



# Overport Park Tennis Club Newsletter

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members and Friends

Welcome to the re – launch of the Club newsletter.

The committee felt it was important to start it up again in order to provide regular updates to the membership. We aim to put out around six issues per year. This way the newsletters will be more regular than previous years but will be more concise.

The committee are currently putting together a list of capital works priorities. Some of the items under consideration are: upgrade of the court lights, lighting the remaining unlit courts, resurfacing of the Rebound Pro hardcourts, moving the court water pipes to the back of each court - enabling easier access between Courts which will assist Wheelchair Tennis players and removing the tripping hazard that the hoses pose, replacing the retaining walls and creating some tiered seating overlooking Court 9. We are in the process of getting these items costed and will then decide on what to go ahead with. Part of this decision making process will involve surveying the members for your thoughts.

We have recently published some guidelines on court priorities for Competition and social play on Saturday afternoons. While we are in a position at the moment to make some courts available for social play, I ask that these guidelines be adhered to in order to ensure that there are no issues between the parties on a Saturday afternoon. It is expected that all parties communicate and work together to resolve any issues that may arise. These guidelines may change from season to season. Any changes will be communicated.

It was great to welcome Peta Murphy MP, Federal Member for Dunkley to the Club recently. Peta was at the Club to see the Wednesday Walk-Up Ladies Social Tennis in action. We have recently received some grant money from Peta's office which is very much appreciated and will assist with covering some of our many expenses.

Speaking of grants, I would like to thank Mark Muir who has obtained several grants for the Club over the last few years. There are too many grants to mention individually, but the funds received have greatly contributed to helping with the running of the Club and keeping memberships costs down as we do not have to raise additional funds to cover some of our expenses.



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONT..

Thanks to outgoing committee members and welcome to new committee members

We would like to thank some committee members that have recently resigned.

Carla Charlton, who has been our Junior Coordinator for the last three years has decided to hand over the reins. The Junior Coordinator role is a very important role for the Club as the juniors are the life-blood of all clubs. Carla has done a fantastic job organising the teams and making sure that everything runs smoothly each week.

Lisette Verheij is finishing up on the Junior Committee as well. Lisette has been on the committee for many years has done a mountain of work behind the scenes doing all of the team and court rosters among many other things she has assisted with.

To Carla and Lisette, from all the juniors and the General Committee, thank you for all the work you have done.

Replacing Carla and Lisette are Nicole Matthews and Melissa Lee. Nicole and Melissa will be joint Junior Coordinators and have already commenced their role at the start of the current junior season. Thank you Nicole and Melissa for taking on the role.

Nat Mitchell has been the Club Treasurer for the last two and a half years. Unfortunately for us, Nat and family are moving interstate and is therefore relinquishing the role. Nat has done a tremendous amount of work making sure our books are in order and has been a valuable contributor to committee meetings. To Nat, Al, Regan and Mya all the best with the next stage of your life, you will be missed around the Club.

If anyone would like to volunteer their services for the Treasurer role or any other committee role, please contact myself.

Bruce Weatherley



**OPTC**

**TIPS TIPS TIPS**

**PIN PAD ON BACK DOOR**

**- COVER THE PAD WITH YOUR HAND UNTIL YOU HEAR A BEEP**

**- NOW ENTER PIN CODE**

## CLUB WORKING BEE

We held a very successful Working Bee back in March.

We got through a mountain of pruning all around the grounds, cleaned up the children's playground, cleaned the club house windows, weeded the garden beds, cleaned spoon drains and made a start on the seating benches on the grass slope between Courts 3 & 4 as well as some miscellaneous work in the club house.

Thanks to those that attended – Chris Haralambous (a.k.a. Stormy Daniels), Simone Johnston, Degan Johnston, Tony Donald, Joel Treveil, Steve Lee, Melissa Lee, Callum Lee, Olivia Lee, Pat Sharpin, Roger Smith, Scott Renwick, Evgueni Solovtsov, Adam Rosenfeld, Roy Bennett, Gary Plumridge, Patrick Iturra, Nicole Jennings, Steve Jennings, Roger Wiggins, Christian Tomasic, Bruce Weatherley & James Sinnamon. Great to see some of our Junior members helping out as well. Apologies if I have missed anyone.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- PTA MWL Winter 2021 season commences on Tuesday the 20th of July & Thursday the 22nd of July.

## MID WEEK LADIES

Congratulations to our Mid-Week Ladies on completing the PTA Summer 2021 Competition.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Winter 2021 Finals start on the 21st of August
- Summer 2021/22 Starts on the 23rd of October.

Register for PTA Junior competitions via the [Competitions Tab on our website](#)

## SATURDAY JUNIORS

Registrations for the PTA Summer 2021/22 Competition are open and will close on the 19th of July. The Summer Competition will start on the 23rd of October.

If you haven't registered yet please do so Via the [Competitions Tab on our Website](#).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Winter 2021 Finals start.  
PTA - 8 Team Draw - 28th August  
PTA - 6 Team Draw - 4th September  
Bayside - 8 Team Draw - 21st August  
Bayside - 6 Team Draw - 28th August
- Summer 2021/22 Starts for Bayside on the 2nd October AND for the PTA on the 9th October

Register for Saturday Open via the [Competitions Tab on our website](#)

## SATURDAY PTA OPEN, BAYSIDE SENIORS AND PENNANT

The PTA and Bayside's 2021/22 Summer Competition Registrations close on the 19th of July.

If you haven't registered yet please do so Via the [Competitions Tab on our Website](#).

## NIGHT TENNIS



**TUESDAY NIGHT BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE TENNIS**  
TENNIS WITH A WEEK BY WEEK COMMITMENT  
Format:  
Doubles, Fast 4  
EVERY TUE NIGHT 7:30  
\$7 MEMBERS \$12 NON MEMBERS  
For further info call  
Kathy 0418 514 947

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT INTERMEDIATE TENNIS**  
TENNIS WITH A WEEK BY WEEK COMMITMENT  
Format:  
Doubles, 2 sets of 10 games tiebreak at 5-5  
EVERY WED NIGHT 7:30  
\$7 MEMBERS \$12 NON MEMBERS  
For further info call  
DI 0400 070 313

**THURSDAY NIGHT MENS SOCIAL TENNIS**  
WALK UP TENNIS  
Format:  
Doubles, 8 Game Set (2 service games each)  
EVERY THU NIGHT 7:30 START  
\$5 MEMBERS \$10 NON MEMBERS  
For further info call  
Dave 0428 141 646

## GET ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER PROGRAM



The Victorian Government have opened up funding opportunities for eligible families to receive support for their children to access sport and active recreation opportunities.

### **Eligibility and Program Dates**

The *Get Active Kids Voucher Program* helps eligible families get their children involved in organised sport and active recreation activities by reimbursing the cost of **membership and registration fees, uniforms, and equipment**. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.

To be eligible, children must be Victorian residents, aged 4 to 18 and named on a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, as well as a Medicare Card.

Special consideration also applies for children named on their own valid Health Care Card or residing in Care Services. Additionally, temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants and international students may also be eligible to apply.

The Program is being delivered across four Rounds until 15 April 2022. Applications for vouchers in..  
**Round 2 has been extended opened 31/5/21 and closes 30/7/21** for expense incurred 1/1/21—30/7/21  
**Round 3 opens 4/10/21 and closes 12/11/21** for expense incurred 9/7/21—12/11/21

## CLUB APPAREL



Hoodies, Polos and Caps are now available to purchase online as an Add On when renewing your membership. Details and photos are currently in our [News Tab](#) on our website.

If you would like to purchase any of these items outside of our membership renewal period, please email [admin@overportparktennisclub.com.au](mailto:admin@overportparktennisclub.com.au)

## DRINKS CARDS NOW AVAILABLE

Don't always have cash for the Bar? You can now purchase \$20 & \$50 drink cards.

**\$20 = 5 X \$4 DRINKS**



**\$50 = 13 x \$4 DRINKS**



SEE A COMMITTEE MEMBER TO PURCHASE

## UPCOMING EVENTS

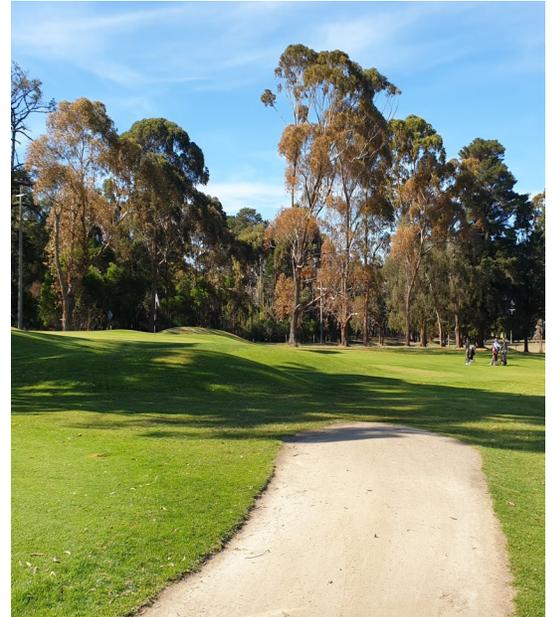
- July 30th Junior Fun Fridays
- Aug 7th Trivia Night
- Aug 27th Junior Fun Fridays
- Working Bee—Date TBA
- Sep 24th Footy Day

REGISTER/BOOK VIA [EVENTS TAB](#)  
ON OUR WEBSITE

## COMPLETED SOCIAL EVENTS

A small crowd turned up for this years Golf Day held at the Cerberus Golf Club. 9 holes were played followed by a BBQ lunch. Winners for this year were...

Ambrose  
Nicole Matthews  
Bill Treveil  
Luke Treveil



## UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

***Junior Fun  
Fridays***

An inclusive social event  
for junior members and  
friends to enjoy:

- Pizza
- Table Tennis
- Wii
- Music
- Pickle Ball

**30th July and 27th August**  
**5- 8pm      \$10/night**

CALL DI: 0400 070 313 FOR MORE INFO

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CONTACT DI SORATI ON 0400 070313

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE

# THE TRIVIA MASTER

A TRIVIA NIGHT ORGANIZED BY OVERPORT PARK TENNIS CLUB

AUG 7 • 7PM  
OVERPORT PARK TENNIS CLUB

### **Footy-themed Whistle Stop Tennis & BBQ**

- dress in your favourite footy team colours
- partner drawn out of a hat
- play 'til the whistle blows; record score; change opponents; repeat.
- bring a salad or dessert
- club will provide meat
- prizes for winners

FRI 24 SEP  
4PM  
\$10/MEMBER  
\$15/NON MEMBER  
\$30 FAMILY OF 4

*It's tennis time!*

## MEMBER PROTECTION OFFICER

Tennis Australia has a Member Protection Policy to protect the health, safety and well-being of those who participate in the activities of Tennis Australia, particularly children under the age of 18 years, but applicable to all members.

Member Protection is all about practices and procedures, which protect a sports organisation's members including athletes, administrators, coaches and officials.

The policy is available at <https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/about/governance> or <https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/TA-Member-Protection-Policy-2019-v2-1.pdf>

OPTC's Member Protection Officer is Mark Muir.

Please be aware, and make your kids aware, that they have someone to go to at the tennis club should they feel abused, harassed or discriminated against by coaches, other players or other members. All cases are dealt with confidentially and at appropriate levels. Be mindful it is best to report or discuss issues as early as possible so they do not escalate- generally issues do not improve by not addressing them.

Mark's contact details are Mobile 0434 061 597 or email [maemuir@tpg.com.au](mailto:maemuir@tpg.com.au) he is happy to talk with you to ascertain if a problem is covered by the policy and how you may like it addressed.

Whilst we believe OPTC is a friendly and safe place to be and play tennis, it is nice to have a person to call on should the need arise.



## MATCH CENTRE - JOIN AND OR MERGE PROFILES

Some of you may have received an email last month with regards to joining and/or merging your Match Centre Profile.

If you play Tennis Vic. Pennant or Association (PTA & BRTA) competitions and you didn't receive or action the email, can you please follow this [LINK](#) to our website where the User Guide/Instructions are. The Guide explains why and how to Sign Up and/or Merge your Match Centre Profile..

There is a Tennis Australia Support phone number at the end of the Guide if you need assistance.

Please note: This Tennis Aus. Match Centre account is not related to your Overport Park Tennis Club (ClubSpark) account that you use on our website for court bookings, memberships, registrations of comp, events etc.

## OUR PARTNERS

If you would like to become a sponsor, the club can tailor a sponsorship package to meet your needs. Options include court side signage, web, newsletter, and social media presence. Contact Mark Muir on [maeemuir@tpg.com.au](mailto:maeemuir@tpg.com.au) or 0434 061 597.

