leagues Champions from Ainslie in 2022

Season	Division	Players
Summer 2022	Division 9 Mon/Tues	Felix Edwards, Rebecca Martin, Simon Schupfer, Zoe Jarvis
Summer 2022	Division 2 Thurs	Felix Edwards, Hugh Ebbs, Carol Ruster, Rebecca Martin
Autumn 2022	Division 3 Thursday	Bob Chen, Michael Growder, J-P Harvey, Kat Knope, Indira Prickett
Spring 2022	Division 3 Thursday	Felix Edwards, Hugh Ebbs, Rebecca Martin, Carol Ruster

Junior League Report for 2022

In Junior League, we had two teams jointly representing the Ainslie and Braddon Tennis Clubs. One of the teams won their division in the Canberra wide competition and the other team represented both clubs with pride.

Strategic Asset Management Report - Mary Ryan

The main entrance to the club received a major upgrade with the laying of artificial grass. Work commenced at the end of 2021 and was completed early in 2022. New LED globes were fitted to the old-style light fittings on the Paterson Street side of court 1 which provide a better quality of uniform light across court 1, although not to the level required for League games. The Asset Committee will look at how to progress two major asset improvement projects over the coming year - being to complete the LED lighting of court 1 and resurfacing of court 3.

Fundraising Sub Committee – Mary Ryan

Tennis ACT awarded Ainslie the rights to host four fundraising BBQs at major tennis events over the 22/23 financial year. The Fundraising Committee ran the first BBQ sausage sizzle in November 2022 raising \$473.54 for the club. Thanks to the small group of willing volunteers who helped make this event a success.

Club Coaching Report - Myles Emery

Tennis Coaching at Ainslie Tennis Club continued to go from strength to strength in 2022 with more and more adult and junior players wanting coaching. Group tennis lessons were offered twice per week and private tennis lessons 7 days per week.

We had 3 junior players from the combined Ainslie and Braddon Tennis Clubs Junior League competition selected in the ACT under 10's team at the Australian Open 2023. We also have many junior players from Ainslie playing in tournaments in Canberra and the region. Many of our adult players are excelling in League competition, whilst others are improving for their social matches at Ainslie Tennis Club. Others are also increasing their skills, fitness, and happiness.

Revenue Managers Report - Fouad Karouta

The Club's revenue position at the end of 2022 was very good with \$19,048 in the everyday account and \$33,863 in our interest bearing account that is effectively our sinking fund. The Club moved its bank account from a CBA cheque account with no interest to Beyond Bank in 2022. Interest received in 2022 was \$263.

Since the Club completed the rebuild of the Clubhouse in 2019 as a result of the termite infestation, and which used up most of our funds, we have been steadily rebuilding our cash balances and our sinking fund. Between the end of 2021 and 2022 our revenues net balance (in all accounts) grew by almost \$20,000 or 50%. This was a very good result and the decision to increase the sinking fund component of membership fees from mid 2022 should see an even better improvement over 2023.

I am therefore delighted to present the 2022 President's Report to the AGM and seek its noting.

Steve Ryan
29 April 2023