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## President's report from the AGM 18 November 2023

I am very pleased to report that the court redevelopment project is 99.9% complete. We are just waiting on the centre tie downs to be installed. Overall the construction phase of the project ran fairly smoothly and it was a pleasure working with RMS Groundworks Pty Ltd to keep the costs largely within budget.

As a bonus we were able to get the infrastructure to light courts 5 and 6 installed whilst the ground was exposed. The final cost is \$1,061,116.72 excluding GST. With total funding contributed from the ACT Government, Aspen Medical and Tennis Australia of \$954,730.00, this meant the club contributed \$106,386.72 (including the ANZ loan). I would like to thank those 3 parties for the funding to make this project happen. I would also like to thank the following people for their contribution to the Project Co-ordination Group:

Terry Lennard, past President NWTC

Kim Kachel, past CEO Tennis ACT

Mike Rethman, Manager Facilities and Planning Tennis ACT

Simon Dolejsi, Director, Planning and Infrastructure, ACT Sport and Recreation

Lynton Frenzi, Major Projects Manager Tennis Australia

We will hold a community function in January 2024 during the Australian Open period.

During the year the club was successful in obtaining 2 grants:

**Community volunteer grant \$1500** through Alicia Payne MLA's office which will be used to purchase a bbq, seating and court squeegees; and

**Wheelchair Tennis Hub Development grant \$2500** which will be used to hold a "come and try" session and support the delivery of our wheelchair tennis program.

Thanks to Frank Calabria's efforts, we also successfully fundraised over \$6000 to purchase a new wheelchair and storage shed which was finally erected thanks to Kimber Projects who also come on board as a new sponsor for the next 2 years.

The next big ticket item for the club's facilities is to install lighting on courts 5 and 6. We will apply for appropriate grants as they are announced but it is hoped to contribute sufficient funds from the club in order to have more success in obtaining a grant.

Thank you to the committee for providing support as I manoeuvred through the court redevelopment. We now have a wonderful new facility to see the club through the next few years and it is hoped that this will see an increase in membership to help with sustainability.

Jillian Mitchell, President

## 2023 Club Champions

Unfortunately we had several withdrawals at the last minute and many juniors away playing in tournaments so it was a small but hardy field that fronted on a rather hot day. Congratulations to our newest club champions:

Congratulations to:

### Men's

Novak Zeljkovic

### Junior

Filip Sekara



## 2024 Committee

The new committee for 2024 as voted in at the AGM is:

President: Jillian Mitchell (returning)

Vice President: Matthew Leggett

Secretary: Bradwin Williams (returning)

Treasurer: Elijah Williams (returning)

Compliance & Social Officer: Scott Bland

We thank Matthew Robson for his contribution as Compliance and Social Officer for the past 5 years as well as his many years as an RSTA coach and wish him well for the next chapter.



## Shed fundraising

A big heartfelt thanks to those members and guests who donated to our Wheelchair and Equipment Shed fundraiser. Over \$6000 was raised.



We are always keen for your input and suggestions. Please contact NWTC committee members or the RSTA team with your feedback.

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## RSTA Program Report

The club held only one Junior Development Series (JDS) tournament this year in November. Word was out about the new courts which lead to a record number of entries. 310 matches were played over 2 days and that was with 2 weather delays. The feedback on the courts and the running of the tournament was fantastic.

After a very disruptive year due to the court redevelopment, the RSTA team is looking forward to returning to full programming in 2024.



## RSTA Holiday Camps

### When?

**Monday-Thursday 4 day camp**  
**8.30am-1.00pm daily or weekly**  
**18-21 December 2023**

**Monday-Thursday 4 day camp**  
**8.30am-1.00pm daily or weekly**  
**22-25 January 2024**

### 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/>

