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## APRIL UPDATE

### GBTC Demographic

There has been a little feedback on our discussion paper and some discussion with the Council on the impact of these issues on our future. In order to increase the members awareness of our current situation, to seek input into possible solutions and to better prepare members for the coming AGM we will be arranging a general discussion session, essentially a start to planning for the future, later in May.

We will prepare an agenda and circulate some information prior to what will be an informal discussion session that will provide an opportunity to both hear from the Committee, ask questions and provide feedback.

If you haven't had time to read our discussion paper it has been placed on the Documents page on our website at [GBTC Documents](#)

### Club Championships

A good weekend of tennis was held for our annual championships. Congratulations to first time winners of the Ladies Open Singles, Bryanna McIlwain and the Men's Open Singles Andrew Bourke along with our new junior Open Singles winners, Eleanor Williams and Zaviour Targett. Good to see a number of juniors participating in both singles and doubles events and a return of the perennial favorite, the Junior Senior. We will let you know when we are organised to get the trophies presented.

Many thanks to Max and Andrew for getting the matches organised and to Claire for keeping the canteen going over the weekend.

### Interclub Social Tennis

The next interclub social tennis day will be held at Geilston Bay on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, tennis will be commencing at 10:00 am with a soup and sandwich lunch at about 12:30, all members are welcome to attend. The cost of the session will be \$15.00. Given our part in the series of events being hosted by southern clubs it may be that the normal \$1.00 social tennis will not be available to members if numbers exceed capacity. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to Beth on M: 0448 278 415 by Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> to assist with catering. You can, of course, just turn up and chance the numbers.

### Cardio Tennis

Andrew Bourke is currently running a trial of Cardio Tennis, a bit of high energy tennis, wear yourself out in an hour. Commencing at 6:30 pm on Tuesday evenings these sessions cost \$15.00 pp, participants are most welcome to follow on with a set or two of social tennis. Bookings are required, contact Andrew if you would like to participate on M: 0403 532 545.

### Winter Pennant

We are planning to run the Winter Pennant for those looking to keep some competitive tennis going over the winter commencing in May. Probably two short pennants so you can play a little or a lot in a couple of different formats but a bit dependent on numbers. A sign-up sheet will be on the board soon, or just reply to this email if you wish to participate.

### Clubhouse & Court Booking

We have a booking for the Clubhouse on Thursday May 05<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 11:30 and both Clubhouse and Courts 1 & 2 from 4:30 pm on Saturday May 07<sup>th</sup>. Members will have access for toilets etc, should they require it, but little use is expected at this time.

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## AYC Finals & End Of Season Dinner

The AYC second roster is all but over, finals commence on April 11<sup>th</sup>, one of our Div 02 teams will be playing finals, they will be at GBTC on Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup>, I'm sure they will appreciate your support.

Also, the AYC will be celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> season with a dinner at the Bellerive Yacht Club on Saturday June 04<sup>th</sup>. A good opportunity to celebrate the current season and any number of the past seasons that you may have participated in. Current and past players welcome. Cost of the dinner is \$50.00 pp part subsidised by the AYC. **Numbers and money need to be confirmed via the Club by Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>. Just reply to this email if you wish to attend and make a transfer to the Clubs account BSB 037014 Account 209007.** Hope we can get a good crowd from Geilston Bay, while AYC is a little quiet for us at the moment it has been a big part of our activity since the late 1970's.

## Court Fencing

Many of you will be aware that our application for a grant to replace the fencing to Courts 1 – 5 has been successful. A Community Sport & Recreation grant of \$52,400 plus Clarence Council support of \$30,000 will see us able to progress this \$99,000 project over the coming months. The Club will be responsible for contributing the balance of \$16,600 and taking care of the work to widen the access paths and some remedial work to the back corner of Court 5.

While every effort will be taken to minimise it, there will be some unavoidable disruption to tennis while this work is undertaken. Members will be kept updated of the timing of works and any impact on court availability.

Completion of this project will see the culmination of some eight years or so of work by the Club, and the very important support of CSR and Council, to renew the surfacing to courts 1 – 4, the lighting to courts 1 – 4 and subsequently court 5. We will have a little time up our sleeve before we need to start thinking about Courts 5 and 6

## Junior Tennis & Coaching

Coaching is all but done for Term 01 with only a couple of weeks left to run. Our last Saturday Social session attracted an unusually high number following a few weeks off, good to see some 30 juniors of a wide range of standards participating in a bit of social tennis. Finding on court support for this session as been quite difficult, if you are able to help, please let us know.

One of our aims of junior tennis is to ensure that there is a pathway not only for the development of skills but for the participation in Club tennis for the long term, the Saturday sessions are an important part of this pathway.

## Book A Court / Court 6 Access

We have realised there have been a few problems with our Book A Court setup, unfortunately this resulted in booking not being possible via our website. With some help from Tennis Tas this one has been rectified and the trial period has been extended to year end, although we don't see that there will be reasons for it to cease at this stage.

**If your event or activity requires the use of Court 6 please let us know so we can make sure that it is booked for you.**

## Geilston Bay Open

We will be looking to host the GBTC Open again, a combined Senior and Junior event on the weekend of July 22 – 24, some way off but one to keep in mind

## COVID 19 – Check In Changes

No recent changes to the requirements for Covid 19. Hand sanitiser remains available on the kitchen bench

