

# Geilston Bay Tennis Club

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### A Brief History

What follows is a brief history of some of the major aspects of the development of the Geilston Bay Tennis Club (GBTC). It has been compiled by one person from available records and input from several long term members (special thanks go to Dawn and Albert Johnson, Bill Jones and Geoff Cashion). There will be errors and there will be many omissions. All readers are encouraged to provide any corrections, additions and suggestions to a member of the GBTC committee so that the document can be revised and improved.

### Beginnings

In 1954 a group of Geilston Bay residents asked the Clarence Commission to purchase de Bomford's orchard (an area of land enclosed by Geilston Bay, to the west; Geilston Bay Creek; to the north, East Derwent Highway, to the east and the Lindisfarne Golf Club, to the south). They wished to develop the land as a recreation area for the local residents.

The purchase went ahead and the management was provided by several committees of resident volunteers, including a Tennis committee, all under the umbrella of the Geilston Bay Progress Association. In time these became: General Committee – with overall responsibility for policy and coordination of activities and other committees; Extraordinary Committee – with responsibility to the Clarence Municipal Commission (later Clarence City Council) for the management of the Geilston Bay Recreation Area and were (ex officio) members of the; Recreation Ground Committee – responsible for preparation of a plan for the development of the area and the capital development and maintenance (after approval by the Extraordinary Committee), maintenance and management of the tennis courts, and planning for field sports and the maintenance of the sports and facilities.

The construction of tennis courts was to be the initial undertaking (partly as they were seen as a source of revenue).

On 20 October 1955 the Inaugural meeting of Geilston Bay Progress Association Tennis Committee was held (this committee soon became known as the Recreation Ground Committee). The meeting decided to ask for land to be set aside for 6 courts but to build 4 en tout cas courts initially.

### Fund Raising

Early efforts were put into raising funds to enable the courts to be built (and for other developments in the recreation area).

One method was by holding stalls at the Sandy Bay, Hobart and Bellerive regattas. Fruit was picked in the orchard and sold at the stalls (and at a roadside stall on East Derwent Highway, and to local residents). They also sold sandwiches (delivering 50 loaves of bread to the ladies of the district on Friday night and collecting the finished article on Saturday morning) and home made ginger beer.

A steady source of contributions was from the development of the envelope system (which began in September 1956 and continued until the late 1960s). Every month volunteers delivered envelopes to, and collected them from, local residents who were mostly happy to donate to this local project.

## Construction Begins

In September 1956 the Recreation Ground Committee decided to begin construction of two courts and in October they divided the district into five sections with the idea that each area would provide the same level of volunteer labour. The areas were: 1. Parsons; 2. Derwent Ave; 3. War Service Homes; 4. Martins; 5. Sunhaven (the last two combined in February 1957)

On 24 November 1956 the first court construction working bee was held— each labour area was asked to provide ten men, three wheel barrows, three picks, three shovels and one spade.

A large part of the construction was done by hand by volunteers with pick and shovel, bucket brigades to clear the ground of stones, etc. Many people and businesses provided free materials as well as labour – Webster's Machinery ran heavy machinery field days on the site that assisted with clearing and levelling.

The first courts were constructed on herring bone drains filled with blue metal covered with about 300mm of ash and surfaced with 25mm of brick dust.

## Play Begins

The first courts were ready for play in December 1957. Bookings were made at "C Cordwell's shop" and the cost was 5/- per hour (five shillings = 50c).

## A Tennis Club

At the meeting of Recreation Ground Committee on 16 December 1957 a three person tennis court sub-committee was formed. However, the Recreation Ground Committee was unable to reach agreement about how to run the tennis courts. At their January meeting the decision was made to convene a public meeting and the sub-committee was asked to draft a constitution for a tennis club. The meeting, of all interested local residents to decide on the control and use of the courts, was held on 28 January 1958, this was the inaugural meeting of the Geilston Bay Tennis Club.

There were 81 Tennis Club members in the first year (including 19 juniors), the founding committee was Messrs P D'Emden, J Lester, R Skabo and M Wellington and Mesdames O Graves and N Jakins.

## Club Houses

In 1957 shelter was provided by the regatta stall (a framework that bolted together and was covered in canvas) sited on the bay end of courts 1 and 2. This had to be dismantled for

transport to the regattas.

In March 1958 an army surplus hut was acquired for use as “conveniences and dressing shed” [it cost £15 (\$30) to buy and £120 (\$240) to transport]. This wooden building was sited where the current clubhouse sits and was cut apart and moved when work began on the new clubhouse.

In 1975 the decision was taken to construct purpose built tennis clubrooms (\$25,200).



Second clubhouse and court 1 Second clubhouse







These were opened by Bruce Goodluck MHR (GBTC Patron) on 26 September 1976. Major renovations were undertaken in 2007 (\$100,000).

A BBQ shelter was built in 1987.

## More Courts

During 1959 GBTC membership was capped (and a membership waiting list commenced) due to insufficient court space. The Clarence Commission agreed to construct two more clay courts [at a cost of £500 (\$1,000) to the club]. Work began in November 1959 and was completed in early 1960.

In 1961 bumping wall was erected at the bay end of courts 1 and 2.



Painting bumping wall mural



In October 1962 the Clarence Commission agreed to construct a further two tennis courts. However, this was reduced and in March 1963 the Commission agreed to construct a court with loan funds, to be repaid within 5 years.

In 1967 courts 1 and 2 were resurfaced, as were courts 3-5 at the end of 1969.

These were high maintenance surfaces. Initial care instructions were: water after each set; roll after each set when men present otherwise sweep; sweeping to ends of court not lines. No play was allowed after heavy frosts and, if wet, they were dried by soaking up the water by treading on pieces of sponge (wearing gumboots – Dawn Johnson still has hers) and then wringing the sponge out in an old mangle



Court drying (foam and mangle) Sheila Lucas, Joan Gledhill, Dawn Johnson

In October 1979 all five courts were resurfaced with no-fines concrete.



Resurfacing with no-fines



So much for all weather courts! Tuesday 25  
July 1986

At the end of 1997 courts 1-4 were resurfaced with artificial grass (Supergrasse). These were officially opened by Ald. Cathy Edwards (Mayor of Clarence) as part of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on 1 February 1998.



40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
celebrations and  
official opening of  
Supergrasse  
courts 1-4 (L to R)  
Peter Norton  
(GBTC President),  
Albert Johnson,  
Campbell Palfrey,  
Don Ronald (all

During 2001 an arrangement was made with the nearby Geilston Bay High School – GBTC would repair the school's two tennis courts and, in return, have the use of them when necessary.

In March 2002 court 5 was resurfaced with Supergrasse.

Provision for six courts had been made in 1954, the feasibility was investigated in February 1985 but no action was taken until a contract for the construction of a sixth Supergrasse court was signed in November 2007.

## “Let there be light”

Lights were added to courts 1 and 2 in November 1958.

In October 1965 the Council agree to erect 4 poles for new lighting (these are the current poles and were erected by the HEC). The contract for lighting for courts 3 and 4 was let in November.

In September 1981 the lights on courts 1-4 were upgraded and court 5 was lit.

## Junior Tennis

A Committee for the Promotion of Junior Tennis held its first meeting on 23 November 1960. Since then the playing of tennis by the junior members has been (and continues to be) actively encouraged and facilitated. Since 1993 professional tennis coaches have been contracted to the club and encouraged to participate in the activities of the club.

## Management

Until 1972 the volunteer committee was responsible to the Geilston Bay Progress Association for the administration of the GBTC, 80% of the club's income had to be paid to the Progress Association for rent.

6 In October 1972 the GBTC became responsible for running it's own affairs. A new constitution was accepted in 1978 to enable the incorporation of the club in 1979. A committee of volunteers continues to provide organization and management of the club.



GEILSTON BAY TENNIS CLUB.

RULES.

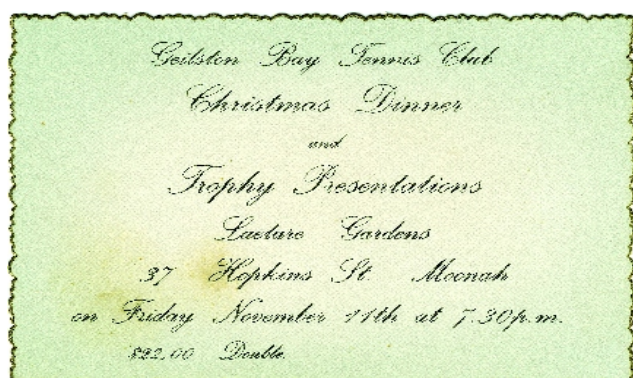
1. DRESS (a) Whites shall be worn at all times (except June, July & August when slacks permissible).  
(b) Tennis shoes without heels must be worn.
2. Visitors must be accompanied by a Club member, after permission has been obtained from the Secretary. A fee of 20 cents to be paid to the Secretary. Both visitor and member must sign the visitor's book.
3. When necessary the COURTS must be watered at the beginning and conclusion of each set, and swept when necessary during play. The courts must be swept and the lines cleaned at the conclusion of play.
4. Good behaviour and respect for Club property is expected at all times; this also includes the control of young children in the Club house and on court areas.
5. The financial year is from the 1st July - 30th June. Subscriptions must be paid within two months after the commencement of the financial year.
6. The Club House must be swept and made tidy at the conclusion of play.
7. Toilet doors, Club house and courts to be locked at the conclusion of play.
8. The Club colours are Green and Gold.
9. All sets shall be six games up, and no member shall play two consecutive sets while other eligible members are waiting, unless it suits the general arrangements.
10. Members shall have priority according to the time they arrive at the courts.
11. Members shall ascertain as to whether a priority list for the day is being kept, and if so, see that their names are duly entered.
12. Singles shall not be played if other eligible members are waiting to play.
13. All members to note; that proposed new members must visit the Club on a suitable day for selection. (This clause excludes Junior members).
14. No play on courts after heavy rain, until permission is given by a Committee member.
15. Play on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays will be under the jurisdiction of the Club Captain, Junior Supervisor or a Committee Member.
16. Courts must be vacated by Club Members by 7.30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
17. Saturday nights are for Club members. (65c. per hour for the use of the lights). There is no court hire fee.
18. Club House keys may be obtained from the Secretary. The cost is 40c.
19. Club members are graded by the selection committee.
20. Cloth Club Badges for pockets on dresses or shirts may be obtained from the Secretary at current prices.

*21. No play on the Red Courts, following heavy frosts until 12. noon*

Geilston Bay Tennis Club was named Tennis Tasmania's Tennis Club of the Year in 2003.

## People and Incidents

Organizations such as the Geilston Bay Tennis Club rely on (a usually limited number of) people prepared to volunteer their time in both the physical and intellectual activities needed for them to function. GBTC has been lucky in this regard.



We should all be especially grateful to all those involved in the early days, for without their vision and industry there would have been no club. They worked very hard, often undertaking multiple roles, for instance Nan Jakins was at one time Secretary of the General Committee of the Progress Association, the Recreation Area Extra-ordinary Committee and the GBTC, which resulted in some slightly schizophrenic letters as she wrote to herself, and replied.

O/- 42 Derwent Av., Lindisfarne.  
28th May, 1967.

The Hon. Secretary,  
Geilston Bay Tennis Club.  
Lindisfarne.

Dear Madam,

Geilston Bay Tennis Court Rental.

My Committee has been made aware that because of the change of personnel on the Committee of the Geilston Bay Tennis Club, some members are not quite clear

Originally it was mutually agreed that the Geilston Bay Tennis Club would strike a level of fees for its members, and of this revenue which the Club accumulated from this source 80% would be payable to the Extra-ordinary Committee each year. This amount is payable four times yearly at such times as agreed upon.

Would your Committee please accept this letter as confirmation of the existing agreement.

Yours faithfully,

*N.J.*  
Hon. Secretary.

## GEILSTON BAY TENNIS CLUB

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. N. Jakins

Phone: 439194

25th July, 1967.

The Secretary,  
Extraordinary Committee of Management,  
Geilston Bay Recreation Area,  
42 Derwent Av.,  
Lindisfarne.

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your letter of 28th May, 1967 pointing out the arrangement between your Committee and the Geilston Bay Tennis Club re court rental.

This Committee again agrees to accept the terms of 80% of fees collected from members each financial year.

Yours faithfully,

*N. Jakins*  
Hon. Secretary.

The Honorary Secretary of the Extraordinary Committee of Management for the Geilston Bay Recreation Area (Nan Jakins) writes to the Honorary Secretary of the Geilston Bay Tennis Club (Nan Jakins)



Two resourceful members (Elsie Smith and Patsy Clauson), in the financially stretched circumstances of the early club, recognized a gift horse when they it appeared. They saw a table that had been swept down the flooded Derwent River, rescued and restored it to grace the club house for many years.



GBTC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations  
Nan Jakins and Albert Johnson (both life members of GBTC) cut the cake

## Secretary in hiding

In the days before computers (and when many people had no telephone at home) draws for competitions were an even more complicated and drawn out affair than they are today. For the Club Championship draw the Match and Tournament Committee would meet at the President's home (on Monday night) to puzzle it all out, their job made more complicated by prospective players, knowing the drill, dropping in to ask for an exemption for a certain time because they had another commitment (until mutton birding was not accepted as a valid exemption after which they became harder to obtain – and the M&T Committee's job a bit easier). It was often 1 am before they finished.

The Creek Rd Tennis Club (now Domain) held their championships on the same weekends as Geilston Bay, the clubs cooperated with each other so that any players in both competitions would not be required in both places at the same time. GBTC finalized their draw first and then one of them would take the list (and a handful of coins) to the local phone box to ring through the details to Creek Rd.

On Tuesday the Secretary had to type out the draws for printing in Thursday's Mercury newspaper, so players would know when they were required. A club member, who worked at The Mercury, picked up the typed lists. However, on one occasion the player left the lists in the glovebox of his car and the deadline for Thursday was missed. The Secretary knew that this meant she would have a continual flow of visitors all day Thursday as players came door knocking for the information. She also knew she had the day set aside to make a three tier fruit cake for her son's wedding, and it wouldn't get done if she was continually interrupted. Disaster loomed!

In an inspired moment she fixed a copy of the draws near her front door, closed all the blinds and spent the day listening to footsteps approach, pause and recede as she carried on cooking.



## Petrol rationing

The Junior Committee agreed to a bonfire for the juniors one Guy Fawkes night. The intrepid juniors spied a large heap of dry wood on the far side of the football oval. Somehow they persuaded the Junior Tennis Secretary to carry the whole pile in her car (a small Morris) in one trip. They proceeded to load enthusiastically. There was wood on the roof, wood in the boot, wood on the bonnet and wood on three seats and hanging out the windows. Somewhat surprisingly there was still room for a driver. However, she could not see out of the windscreen.

The procession of a phalanx of junior tennis players preceding the bonfire on wheels, proceeded at walking pace to the bonfire site.

The car took a “long time to clean”.

But all worth it – families providing food, drink and fireworks to make a memorable evening.

## Child abuse

It was a pre AYC pasta night -the mother (local GP and tennis ace) was in the tennis clubhouse kitchen cooking; the father (tennis wannabe) was on the court attempting to play; the children were swing off the rafters of the BBQ shelter!! Until... a friend brought the distraught daughter into the clubhouse – with a bent and swollen, obviously broken, left wrist. Not a medical emergency but, as soon as the father completed his match (one must get the priorities right) it was decided he would take the children home and the mother would leave as soon as possible (priorities again) collecting supplies from the surgery on the way.

Whilst these complex negotiations were underway the son made his way into the clubhouse – not distraught but holding his left arm and tiny beads of sweat across the bridge of his nose. He thought he would just lie down on the floor amidst the multitude of pasta eating tennis players. Eventually the father took them both home.

Next day the daughter had an X-ray and the break was confirmed and set. The son needed three days to convince his uncaring parents that he too needed an X-ray – it was only fair, his sister had had one! Left wrist also broken! Yay, matching plastered left arms, snap – two broken arms within 20 minutes! The distraught one now, the neglectful GP mother! Tennis will do that to you.



## Memoirs by Geoff Cashion

### *I wanted to be a fireman*

As I recall the year was 1958, I was 11 years old and had the bright idea to do a bit of burning off in the creek next to our house. I was with my mate Pete watching the fire when the sea breeze came up. The fire raced along the creek, towards a house, burning everything in its path.

It was Sunday, a social tennis day, and dad was playing mixed doubles at the western end of court 1. He had a good view of our house, and the smoke rising above the roof. Thinking the house was alright, he left the court in mid match and ran across the oval to home.

By this time the creek was well alight and I was trying, and failing, to put it out with the garden hose. I turned around to see dad running up the side drive, and I took off. As he came passed the willow tree he pulled off a sapling and I was caught and given a hiding I have never forgotten!

Later, dad said I got the beating because he had to leave the court, and they were in the lead, not for lighting the fire. The fire was put out with no damage done. It did more good than harm, it is a shame we don't do the same now!

### *... and a bulldozer driver*

While the earthworks were being done for courts 3 & 4, the bulldozer was parked in the playground next to court 4. I had watched the driver start and stop the engine for some time during the day (no key required) and that night, after tea, a group of about six boys took a ride on our bikes (a regular event) on to the oval and around the tennis club (no night tennis then).

We all got on to the bulldozer and I started it with no trouble but Mr. E, up on the hill, saw us and told us to leave. All the others left leaving me standing on the machine with black smoke going everywhere. I managed to turn the engine off and get back on my bike – but the chain wouldn't engage!

So, I am alone, pushing the bike up de Bomford lane and I meet my dad coming the other way. And so I got yet another belting.

## Historical Notes

Date	Event
1954/5	A group of local residents approached the Clarence Commission to purchase de Bomford's orchard (an area of land enclosed by Geilston Bay, to the west; Geilston Bay Creek; to the north, East Derwent Highway, to the east and the Lindisfarne Golf Club, to the south), for the development of a recreation area. Several committees were formed, including a Tennis committee, all under the umbrella of the Geilston Bay Progress Association. These became: General Committee – with overall responsibility for policy and coordination of activities and other committees; Extraordinary Committee – with responsibility to the Clarence Municipal Commission for the management of the GB Recreation Area and were (ex officio) members of the ; Recreation Ground Committee – responsible for preparation of a plan for the development of the area and the capital development and maintenance (after approval by the Extraordinary Committee), maintenance and management of the tennis courts, and planning for field sports and the maintenance of the sports and facilities. The construction of two tennis courts was to be the initial undertaking (partly as they were seen as a source of revenue). A large part of the construction was done by hand by volunteers with pick and shovel, bucket brigades to clear the ground of stones, etc. Many people and businesses provided free materials as well as labour – Webster's Machinery ran heavy machinery field days on the site that assisted with clearing and levelling. The first courts were constructed on herring bone drains filled with blue metal covered with about 300mm of ash and surfaced with 25mm of brick dust. For some years the method of drying the wet courts was to soak up the water by treading on pieces of sponge (wearing gumboots – Dawn Johnson still has hers) and then wring the sponge out in an old mangle. A lot of fund raising was undertaken, one method was by holding stalls at the Sandy Bay, Hobart and Bellerive regattas. Fruit was picked in the orchard and sold at the stalls (and at roadside stall on East Derwent Highway, and to local residents). They also sold sandwiches (delivering 50 loaves of bread to the ladies of the district on Friday night and collecting the finished article on Saturday morning) and home made ginger beer.
20 Oct 1955	Inaugural meeting of Geilston Bay Progress Association Tennis Committee – Messrs P Sansom (Chair), A Denholm (Sec/Treas), W Jakins, P D'Emden, G Allanbey. Decision to ask for land to be set aside for 6 courts but to build 4 en tout cas courts initially.
4 Nov 1955	Second meeting of tennis committee – the football committee joined; stalls to be held at Sandy Bay, Hobart and Bellerive regattas
24 Feb 1956	6 <sup>th</sup> meeting of Recreation Ground Committee – aquatic committee joined; build 4 tennis courts with provision for 6; envelope system for voluntary contributions be recommended to Progress Association (continued until late 1960s); space to be set aside for children's playground
28 Sep 1956	Meeting of Recreation Ground committee – first month receipts from envelope system £37.9.0 (Envelopes were delivered to, and collected from, local residents who were mostly happy to donate to this local project.); only 2 courts to be started
29 Oct 1956	Meeting of Recreation Ground committee – district divided into 5 areas to provide labour – 1. Parsons; 2. Derwent Ave; 3. War Service Homes; 4. Martins; 5. Sunhaven (last 2 amalgamated at meeting 20 Feb 1957)
Nov 1956	Construction of the tennis courts commenced
24 Nov 1956	First working bee – each labour district to provide 10 men, 3 barrows, 3 picks, 3 shovels and 1 spade
21 Nov 1957	Meeting of Recreation Ground Committee – C Williamson to complete ash bed, construct concrete surround wall and spread surface material on tennis courts (£475).
Dec 1957	Tennis courts completed. Shelter was provided by the Regatta stall (a framework that bolted together and was covered in canvas) sited where court 6 is going.
16 Dec 1957	Meeting of Recreation Ground Committee – tennis court sub-committee formed: P Sansom, Mrs N Jakins and B Smith to work out arrangements for court hire, maintenance etc. Payment 5/- per hour in the meantime bookings at "C Cordwell's shop"



20 Jan 1958	Meeting of Recreation Ground Committee –unable to reach agreement about how to run tennis courts, decision to convene a public meeting; sub-committee to draft a constitution for a tennis club
28 Jan 1958	A meeting of all interested local residents was held to decide on the control and use of the courts, this was the inaugural meeting of the Geilston Bay Tennis Club. There were 81 Tennis Club members in the first year (including 19 juniors), the founding committee was Messrs P D’Emden, J Lester, R Skabo and M Wellington and Mesdames O Graves and N Jakins.
17 Mar 1958	Meeting of Recreation Ground Committee –army surplus hut acquired for use as “conveniences and dressing shed” (£15 to buy and £120 to transport); “tennis club to be written to stating that 90% of their revenue should be handed over to this committee and the remaining 10% kept by them for maintenance of the courts. Payments to be made monthly. All items of a capital nature will be provided by this committee.” Amended at meeting of 14 April to agree with suggestions from GBTC in a letter dated 12 April (quarterly payments)
16 Apr 1958	Geilston Bay Recreation Area Extra-ordinary Committee (GBRAEC) gazetted by the Clarence Commission. Members: Messrs NC Swan, BR Smith, SC Knight, BJ Setori, PA D’Emden and Mrs NN Jakins (5 year term). (We should all be grateful to all those involved in these early days, they worked very hard, often undertaking multiple roles, for instance Nan Jakins was at one time Secretary of the General Committee of the Progress Association, the GBRAEC and the GBTC, which resulted in some slightly schizophrenic letters, see attached).
15 May 1958	Recreation Ground Committee meeting – green and gold adopted as the official colours for sporting activities of the association (lead to some discussion with the Progress Association and the matter was “held in abeyance” at the GBRAEC meeting of 27 Oct 1958)
11 Aug 1958	Recreation Ground Committee meeting – prunus plum trees have been planted around tennis courts and oval; decision to wire pavilion and one court
Nov 1958	“Tuesday night” tennis begun
19 Nov 1958	Recreation Ground Committee meeting – wiring of courts complete “power should be switched on later this week”; to hold social evening to celebrate; court roller to be constructed
22 Nov 1958	Social evening to celebrate the lighting of the courts
25 Nov 1958	GBRAEC letter to GBTC – Terms of Agreement We offer the Tennis Club, two courts in daylight hours on Saturdays and Sundays, one court for the remaining five days until 7 pm, and on Saturdays nights both courts will be available for the cost of power only – 5/6 per hour. Until otherwise advised, two courts may be used during the week days. The Saturday night concession has been made subject to other local bodies having use of the pavilion at such times as mutually arranged with the Tennis Club. For the use of the courts, the rental will be 80% of the year’s membership fees. The following subscriptions are acceptable as a court subscription. Men £4.0.0 per annum Ladies £2.10.0 “ Weekdays £2.0.0 “ Juniors £1.10.0 “
15 May 1959	Recreation Ground Committee meeting – Extraordinary Committee to be asked for £100 for bumping wall; GBTC to be asked to organize erection of bumping wall
26 Jun 1959	Recreation Ground Committee meeting – letter from GBTC re further courts; Extraordinary Committee to be asked to issue debentures to cover costs
31 July 1959	Recreation Ground Committee meeting – Extraordinary Committee be asked to endorse green and gold as official colours
7 Sep 1959	Letter GBRAEC to Council – request for Council to construct two new clay tennis courts (reply in affirmative 15 Sep 1959 –cost to be repaid by GBRAEC by 30 Jun 1960 – estimated at £400)
20 Sep 1959	Letter GBRAEC to Director of Education – formal agreement to be entered into when high school is constructed to allow pupils access to recreation ground facilities.
28 Oct 1959	Letter Council to GBRAEC – sorry courts haven’t been started yet, should be within a month (started 9 Nov)

31 Oct 1959	Minutes GBTC AGM – membership capped during year, waiting list for membership when more courts built
23 Nov 1959	Inaugural meeting of the Committee for the Promotion of Junior Tennis
1960	First club table rescued from the Derwent during floods and restored (by Mrs Elsie Smith and Patsy Clauson)
8 Apr 1960	Letter GBRAEC to Council – advise that green and gold adopted as official colours
10 May 1960	Letter GBRAEC to Council – final payment for tennis courts (in use)
24 Jun 1960	Letter Council to GBRAEC – courts actually cost £599/3/-; GBRAEC to pay £100 extra, Council will pay £99/3/
22 Jul 1960	Recreation Ground Committee meeting – last meeting ?; to merge with “General Committee” <a href="#">[of the Progress Association]</a>
15 Oct 1960	Official Opening of the Recreation Area by the Chairman of the Clarence Commission
14 Mar 1961	Letter GBRAEC to Council – request £40 to defray costs of bumping wall (already built)
13 Aug 1962	Letter GBTC to GBRAEC – application for 2 further courts
10 Oct 1962	Letter Council to GB Committee of Management – council agrees to construct two new courts in the new year
6 Mar 1963	Letter from GBRAEC to Clarence Municipal Commission – application to build 1 tennis court
26 Mar 1963	Letter Council to GBRAEC – Council will construct a court with loan funds, to be repaid by GBRAEC within 5 years
11 Oct 1965	Letter Council to GBRAEC – Council agree to erect 4 poles for new lighting (these are the current poles and were erected by the HEC)
17 Nov 1965	Contract for lighting for two courts let (£444), total cost £700
19 Mar 1967	Letter to Clarence Commission accepting \$1200 loan to resurface en-tout-cas courts (total cost \$1400 - paid in two years)
24 May 1967	Letter Council to GB Progress Association: GBRAEC appointment expired on 10 April 1963 and no one noticed; need to rectify by – re-appointment or, Council taking over the role.
28 May 1967	Resurfaced courts ready for play. Initial care instructions: water after each set; roll after each set when men present otherwise sweep; sweeping to ends of court not lines
6 Jul 1967	N Jakins, W L Allingham, P H Sansom, P Cashion, W T Jones, P H d’Emden appointed as GBRAEC for 3 year term
29 Sep 1969	Letter GBRAEC to Council – accept quote for resurfacing courts 3-5 (\$2,620)
Oct 1972	Tennis Club separated from the Progress Association and given responsibility for all aspects of their operation. Progress Association provides \$1500 to the Commission for providing future amenities to the club.
29 Aug 1975	Council Memo – recommendation to accept quote of \$25,200 by PJ & BJ Cashion for proposed Tennis Clubrooms – Geilston Bay
26 Sep 1976	Current clubhouse opened by Bruce Goodluck
1978	New constitution
16 Feb 1979	Special General Meeting held to vote on incorporation of GBTC. Required to obtain a loan under the State Loans Guarantee Act (\$20,000 obtained)
Oct 1979	All five courts resurfaced with no-fines concrete
Sep 1981	Lights on courts 1-4 upgraded and court 5 lit (\$4944.34)
May 1981	Loan for court 5 repaid

Feb 1985	Feasibility of 6 <sup>th</sup> court investigated
1986	Club house repainted (\$2223) Removal of paling fence behind Courts 1,2 replaced with hessian.
1987	BBQ shelter built
2 May 1988	Master Key Register started Robert Gane Key No. 1
1993	Club house loan repaid
Feb 1993	Domain Tennis Academy appointed as club coaches (Greg Jack, Roy Harrison, Paul Valentine)
1994	Court resurfacing loan paid (club debt free)
June 1995 Nov 1995	Security fence erected (\$2453) Tas.Tennis Coach of Year – Andrew McCormack Garden Shed purchased
4 Mar 1996 Aug 1996	Tim Johnstone/Roger Garth appointed as club coaches after Roy Harrison/Greg Jack chose not to renew contract. Trophy Cabinet glassed \$140
1998	WIN tennis appointed as club coaches (Tim Johnson, Andrew McCormack)
1 Feb 1998	Resurfaced (\$56,160 – Supergrasse) Courts 1-4 opened (by Mayor of Clarence) & 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration (Spit roast and big screen for Aus. Open final)
2000	Andrew McCormack – Tennis Tasmania Coach of the Year
2001	Repayment of loan for resurfacing courts 1-4 Arrangement with GB High School to repair courts at school and for them to be available for use by the club
Mar 2002	Court 5 re surfaced with Supergrasse
2003	GBTC – Tennis Tasmania Club of the Year
Jul-Oct 2007	Clubhouse extended and renovated (cost approx \$100,000)
Nov 2007	Contract for court six signed
2008	Court 6 & lights built by Hickman Holloway \$89,000; Clubhouse extensions \$126,000 Hitting wall moved from Court 6 to Court 1 (new mural)
2014	Tennis Tas. Club Champion (men), Runner Up (ladies)
2014	Courts 1, 2 resurfaced by Greg McShane (Synthetic Grass Tas.) \$
June 2016	Lights & Poles replaced Courts 1-4 \$108,000 50% Sp. & Rec. Grant. LAMON –Civil Works; ECOS – poles & lights; ILEC – Electrical Works

# Historical Imagery

GBTC Shoreline Championships



Fun Day Activities on Court 1



New Hitting wall mural 2012



Mural 2012 (CCC and GB High)



Extension - kitchen 2007







1957

# Geilston Bay Tennis Club









2005

