

## President's report from the AGM 19 November

The court refurbishment project has been progressing, albeit it slowly and at times frustrating, but surely. In July-August we went out to tender and I am pleased to say that we are in final contract negotiations with the preferred contractor. Work is expected to start in earnest in January 2023. Whilst it was our original intention to install 8 hard courts, the increasing cost in materials and construction has meant that we have had to revise our scope. From additional fundraising of \$200,000 through Tennis Australia and ANZ, it means that we will deliver 4 hardcourts and 4 synthetic grass courts. The upside is that we are hopeful of including the infrastructure to at last be able to light courts 5 and 6 in the near future. This also means that the work will be undertaken in 2 phases, enabling the club to partially continue operating. I would like to thank past president Terry Lennard for his involvement and contribution to the Project Coordination Committee.

During 2022 we have been able to continue along the path to full sustainability. In January, we were successful in obtaining a rebate that enabled replacement of the fluoro lighting in the clubhouse to LED. Our electricity bill has reduced from \$4200 in 2020-21 to \$1900 in 2021-22. In October we partnered with Game On Recycling and are now a collection point for old tennis balls and racquets.

The All Abilities and Wheelchair Hub of our club continues to grow and in this regard we were fortunate to have a visit from Todd Woodbridge. Matty Leggett has taken on the role of Wheelchair Tennis Coach and he and his squad have been competing in tournaments in Canberra and

interstate. We also have several juniors of different abilities participating in squads and competing in the Canberra Tennis League. Perhaps we should try for Dylan Alcott to visit for the reopening next year!

I would like to thank the committee, in particular outgoing Treasurer, Kai Mitchell, for their support. A big thanks to Frank Calabria and the Rising Star team for keeping the day-to-day operations of the club moving. We have a fantastic relationship that continues to grow.

One area that continues to stagnate is lack of community involvement. Whilst Rising Star operate the day-to-day happenings, the club is a community run club and it would be great to see more volunteers at our junior tournaments and garden maintenance.

The club, along with all tennis clubs in the ACT, has continued to face challenges. This year it has been the extremely wet weather which has affected the running of our social, competition and squad programs. What will be the challenge next year?

Jillian Mitchell, President

## 2022 Club Champions

The 2022 Club Championships were again held in conjunction with the AGM. This year we held a wheelchair category for the first time.

Congratulations to:

### Men's Div 1

Lachlan Goodwin

### Men's Div 2

Anthony Stroud

### Ladies

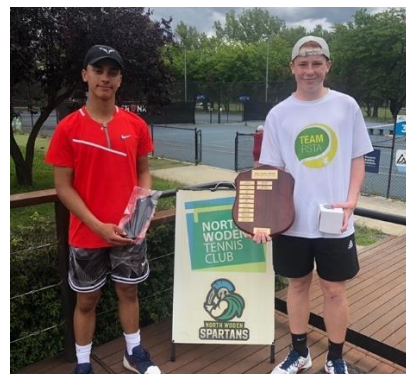
Anne Stroud

### Junior

Novak Zeljkovic

### Wheelchair

Matthew Leggett



Mens Div 1 R/U Jacob Williams and Winner Lachlan Goodwin



Mens Div 2 and Ladies Champs Anthony and Anne Stroud



Junior R/U Mateja Sekara and Winner Novak Zeljkovic



Club President with Wheelchair Winner Matthew Leggett



## RSTA Holiday Camps

### When?

Monday-Friday 5 day camp  
8.30am-1.00pm daily or weekly  
12-16 December 2022

Monday-Wednesday 3 day camp  
8.30am-1.00pm daily or weekly  
19-21 December 2022

### Where?

Only at North Woden Tennis Club

### What's included?

Suitable for ages 5yrs - 16yrs  
Only Half day options this term  
All abilities welcome  
Morning Tea (1/2 day)  
Free use of equipment  
Free Sausage Sizzle BBQ last day  
of camp  
Prizes & Giveaways  
Fun & games  
Safe & Secure environment

### Register at

<https://www.risingstartennis.com.au/holiday-tennis-program-info-registration/>



## \*Court Project Update

### December\*

Due to the change to having 4 hard courts and 4 synthetic grass courts, we had to submit a variation to the development application. This has now been approved so we are still planning on work commencing sometime in January 2023.

Once start dates are confirmed we will notify everyone via email and the website.

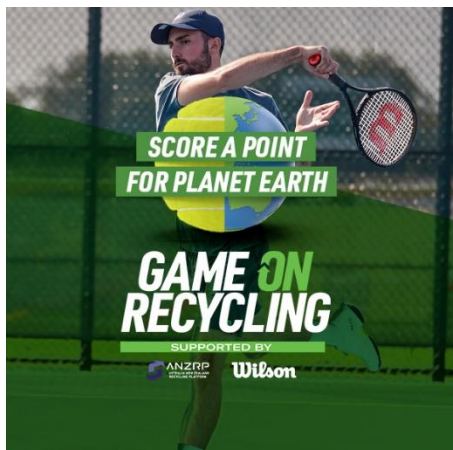
## Game On Recycling

### Making tennis balls even greener

We have partnered with Game On Recycling to collect and recycle tennis balls and racquets. You can dispose of your unwanted items in the collection box in our clubhouse.

All collected items will be sent to a processing facility in Melbourne to be sorted into:

- Tennis balls and racquets that can be reused and put back into circulation, thereby extending their life; or
- Tennis balls that have well and truly come to the end of their life and need to be recycled.



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## Merry Christmas everyone!



Thank you again for your ongoing membership and support of the club. The committee and RSTA are always keen for your input and suggestions, so please contact NWTC committee members or the RSTA team with your feedback.  
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