

KDTC: Birie Place, Kaleen



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# KALEEN AND DISTRICT TENNIS CLUB

## Member Newsletter



### SPRING - SUMMER 2020



Kaleen clubhouse graffiti. Artist unknown.

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

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**Help your Club protect all members and guests from COVID-19**

- download the **Check In CBR App**
- **Scan in the QR code** when you visit KDTC
- **sanitise** your hands on arrival and before departure
- **Clubhouse closed for social activity**

#### Highlights

- ❖ Grants success
- ❖ 'Book-a-Court'

## KDTC COVID-19 response

KDTC Committee is committed to protecting all members and guests from the risk of contracting COVID-19 at our tennis facility.

**The clubhouse is currently closed** though we are hoping to re-open it soon. Following advice from Tennis ACT, KDTC has prepared draft **COVID-19 safety guidelines** to cover safe play and contact at our courts. Once these guidelines have been finalised, **members will be advised by separate email about the re-opening of the clubhouse**, and the conditions of use. Meanwhile, restricted access to the club toilets is permitted for social and coaching groups. Cleaning products and gloves are provided to disinfect surfaces after use.

For the safety of us all, **members are required to register their attendance at the club.\***



The ACT Government is assisting sporting clubs and other organisations to help minimise the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus by offering tools to simplify the process of registering attendances. This involves a QR scan and the Check In CBR App.\*

The QR scan, along with detailed instructions on downloading the app, are displayed on the door and windows of the clubhouse. All members are encouraged to **download the Check In CBR App** so that it is scan-ready next time you play tennis or visit our facility. This App can also be used at other COVID QR Scan registered businesses across Canberra.

*\*For members unable to use a smart phone and App to record attendance, a sign-in sheet/book will be available.*

*December 2020*

## President report

Hello members

Wow, what an unprecedented 8-9 months we have experienced and thank you to all members, committee and coaching staff for your patience and support of KDTC and TACT in this challenging COVID-19 environment.



### TACT Initiatives

Prior to COVID-19, which seems a long time ago, KDTC supported numerous TACT initiatives. A big thank you to Cheryl and Alan Reid for their contribution and organisation of the **first Open Court Sessions** that were run in the first quarter of 2020. Whilst a new initiative from TACT, with Cheryl and

Alan's support we had some new faces to our club. Thank you also to the coaching staff for your support to these sessions and to the members who joined in on the Friday evenings.

### **KDTC – New / updated systems**

2020 has seen the club enhance systems access for both membership/renewals and court booking. Thank you to both Peter and Cheryl Reid for their support and installation upgrades with some assistance from TACT. With the assistance of TACT, KDTC is now using Clubspark, a portal designed to simplify the administrative functions of tennis clubs. It will also assist with the next phase of our Book A Court system.

### **Get Set Tennis**

Thanks again to coaches Nelson (up North), Reza, Buster and Matt for continued support of KDTC, a very tough year. We are hoping 2021 is a little less traumatic. Operating a small business in normal times is never easy. Throw in a pandemic and hold on for the ride. I'm hoping the open and transparent discussions we held early on between yourselves Peter and myself did enable Get Set Tennis to continue operating. Whilst restricted, tennis balls did continue to go over the net, just not as often as we would all like. KDTC is close to finalising a further 5-year extension with Get Set Tennis and we look forward to the continued support and working relationship with our coaching partners.

### **Grants success**

KDTC undertook three Government grant applications in 2020 to assist with Lighting and Book A Court. We were successful and have confirmation of funding allocation for both Lighting and Book A Court, with KDTC to contribute a proportion of total facility upgrades. A big thank you to Peter Corkran and Steve Hansson for assistance in the application process, specialist site visits and contractor negotiations. These are all time-consuming activities and their input has been greatly appreciated. The lighting has been a slow process and we are now in the finalisation stages for completion of this work.

### **Book A court**

*Book A Court* is now up and running for court bookings at KDTC. **All members playing tennis at our club courts are required to book court time online for themselves and their guests.** Book your court at <https://play.tennis.com.au/kaleen>

The completion of the final phase of *Book A Court* system involving the installation of hardware and IT systems to control the gate and lighting system is awaiting the completion of the lighting upgrade.

### **Vision for club**

As part of the Government Grant process a Business Plan for KDTC has been undertaken. Thanks again to Peter Corkran for assistance. I would like the document to be expanded and aligned to the VSR (venue sustainability rating) program being run out of TACT and with the support from Chakra, Reza and myself evolve this document into a **5-year plan - a vision on what we want to see for KDTC**. This will be about how we would like KDTC to look in 2 to 5 years. It sounds like a big task but if we have 2 to 3 major items to lobby both internal and external parties this should be a positive outcome for KDTC, TACT and the wider community.

### **Canberra Tennis League**

Thank you again to all our pennant League players for supporting KDTC. Not as much tennis with fires and COVID-19 this year but hopefully some good wins have been had and more to come in 2021. I look forward to supporting KDTC over the coming twelve months.

*Stuart*

## Treasurer report

We are coming to the end of what has been a very challenging year for us all.

The good news is that the Club has survived - despite disruptions early in the year due to the fires, followed by the total lockdown of the Club in March/April when the pandemic struck. Since those events, the Club has been gradually finding its feet again but the financial impact on the Club has been significant.



The Club made a loss for the 2019-20 financial year of \$3,800 (*a copy of the Club's financial statements for 2019-20 is attached for information*). As a stand-alone year this loss was not significant but it falls on the back of losses of \$4,500 and \$29,000 in the previous two years. Clearly these losses cannot be sustained indefinitely.

**On a positive note**, four things, in particular, have kept the Club going over the last 12 months:

- **our ongoing relationship with our GetSetTennis coaching team.** The GST coaching team have managed to keep their activities going, albeit on a reduced scale for some months, and that has ensured the Club has been continuously occupied during the year, bringing in much needed revenue
- **assistance from the ACT Government** in not only reducing and delaying some of our ongoing lease and rates payments, but also showing confidence in the Club by providing grants for capital works including a lighting upgrade and the **Book a Court system** which should be operational in the coming months
- **strong leadership from TennisACT** in guiding us through some dark days. Not all sports have been lucky enough to have a professional body to co-ordinate activities and liaise with government health authorities
- **continuing efforts of your committee** to deal with the risks involved in keeping the Club afloat. Some of the decisions, such as the closure of the clubhouse have undoubtedly inconvenienced members but have allowed the Club to comply with government restrictions.

As a result of these activities, we can look forward to the future with some confidence. Hope to see everyone back on the court in 2021.

*Peter Corkran*

## Book A Court

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

Book A Court is still undergoing some refinements but is up and running for daytime court hire bookings.  
Book A Court online at <https://play.tennis.com.au/KaleenTennisClub/>

## Coach report



Hello tennis family

Hard to put into words the year we have had with the major challenges of 2020. With COVID-19 still an ongoing problem across the world, it is easy to forget the fires and smoke of the past twelve months. This report from Get Set Tennis coaches is more of a thank you to key groups who helped us through these troubled times.

We would like to thank Tennis ACT for liaising with our local government to allow private lessons during the closure of all tennis clubs in Canberra. We had regular Zoom meetings with Tennis ACT with other coaches across Canberra to confirm procedures in order to keep COVID-safe during this time. We also need to thank the committee for allowing us to move forward with these restrictions. Without this opportunity to teach during this time who knows where Get Set Team would be right now.

Since the Canberra community has done a great job in stopping local spread of COVID-19, we have slowly opened back to full coaching capacity. In order to say thank you properly to all of our Get Set Family, Nelson came down from Gold Coast to join our team to hold a Christmas party for our students and parents in 2020. It was an epic day, some very enthusiastic target hitting, and brilliant cakes thanks to our friends at U&Co Cafe. Enjoy our pics below.

We can't thank our students, our community and our club enough for helping the Get Set Team come through this difficult year, and we wish you a happy and safe holiday from all of us.

Bring on 2021 :)

Reza Tompsett  
Get Set Tennis Manager  
0437-540-087

## GST Xmas party 2020



Winners are grinners



Coaches Rez, Christian, Nelson





**Merry Xmas everyone!**



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

## Membership news

Dear members

**KDTC warmly welcomes** the following new members to our Club:

Aler Locus	Eduardo Trifoni	Madhu Valeti
Amy Jarvoll	Egor Staselka	Marilyn Ralston
Anthony Dawes	Emma Snowden	Nathaniel Locus
Arvind Rangenini	Flavio Trifoni	Pradeep Padala
Ben Archer	Goutham Cheetirala	Rajesh Manda
Benjamin Dugard	Henry Dong	Rakeshvarma Lakkarasu
Cameron Fox	Ian Haworth	Ravi Madadi
Charlotte Dong	James de Gruchy	Steven Allen
Christopher Brimage	Karina Dugard	Vikraman Narayanaswamy
Dandan Jia	Kartik Saxena	Virginia Allen
Danilo Radonjic	Kate Staselka	William Locus
Daoyi Dong	Kenji Locus	Wyatt Allen
Denis Barac	Luca Fernandez	

### Racquets by Reza

Contact coach Reza Tompsett for a quality restringing service.  
Reza can also advise you on the right racquet choice.

## Tennis Australia news and events

can be found on the [Tennis Australia website](#) . Also find local tournaments and events updates.

### KDTC Committee elections

All existing serving committee members were re-elected unopposed at the AGM in August. 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

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
Junior pennant coordinator .....	Ashwin Gurralla
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 convenor.....	Barbara Brown

We thank all volunteers for their valued contribution.

### Canberra Tennis League - pennants

Following significant disruption to the Summer (smoke haze) and Autumn (COVID-19) pennants and both Canberra Tennis Leagues being called off this year, a very popular **Spring season** has just concluded. A total of **9 Kaleen teams entered**, with one of these teams making it through to semi finals.



We thank all of the players for their continued interest and participation in Monday/Tuesday Canberra Tennis League for our Club.



Unfortunately, we have not had any teams nominate for the Thursday night mixed doubles competitions for the past 3 seasons. The condensed 6-week summer competition commences on Monday 4th January 2021.

If you would like more information on pennant opportunities please contact Lachlan Taylor at [lach.tash79@gmail.com](mailto:lach.tash79@gmail.com)

#### **Interested in playing pennant for our Club?**

Keep an eye out on the club noticeboard for Spring, Autumn and Winter pennants.  
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><b>KDTC offers tennis coaching for all skill levels</b>  Contact head coach Reza Tompsett for more information about group and individual coaching options:  <a href="http://www.getsettennis.com.au/">http://www.getsettennis.com.au/</a></p> 
Cardio	<p><b>Get Set Tennis Cardio sessions:</b>  Monday and Tuesday evenings, Kaleen. \$160 per 9 week term. Contact coach Rez on 0437-540-087.</p> 
Junior round robin	<p><b>Friday hotshots round robin competition</b>  Fridays during school terms. Sessions runs from 4 - 6 pm. Cost \$5 members (\$7 for non-members). Contact coach Reza for more information: 0437-540-087 or <a href="mailto:reza@getsettennis.com.au">reza@getsettennis.com.au</a></p>
Pennants	<p><b>Adult pennants</b>  Contact Lachlan Taylor for more details on pennants <a href="mailto:lach.tash79@gmail.com">lach.tash79@gmail.com</a>  <b>Junior pennants</b>  Contact Ashwin Gurralla - <a href="mailto:ashwin.gurralla@gmail.com">ashwin.gurralla@gmail.com</a>  Information on pennant events in Canberra is available on the Tennis ACT website under 'Canberra Tennis League'  <a href="https://www.tennis.com.au/act/competitions">https://www.tennis.com.au/act/competitions</a></p>
Social tennis	<p><b>Tuesday mornings mixed</b> - Enquiries to Barbara, mob 0422 131 156 or Anne 0423 053 615.  <b>Wednesday night mixed</b> - 7:30 - 9:00 pm: Enquiries to Steve Rodger on 0435012392.  <b>Sunday afternoons</b> - The courts are available for informal social play.  <i>Social tennis visitor fee \$5 pp per hour for adults, \$1per child.</i>  Members should book for themselves and their visitors through Book A Court at <a href="http://play.tennis.com.au">play.tennis.com.au</a></p>
Club contacts	<p>Pennant Mon/Tue night Unisex singles/doubles and Thur night Mixed Doubles, contact Lachlan Taylor: <a href="mailto:lach.tash79@gmail.com">lach.tash79@gmail.com</a>  Coach and junior pennant: Reza 0437540087  <b>Tuesday Social</b> - Barbara 0422 131 156/Anne 0423 053 615  <b>Wednesday night mixed social</b> - Steve Rodger  <b>Court hire</b> - Peter Corkran 62416542, Anne Towill 62414726</p>



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## Social tennis

Both pennants and social tennis opportunities are available at KDTC.

### Wednesday evening

Wednesday night social tennis continues offers a casual format of doubles and singles play under lights from **7.30pm every Wednesday night**. 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 Rodgers on 0435012392.

All are welcome.

### Tuesday Morning Mixed

Tuesday morning social tennis was suspended earlier in the year following COVID-19 restrictions but will be up and running again soon. Contact Barbara 0422 131 156 or Anne 0423 053 615 for further information.



## Maintenance report

### Club lighting update

Happily we are moving closer to resolving our court lighting challenges. **Thanks to Steve Hansson's** technical guidance in navigating our complex lighting problems, we are making progress and look forward to more illumination in the new year.



### Switchboard upgrade

We have updated the main switch board at the club and it now has safety circuits (RCD) on all the power outlets inside the club house. If one of these circuits trips or is not working, please contact a member of the committee or send an email to the club email address [kaleentennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:kaleentennisclub@gmail.com)



The switchboard is located in the locked room at the back of the club house and **access is restricted**.

#### KDTC Committee

President: Stuart Crocker

Vice President: Graham Smith

Treasurer: Peter Corkran

Secretary: Chakradhar Ravinuthala

General members: Anne Towill, Cheryl Reid,  
Lachlan Taylor

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### 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 2021). If you would like to contribute, please email your brief content piece to the club email address [kaleentennisclub@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:anne.towill@gmail.com))

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# Seasons greetings to all

