



Message from the Vice President

Welcome to the first edition of the Belconnen Tennis Club Newsletter (BTC) for 2023. Following the Annual General Meeting (AGM) the President and other Committee members have been on well-deserved holidays, and as such will have these sent to you within the next fortnight.

We welcome new Committee members Jen Garland to the role of Secretary, James Tok to Treasurer, Gary Bodo to Club Captain and Phil Nguyen to Publicity and Information Officer. Our thanks to Leo Thymis who served two terms as Treasurer and to Stephanie Palmer for one term as Secretary.

Committee positions are voluntary roles and along with those of you who give up your time freely, we are able to keep the club running to serve you and the community. We welcome offers of assistance in supporting us with key activities such as, grant applications, working bee days, and catering to name a few. If you have any interests or recommendations, we would love to hear from you.

In summary, BTC has seen achievements in the Canberra League Competitions (formerly known as Pennant), and we have continued to spruce up the club with the new shade and bench structures, new court brooms, refurbishing Court 6, replacement of nets, painting of fence posts and onboarding a new service provider to undertake garden maintenance.

Participation continues to be strong in the various social events including weekend, night and day groups, and the new youth social running on Friday evenings.

We are also working with Tennis ACT and other community organisations to future proof our club by seeking funding to upgrade and expand facilities. Consultation and communication will become available as opportunities arise.

Enjoy your newsletter and I hope to see you on the court soon.

Anna Bambic
Vice President

Meet some of your new Committee members

Jenny Garland - Secretary



I'm Jenny Garland and have been a semi-regular player at the BTC Women's Tennis Network on Saturdays since 2019, and recently became a member of the BTC. I have played tennis on and off over the past 27 years and although I'm a bit rusty, I have found the Women's Tennis Network experience a lot of fun and the more experienced players very generous and welcoming. Many thanks to Janet Bruce for making social tennis so accessible. I accepted the role of Secretary as I have many years of administrative experience in government and no matter the task, I'll strive to get the job done. I have also served as a committee member for non-profit community organisations including the Central Canberra Softball Association and the Charnwood Organic Community Garden. As I progress to semi-retirement in October 2023, I look forward to playing more tennis and supporting the Committee and BTC members in the role of Secretary.

2023 BTC Committee members

Office bearers

President: Ian Cummings
Vice President: Anna Bambic
Secretary: Jenny Garland
Treasurer: James Tok

Ordinary Committee members

Membership Secretary: Jan Liddell
Court Administrator: Barbara Tai
Club Coach/Junior Convener: Jeff Gray
Maintenance Officer: James Crocker
Social Events Coordinator: Warren Andrew
Club Captain: Gary Bodo
Publicity and Information Officer: Phil Nguyen

A list of Committee members can also be found at [ClubSpark / Belconnen Tennis Club / Management Committee](#)

Thank you to the Committee members for volunteering their time for the year ahead.

BTC Women's Tennis Network five year Anniversary

A big thank you and congratulations to Janet Bruce who has achieved five years of successfully building and leading the BTC Women's Tennis Network (WTN)!

To celebrate, there will be a special event held on Saturday 1 July from 12:30 – 3:30pm. For more information and registration, visit [WTN 5th Anniversary](#).

Interested in joining the BTC WTN?

Who: Women and girls (15 years of age and above). All levels welcome.

When: Saturdays, 12.30 - 2.30pm.

Where: Belconnen Tennis Club, Jamison.

What: Racquet, tennis shoes, \$3 pp.

Format: Round Robin social play.

After play: light refreshments available.

Contact: Janet Bruce.

E: janet.a.bruce@gmail.com;

M: 0439690053 (text or call).

A big shout out to... Kenny Vuong

What a volunteer! Thank you for all the work done around the club:

- Replacing nets on courts 2 & 4.
- Fixing the low net on court 8.
- Tying down the bottom of fences that had started curling up.
- Zhuzhing up our net posts by giving it a new coat of paint.

New Shade Structures

Phillip Nguyen – Publicity and Information Officer



I'm Phillip Nguyen, the newest member of the BTC committee. Thrilled to be part of this amazing team, I'm dedicated to contributing to the growth and success of our club. Last year, I joined BTC and rediscovered my passion for the sport through the pennants and social tennis. Moreover, winning the 2022 Club Championship Grade B Singles title has inspired me to aim even higher and compete in the A Grade Singles category soon.

What sets BTC apart from me is the incredible sense of community and the connections I've formed with fellow tennis enthusiasts. The supportive network within the club is truly cherished.

As the Social Media coordinator, I'm excited to showcase the vibrant spirit of BTC. Through engaging content and regular updates, I'll keep our members connected and engaged. My goal is to foster a strong community, bringing our club closer together and creating an inclusive space for everyone through social media.

Congratulations to Anne Haycock, Tennis ACT 100 year anniversary



Anne Haycock, BTC Life Member, was inducted into the Tennis ACT's Walk of Fame 2023 at their HQ in Lyneham for outstanding service to Tennis in the ACT over the last five decades.

Anne was presented with her award at the Tennis ACT 100 year anniversary celebration at the National Arboretum. The evening was attended by many of our club members. It was a great night with delicious food and some notable attendees including Neale Fraser, Wally Masur, John Fitzgerald, John Alexander and Nick Krygios.

The Tennis ACT Walk of Fame is awarded for exceptionally noteworthy accomplishments in the service of tennis. Anne moved to Canberra in 1962 at the age of 20 to work in the public service and lived at Mulwalla House with its own tennis courts where she played social tennis. In her early Canberra years, Anne played tennis regularly at Braddon and then later at Campbell where she and her husband Peter first lived.



When Anne and Peter moved to Higgins, they joined the relatively new club of Belconnen in 1974. Anne developed a taste for pennant competition, playing in night mixed and Saturday afternoon competitions. Anne joined the Ladies mid-week competition in 1976 and with the encouragement of close friend Dot Woodbridge, Anne became President of the Ladies Branch and organiser of the

A big thank you to Coach Jeff Gray and his staff who volunteered their time to run an event that raised over \$5,000 towards the cost and our sponsors, the Walking Clinic and Canberra Physio Clinic who also significantly contributed towards the cost of the new shade structures and benches between courts 1 and 2 and courts 3 and 4.



Women Leaders in Tennis

On Saturday 20 May 2023, Anna Bambic and Janet Bruce participated in the Women Leaders in Tennis social event at Tennis ACT as part of the Womens Leaders in Tennis program to inspire and promote women and girls in tennis across the ACT.



Court 6 update

On 22 and 23 March 2023, Court 6 underwent a full court rejuvenation to remediate the surface. Although this has seen an improvement in the surface, it has not fully resolved matters and the BTC Committee will continue working with key stakeholders to determine the best approach moving forward. Club members will be kept updated as activities progress.

ACT Mid-Week Ladies competition from 1977 to 1988. Over this period the competition increased from two to eight divisions.

As President of the Ladies Branch and under the new association structure initiated by Ken Willis, Anne joined the Association Council where her organisational skills were immediately recognised. From the Ladies Branch she then went on to become Chair of Grading (1983 - 1988), following in the footsteps of Alison Ide as the only woman on the Council.

In 1988 Ken Willis invited Anne to serve on the board of the National Sports Club where she served until 1996. In addition to this and her role on the Council, as well as continuing to work at the time, Anne became actively involved in Canberra Vets Tennis in 1984. In 1991 she became the President and served until 1999. She was the first woman, and longest serving President, recognised with Life Membership in 2015.

Between 2003 and 2009 Anne served on the board of Tennis ACT and became a Life Member in 2009. Having recently turned 80, Anne has been actively involved in Canberra Tennis for over 60 years. Anne served on the BTC committee for many years and has served two terms as President, becoming the Club's first female President. She was made a Life Member in 1993.



Anne has been recognised not only by her Club, the Territory, the Association and Tennis Seniors for her service but has also been recognised at a national level. She received a Bicentennial Medal for services to tennis in 1988, an Australian Sports Medal in 2000, Australian Seniors Administrator of the Year in 2001 and an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for services to tennis in 2022.

Anne's passion for the game, her willingness to volunteer at all levels, her knowledge of the sport and her personal friendships and support for individuals is truly outstanding. Her contribution to tennis in Canberra over the last 60 years has been invaluable.

Adult Canberra Tennis League update

Entries into the Autumn League has been strong – nine (9) teams in the Monday/Tuesday league, two (2) teams in the Thursday night league and three (3) teams in the Saturday league.

Congratulations to Glenn Snellgrove and Ajay Joshi for winning the Saturday Division 3 league. Monday/Tuesday night comp is still in play, with Kimbo Hunyh's team and Justin Nguyen's team out to do battle in their semi-final matches on 5 June 2023.

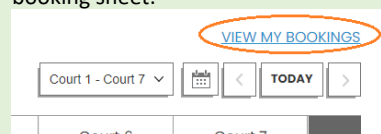
Winter competition sees another strong participation – seven (7) teams in Monday/Tuesday, two (2) teams in Thursday and three (3) teams in Saturday the league.

Court bookings

There is nothing more frustrating than not being able to book a court, only to find the court free on a drive-by-the-court because the booking was a no show.

A reminder to cancel your court booking if you are not planning on using it. This will enable others to book. A big thank you to those that are already doing this.

You can cancel or change your booking by clicking on the VIEW MY BOOKINGS link above the date selection field in the court booking sheet:



Learn 2 Lead - Youth Leadership Program by Tennis Australia

The Learn 2 Lead youth leadership program aims to equip young women and gender diverse young people aged 14-18 years with leadership skills and confidence to lead change in their local tennis communities.

Applications close Friday 30 June 2023 at 11:59pm [click here to apply](#) with the program commencing on 22 July 2023. For more information contact Alison Bai at Tennis ACT on 0401 986 161.



Where to find more information on BTC

Visit our website - [ClubSpark / Belconnen Tennis Club / Belconnen Tennis Club - Belconnen | Tennis Australia](#)

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Next Committee meeting

Tuesday 13 June 2023

