

GEILSTON BAY TENNIS CLUB



ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022

Office Bearers:**President: Campbell Palfrey****Secretary: Beth Kennelly****Treasurer: Mike Hodge****Committee: Colin Mazengarb Max Crowe Tony Winch****Convenors:****Club Captain: Max Crowe****Junior Convenor: Tony Blom****Social Convenor: Claire Gay****Sub Committees: Nil****Presidents Report**

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report for 2021 / 2022, while I can admit to being a reluctant candidate for the role of President, I have found the role both interesting and challenging.

The opportunity to have some input into those issues that are currently challenging the Club and to be able to speak with many of our capable and positive members as well as those other stakeholders that we deal with has been a rewarding experience.

Much has been said, and written, about our aging demographic. This remains the major issue facing our Club and will obviously take some time to overcome. While our recent members discussion session was quite positive it suggests that we will continue to struggle to maintain support for the formal governance and administrative roles that we are required to have if we are to continue to be able to operate under the Associations Incorporation Act. Any significant change to how tennis is delivered in Clarence is likely to be sometime off, this suggests that our destiny is largely in our own hands. Changing our demographic and increasing our digital presence for greater appeal, while challenging tasks, are those that probably need to be embarked upon.

We can hope that the outcome of the Annual General Meeting for 2022 is somewhat better than last years but need to be prepared to continue to find ways to work effectively with a minimal Committee.

Conducting half of our meetings by email has seen a reduction in the need for face-to-face meetings but also a reduction in the level of input to these meetings, it is sometimes difficult to engage in a somewhat stilted discussion that may run over a number of days. Alternative approaches will need to be considered.

Governance problems aside, the Club remains active across a wide range of activities and continues to attract new members. Numbers may be a little down but good tennis played in a welcoming and friendly atmosphere remains.

Sadly Life Member Peter Norton passed away after a short illness in late January, Peter's legacy will be a well organised Club with well-maintained facilities and a strong social base that can be enjoyed by many. To mark Peter's significant contribution, we have renamed the Club Person Of The Year in his memory.

Congratulations to our two new, and first time, Club Champions, Bryana McIlwain, the inaugural winner of the Lyn Palfrey Perpetual Trophy for the Ladies Open Champion and Andrew Bourke, the Men's Club Champion. These players add to a long list of fine players that have both inspired and challenged many of our members.

We have been able to renew our coaching agreement and welcome Andrew Bourke to our coaching capacity. With both Tony and Andrew we have expanded both availability and variability. We look forward to expanded programs and more students finding their way into our tennis activities.

Governance & Admin

As the 2021 AGM left us unable to operate, I must thank Tony Winch and Max Crowe for assuming a couple of the casual vacancies on the Committee. Our current quorum of five members was a challenge with only six to draw from. The Committee has been able to maintain the day to day running of the Club and keep us in a good financial position, I would like to thank them all along with our Convenors for their efforts.

With a bank balance of some \$90,000 and outstanding commitments of some \$70,000 for the Court 5 Lighting and Fence Renewal projects, and no significant expenditure anticipated in the next few years, we remain more than viable. As long as our predominantly adult membership numbers remain fairly stable they will generate more than sufficient income to run the Club. Our challenge will be to retain them as history shows that only a small percentage of members in the 60+ group remain into their 70's.

Members will be aware that we have recently decided to implement the Club Spark membership and event management tool provided by Tennis Australia. While Club Spark has many functions and tools to support our activities, and will help us to centralise our membership records, it is likely to require additional resources in the transition.

Programs & Activities

While numbers have been down our activities continue to be supported sufficiently to remain in place. The only exception has been the winter pennant which could not get sufficient support.

The successful introduction of Cardio Tennis has been a good example of an alternate format that appeals to many players. It appears that activities which better meet the needs of the individual without commitment to Club or Team may be more likely to gain broad support, our challenge is to find a way to combine these with and as a source for, traditional tennis activities.

Our Club Championships were a good weekend for many members of all grades. The inclusion of junior events by joining with the Sorell Tennis Club was a progressive move allowing a return to the always popular Junior / Senior event.

Midweek Ladies continue to attract our members to their three rosters per year. While numbers are a little down the time friendly, well organised variable formats have seen new players from all clubs take up this option.

It has been very satisfying to see a regular junior social tennis program get underway. Our juniors numbers have dropped away in recent years and this is a good start to getting some regular tennis going for them as a lead in to playing in our normal Club activities.

Facilities

Once completed, the Court 5 Lighting Project and Court Fencing Renewal Works will see our complex in very good order with little work, other than maintenance, required in the short term. We are very grateful for the support of the State Government through Community Sport and Recreation and the Clarence City Council which has enabled both of these projects to be completed at minimal cost to the members.

While we have experienced many challenges sourcing contractors, getting materials, dealing with the required processes, etc completion of these projects will see the finalisation of some eight years of hard work by the Club to replace the surface to four courts and the lighting and fencing to five courts. Some maintenance work is required to the Clubhouse.

A number of members have assisted with the ongoing maintenance tasks of lawn mowing, edging, court cleaning, general tidying up etc.

While Governance, Activities, Facilities and now probably Marketing are all important parts of our Club it is the people that have kept us coming back for the last 60 plus years. I hope to continue seeing you on the courts in 2022 / 23

Campbell Palfrey

PRESIDENT

Treasurers Report

A copy of the Auditors report is attached showing the financials for the past year. The auditor has confirmed that our accounts are all in order and no issues have been raised.

All accounts received are authorised by Colin Mazengarb and myself.

The balance of our account as at the 30th June 2022 was \$91,133.56. This amount includes \$16,000 for court 5 lights and \$54,000 for fencing replacement. Clarence City Council is also contributing \$30,000 toward the fencing which they will pay direct to the contractor. After allowing for these outstanding commitments our actual balance is \$21,133.56.

We have banked chocolate sales of \$2,590.60 and we have cash and stock on hand totaling \$240 with all stock paid for. This gives us a profit of approximately \$808.60 for the year. The club is thankful to the small group who sell chocolates at their workplaces. Due to the retirement of our supplier we will not be selling chocolates in future.

Light income was -\$379.16 short of the actual cost. Income was mainly due to the AYC teams and AYC Division 1 who used our courts each Wednesday during their season. We are looking at increasing the cost of using the lights as this is the first year when income did not meet the cost. We must also take into account the capital costs of providing the lights as they will need to be replaced at some time in the future.

Drink sales for the year totaled \$1,429.05 (net) which is mainly due to the AYC and social nights. We did have some concerns as to the honesty of those purchasing drinks but that has now been resolved.

The financial year for the club has now ended and we have no debt and go into the new financial year looking good. The receipt of subs for the new year will leave us with a healthy bottom line and no planned major expenses.

Subscriptions for all playing memberships have been increased by \$5 partly to cover the cost of utilizing the Club Spark program and due to the rising costs of doing business.

The members below hold funds on behalf of their groups.

Margaret Amos	Tuesday Morning	\$326.43
Lyn Palfrey	Midweek Ladies	\$750.00
Robert Park	Friday Morning	\$345.00

Mike Hodge

TREASURER

GEILSTON BAY TENNIS CLUB INC.

TO THE MEMBERS

I have audited the attached financial statements of the Geilston Bay Tennis Club for the year ended 30 June 2022. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information contained therein. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on it to the members.

It is not practice for the Club to establish complete accounting control over all income prior to the initial entry into the accounting records, therefore the audit was limited to the amounts recorded in the books of the Club.

I report that I have examined the accounts and financial statements of the Club and in my opinion they exhibit a true and accurate view of the financial position of the Club.

I further report that I have received all the information required and the rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Club have been observed.



K D CHILCOTT A.B.I.A.(Snr)
12 July 2022

Statement of Income and Expenditure
For the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022
	\$
INCOME	
35+ Social Day	321
Ace Tennis Lease	2400
AYC	1005
AYC Dinner	750
Balls	932
Book Loans	150
Championships	290
Chocolates	2591
Clubhouse Hire	620
Court Hire	680
Drinks	1429
GBTC Open	1796
Grants	52400
Joining Fees	146
Juniors	116
Lights	1934
Social Club	43
Social Committee	932
Social Tennis	412
Subscriptions	18140
Visitors Fees	90
Winter Pennant fees	390
Total Income	<u>87567</u>

EXPENDITURE

Advertising		336
AGM		55
Annual Registraton		65
Audit Fees		300
AYC Dinner		750
AYC Registration		765
Ball Purchases		1183
Bank Fees		600
Cadbury Chocolates		1782
Cleaning		
Club House	Labour	1388
	Materials	<u>809</u>
Rubbish Removal		759
GBTC Open Expenses		1290
Depreciation of Assets		15214
Junior		220
Lease CCC		3112
Light and Power		2313
Maintenance		
Club House		26
Labour		20
Materials		<u>663</u>
Total Maintenance		709
Post Office Box		144
Rates and Taxes		316
Redevelopment - Current	11680	
Redevelopment - Capital	<u>22000</u>	33680
Social Club Expenses		96
Tennis Australia Affiliation Fee		2850
Water		<u>1275</u>
Total Expenses		<u>70011</u>
SURPLUS /(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>17556</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 June 2022

	2022
	\$
MEMBERS' FUNDS	<u>474054</u>
Represented by:	
ASSETS	
Fixed Assets	
Depreciable Assets	821760
Provision for Depreciation	<u>-438844</u>
Total Fixed Assets	382916
Current Assets	
Cash at Westpac Bank	91133
On-line Westpac Savings	<u>5</u>
Total Current Assets	91138
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>474054</u>
LIABILITIES	
nil	
NET ASSETS	<u>474054</u>

Match & Tournament Report

The last 12 months have been really successful for competition at Geilston Bay Tennis Club. We had steady participation in AYC with 6 teams entered across both short-roster pennants as well as a strong representation of players in the non-club based division 1. As always, a really good turnout for our annual Club Championships on an incredibly sunny weekend which provided a competitive and enjoyable tournament for all. An equally good turnout for the Geilston Bay vs Sorell challenge match. 48 players from both Geilston Bay and Sorell competed over 2 sessions with Geilston Bay prevailing. I want to thank Andrew Bourke for his assistance, particularly for helping organise both club championships and the challenge match. Also want to thank all those that volunteered to make all these competitions an absolute success. Looking forward to providing more exciting events in the next 12 months!

Maxwell Crowe

CLUB CAPTAIN

Social Report

I have enjoyed my last five years as Social Convenor, now retiring, but happy to help out with future events. A canteen has been run for the following events;

GBTC Open	July 2021	\$622.02
Tennis Tasmania Junior Teams	November 21	\$86.25
Club Championships	March 22	\$159.00

Thanks to the volunteers that have helped run the canteens and provide lovely cakes, slices, etc.

Claire Gay

SOCIAL CONVENOR

Mid Week Ladies

Mid Week Ladies have run three ten week rosters during 2021/22 and continues to attract many of our members.

Winter 21 was a mixed teams competition with our members in all three divisions, winners in Division 1 were Rae Mitchell and Denise Scale, in Division 2 Claire Gay

Spring 21 was a mixed competition in Division 1 with Debbie Easter successful and Rae Mitchell and Mirella Bywaters in the team that came second. Divisions 2 and 3 were club-based competitions with Gwentyth Spinks, Denise Scale, Claire Gay and Trish Giffard runners up in Division 2 and Elizabeth Kerrison, Janet Jeffery, Pam Gorrige and Suzie Midson making the semifinals.

The Autumn 22 roster was a mixed competition for Division 1 and club-based teams for Division 2 and 3. Unfortunately the Grand Final was washed out resulting in the winners of the first semi-final being declared the pennant winner. In Division 1 Mirella Bywaters and Denise Scale were in the winning team and Debbie Easter in the runner up team. In Division 2 Tamara Arthur, Claire Gay and Trish Giffard were in the winning team. Our Division 3 ladies Elizabeth Kerrison, Janet Jeffery, Pam Gorringer and Suzie Midson lost in the semifinals.

The Winter 22 roster with two divisions of mixed teams is nearing it's completion with many of our ladies expected to be playing in the finals.

Lyn Palfrey

MWL DELEGATE