

KDTC: Birie Place, Kaleen



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KALEEN AND DISTRICT TENNIS CLUB

Member Newsletter

Spring 2021



Kaleen clubhouse graffiti. Artist unknown.

The KDTC newsletter updates members on club development and guidelines, on-court and related activities. Member contributions are welcome.

Looking forward, playing on

KDTC COVID-19 update

Following the ACT Government announcement of the further easing of Covid-19 restrictions in Canberra (October 2021), Tennis ACT has advised of some easing of restrictions for tennis clubs across the ACT. The new guidelines were emailed to all members last week. Here is summary of these guidelines. Link to full version below.



Help us protect all members and guests from COVID-19 by registering your attendance at our facility and following COVID safety guidelines.

- Download the **Check In CBR App***
- **Scan in the QR code** when you visit KDTC
- **Sanitise** your hands on arrival and before departure
- **Clubhouse access - restrictions in place until further notice**
 - Our clubhouse may now be accessed using the one-off pin code (issued when court is booked)
 - Toilet and kitchen facilities may be used with general density rules applying - one person per 4 sq metres. **No meetings or gatherings in the clubhouse** until further notice. Masks must be worn inside.

**For the safety of everyone visiting our facility, all members and visitors are required to register their attendance at the club using the Check In CBR App.*

[COVID-19 Community Tennis Guidelines - October 2021- Full version](#)

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President's report

Includes summary of report to AGM

Thank you, Committee and members, for your assistance and patience again during a COVID-19 impacted year.

It has been a challenging twelve months for our club in many respects but we have had some wins too and we are happy to advise of some exciting new and updated systems at KDTC.



Infrastructure – Government grants and facilities

We are pleased to announce that our club has completed two major infrastructure projects over the last 12 months - implementation of *Book A Court* and court lighting, both of which are linked to one another. These upgrades mean all courts are ready for night pennant and social bookings, with *Book A Court* bookings controlling lights use.

Book A Court

Book A Court is up and running enabling us to have a streamlined booking system for coaches, members and the court hire. This new online system is where members book court time (and pay for any non-member visitors), and manage memberships and renewals. It is also the 'go to' for court hire and payment.

Court lighting

After difficulties with our court lighting over a long time, our court lighting infrastructure has been upgraded and we are happy to advise that courts are again ready for night play.

Thanks everyone who assisted with these time consuming projects, and to TACT and the ACT government for their financial assistance. Thanks also to Mike Rethman and the TACT team for assisting in various ways with these projects. A big thanks also to club member Steve Hansson for his valuable technical advice helping us to navigate the process of upgrading our lighting infrastructure.

Get Set Tennis

Thanks to coaches Nelson and Reza and the *Get Set Tennis* team for their support of KDTC. It has been an exciting year for you with the continued growth of your team and expansion across the Canberra region. We are here to assist as always, and recognise that during COVID there have been some difficult periods for small business and the community. We look forward to continuing to work with

you under your extended coaching agreement with KDTC, and to a return to a 'new normal' tennis business with COVID-friendly safety measures in place.

Club working bee

Thank you to Cheryl Reid for arranging our working bee earlier this year and to everybody who came down to help out. It was a wet and ordinary day but this didn't stop some of the dirty work being done.

League and Social

Thank you to our league players for supporting KDTC. We will now look forward to fewer away games with our upgraded court lighting. Thanks to Lachlan Taylor for overseeing the input and co-ordination of teams, and thanks to Steve Rodger for coordinating Wednesday Social and *Fast 4* play on the weekends.

On a final note, I wish to again acknowledge the ongoing support of Tennis ACT for our community club during the year.

Stuart Crocker

Treasurer's report

In November 2020, I reported that we were coming to the end of a very challenging year for all of us due to the fires in early 2020 and the lockdown of the Club in April/May. The Club had recorded a loss in 2019-20 of \$3,800, following losses of \$4,500 and \$29,000 in the previous two years. The last year has also been challenging but, at least in financial terms, far more successful for the Club.



Two major projects were completed the last year – new lighting (at a cost of \$47,000) and an online court booking system for day and night hire (at a cost of \$18,000).

The impact of these two improvements has been felt almost immediately after their installation towards the end of the last financial year. We have experienced a rush of court bookings from both members and non-members. The courts have been almost at capacity on weekends while there has been significantly increased activity during the week. (The downside of this increased activity is that members may find it more difficult to find a vacant court at a suitable time. Members should book early – up to 7 days in advance – and please do the right thing by other members and cancel your booking as early as possible if you find you are unable to honour your booking.)

Overall, the Club's future looks much brighter than it was 12 months ago. While our expenditure on the lighting and online booking systems has been high, we are grateful for grant funding from the ACT Government (\$26,400) and Tennis Australia (\$13,000). Without these contributions, the Club's finances would be in dire straits. Instead, we were able to record a small operating surplus of \$4,000 for 2020-21 and, with the increased activity, look forward to a profitable 2021-22.

Peter Corkran

Book A Court is up and running

Members are required to make all court bookings and pay for their visitors through the new **Book A Court system**.

Book A Court online at <https://play.tennis.com.au/KaleenTennisClub/>



Coach's report

Hello members

Get Set Tennis coaching resumed on 18 October. All GST coaching classes will be running through till 18 December.

Get Set Tennis now has five full-time coaches as well as 11 part time junior coaches.

Lessons are scheduled six days per week as well as multiple tennis camps coming up over the Summer holidays. It's great to be back!



Get Set Tennis coaching tea



to **Wambui Taylor** - Kaleen rising star and **Club Player of the Year!**

Please visit www.getsettennis.com.au or contact Nelson 0422 809 160 or Rez 0437 540 087 for details.

Cheers

Nelson Parker



Keep up with Get Set Tennis coaching and tournament news on *Facebook*.

Membership news

KDTC warmly welcomes new members to our Club. It is pleasing to see our member numbers increasing on a daily basis. At the AGM the figure was 159. We are now sitting at 164.

- 45 new members comprising 17 new single memberships and 29 family memberships (includes 7

- juniors)
- 119 renewing members
- 80 non-renewing members

Turnover has been high but consistent with the usual pattern over the years, as people come and go. It's good to see we are remaining steady with an indication that our numbers are generally increasing. Our capacity is probably around 200 with a four- court complex and available court time for members outside of courts coaching use.

Cheryl Reid

Racquets by Reza

Contact coach Reza Tompsett for quality restringing service.
Reza can also advise you on the right racquet choice.
Mob. 0437 540 087

Tennis Australia news and events

can be found on the [Tennis Australia website](http://www.tennisaustralia.com.au). Also find local tournaments and events updates.

KDTC Committee elections

All existing serving committee members were re-elected unopposed at the AGM in October. In addition, we were happy to welcome some new volunteers at our AGM and we look forward to working with you.



Elected members

President	Stuart Crocker
Vice President.....	Graham Smith
Treasurer.....	Peter Corkran
Secretary.....	Chakra Ravinuthala
General members.....	Cheryl Reid, Lachlan Taylor, Anne Towill, Mary Bonney, Alan Reid

In addition to KDTC's elected positions, there are many **others members who contribute in various ways** to the running of your club:

Membership secretary.....	Cheryl Reid
Club Captain.....	Steve Rodger
Adult pennant coordinator.....	Lachlan Taylor
Public Relations/newsletter.....	Mary Bonney / Anne Towill
Club technical adviser.....	Steve Hansson
Maintenance Officers.....	Alan Reid / Wayne O'Connell
Wednesday social convenor.....	Steve Rodger
Tuesday social coordinators.....	Maree Corkran, Anne Towill, Marilyn Ralston

We thank all our volunteers for their valued contribution.

Canberra League teams

League teams have been finalised. KDTC has seven Monday/Tuesday teams and one Thursday team, although some members play in other club teams for grade match.



The **Monday/Tuesday League** is running with a **new format** with divisions of 12 teams (3-Player Unisex teams). Each division is split into two groups (A and B) with six teams in each group. Each player plays five matches against others in their group. For finals, 1st in Group A plays 1st in Group B, 2nd in Group A plays 2nd in Group B and so on.

<https://www.tennis.com.au/act/competitions/canberra-tennis-league/the-walking-clinic-adult-tennis-leagues>

Contact Steve Rodger for further details about Adult League. 0435-012-392

Contact Reza Tompsett for further details about Junior League - 0437-540-087

Interested in playing pennant League tennis for your Club?

Contact Lachlan Taylor: lach.tash79@gmail.com

Info about pennant competitions in Canberra is available through Canberra Tennis League at Tennis ACT
<https://www.tennis.com.au/act/competitions/pennant/adult>

Court talk

Coaching	<p>Get Set Tennis offers tennis coaching at KDTC for all skill levels. Contact head coach Reza Tompsett for more information about group and individual coaching options: http://www.getsettennis.com.au/</p>	
Cardio	<p>Get Set Tennis Cardio sessions: Contact coach Reza on 0437-540-087 for further details.</p>	
Junior round robin	<p>Friday hotshots round robin competition Contact coach Reza for more information: 0437-540-087 or reza@getsettennis.com.au</p>	
League tennis	<p>Adults Contact Lachlan Taylor for more details on pennants lach.tash79@gmail.com Juniors Reza Tompsett - reza@getsettennis.com.au Information on pennant League tournaments in Canberra is available on the</p>	

	Tennis ACT website under 'Canberra Tennis League' https://www.tennis.com.au/act/competitions
Social tennis	<p>Tuesday mornings mixed - Enquiries to co-ordinators Maree 0413 670 583, Anne 0423 053 615 or Marilyn 0422 131 156.</p> <p>Wednesday night mixed - 7:30 - 9:00 pm: Enquiries to Steve Rodger on 0435 012 392.</p> <p>Sunday afternoons - The courts are available for informal social play. <i>Social tennis visitor fee \$5 p/h for adults, \$1 per child.</i></p> <p>All court use by members and their visitors should be booked through Book A Court at https://play.tennis.com.au/</p>

Social tennis

Wednesday evening

Wednesday social tennis will resume next week. Start time is **7.30pm**. Varying skills levels welcome and social tennis provides a great entree into pennant play, or for simply a regular social hit for up to two hours every week. Cost is \$4 for KDTC members (covers lights and balls). If you would like to come along and give it a try, or be put on our weekly reminder mailing list, please contact Steve Rodger on 0435012392. All are welcome.

Tuesday Morning Mixed

Tuesday morning social tennis resumes this month. Spring starting time is 9.00 am from November. Contact one of our coordinators - Maree on 0413 670 583, Anne on 0423 053 615 or Marilyn on 0414511867 with enquiries.



Maintenance report

Your busy bee committee has been quietly at work behind the scenes, mowing and trimming, cleaning windows, weeding and clearing drains and maintaining nets.

Particular thanks to **Cheryl, Alan, Peter** and **Steve**, for all the work and generous time involved in keeping our club in good order.

The old saying that many hands make light work still rings true so please keep an eye out for calls from your committee to lend a hand at the next Working B and/or participate in a club duty roster. It's not only good for your club and community, it's a nice way to meet other members.

KDTC Committee

President: Stuart Crocker

Vice President: Graham Smith

Treasurer: Peter Corkran

Secretary: Chakradhar Ravinuthala

General members: Cheryl Reid, Lachlan Taylor,
Anne Towill, Mary Bonney, Alan ReidContact KDTC: kaleentennisclub@gmail.com**Contributing to the KDTC newsletter**

This newsletter has been prepared by the Kaleen and District Tennis Club Committee. Member contributions to newsletters are invited (next edition Autumn 2022). If you would like to contribute, please email your brief content piece to the club email address kaleentennisclub@gmail.com. Photos are especially welcome. If you have snapped any action or team shots send them in to the club email, or post them to our [Facebook](#) page. KDTC meeting minutes are available on request to interested members. If you would like a club-related issue raised at the next committee meeting please contact Chakra Ravinuthala via the club email address (kaleentennisclub@gmail.com) and request that the matter be added to the next agenda.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter contact editor, Anne Towill (anne.towill@gmail.com)

*KDTC is doing its bit to help look after our planet. Newsletters and membership renewals will be sent by email to the Kaleen membership list through 'My Tennis'. Limited paper copies are available at the clubhouse.
Be green and read from the screen.*

Seasons greetings to all