

# PARKDALE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024



## From the President

I am honoured to be elected President of Parkdale Tennis Club and look forward to working with the Committee to develop our club both on and off the court. Parkdale is a great place to play and enjoy tennis, meet new friends and be a part of a local community based sporting club.

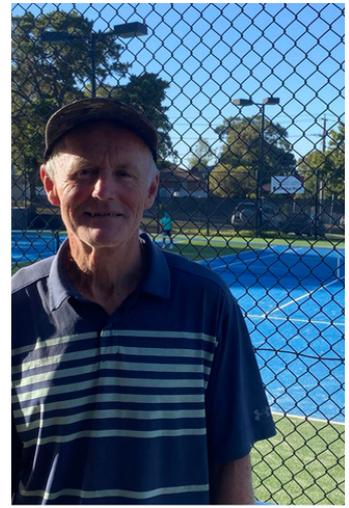
I take this opportunity to thank the outgoing President of 8 years Natalie Sherriff for all her hard work at Parkdale and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

A little bit about me ... I have been involved at Parkdale for 25 years. I currently play Saturday afternoon tennis and Tuesday night social competition. For the past several years I have been a member of the Committee and have been our primary maintenance man, attending to leaking taps, erecting signs, helping with the garden. So next time you are at the club I hope to meet you.

This year we will be undertaking some red court maintenance. We are working closely with Kingston Council to engage their support with this project and are looking forward to seeing improved court conditions for our members.

Enjoy your tennis everyone!

Greg Jones  
President



# Open Day 18 February



# Your Committee at work

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on 19 February and we were pleased to welcome members to the meeting.

The 2024 Committee is as follows:

President: Greg Jones

Secretary: Michele Barry

Treasurer: Peter Richards

General Committee Members: Matt Anderson, Victoria Evers, Dionne Hartley, Neil Petrie, Lisa Stewart, Carolyn Watters and Andrew Watterson



## EN TOUT CAS COURT MAINTENANCE

We have recently engaged the services of Lovecourts to provide ongoing maintenance to the en tout cas court 1 to 6. This maintenance includes: baseline tape and area ramming, top dressing of high traffic areas, clean up of surplus brick dust rubbish and plant litter from around edges, maintenance of hoses, emergency maintenance when adverse weather damages courts and brick dust supply.

## TRIVIA NIGHT THANK YOU

We forgot to thank our Trivia Night sponsors. So its a very big thank you to the following sponsors who supported our wonderful Trivia Night which was held November 2023.

- Buxtons Real Estate
- Community Bank Parkdale Bendigo Bank
- Chris Mutimer from Excite for donating vouchers
- Jeremy from Terrey White Chemist Cheltenham for donating
- Michael Logarzo Tennis for donating vouchers
- Daniel Corrales for donating
- Anne Chitty for donating
- Sharon Bradley and Lyndall Crisp for score keeping
- Victoria Evers for working at the bar
- Dionne Hartley for hosting the night



## CHILD SAFE CLUB

We have a responsibility to ensure that children and young people feel safe in our club and community. As a result we adhere to a child protection policy in accordance with Tennis Australia guidelines.



## GRANTS

Neil Petrie is our Grants Co-ordinator and is focusing on applying for grants for the club from government and non government organisations.

We were recently successful in obtaining a small grant from the Victorian state government under the “Sporting Club Grants Program.” This grant allocation will allow for the committee to undertake some education on various aspects of club management Further funding is being sort for the development of a Strategic Plan, so that the club continues to best meet the needs of all players now and into the future. The club developed a “Business Plan” in 2016 and now it is time to build on this with a Strategic Plan.

The process of being successful in obtaining grants is a competitive process, with only approximately 1 in 3 applications being successful. To prepare, the PTC committee has already developed a “Grant Ready Plan” and is on various mailing lists that highlight grant opportunities. Recently the city of Kingston held a “Successful Grant Writing” workshop which was attended by myself and provided valuable insights for improving our success rate.

Please let us know if you hear of any grants out there or if you have an idea that could benefit the club for which we could apply for a grant.

PTC was also in receipt of a small grant recently from Tennis Australia to upgrade the tennis booking system from 3G to 4G, as 3G is being phased out. This resulted in a 50% reduction in outlay costs for converting over. Whilst this is only a small amount of money, every dollar counts, which is why we are constantly on the lookout for any grant opportunities.

Happy hitting.  
Neil Petrie  
Grants Co-ordinator

## BAG & WATER COURTS

Please adhere to the signs and bag and water courts before and after use. This will help maintain the condition of our courts and prolong their life.



# Natalie Sherriff

After 9 years on the Committee and 8 years as President my time as President of Parkdale Tennis Club has now come to an end. I would like to thank all the committee members I have worked closely with over the past 9 years for their dedication and commitment in striving to improve our club. I would particularly like to thank both secretaries I have worked closely with: Kaye Faulks and Michele Barry for all their assistance which I am very grateful for.

As I reflect over the past 8 years I am proud of the following improvements which has been achieved by the Committee:

- Converted the top 3 courts into synthetic courts, instigated by Colin Crawford.
- Introduced Book-a-Court system which has assisted in our revenue and also security.
- Borrowed funds from Tennis Australia for the new renovations.
- Negotiated building permits and plans for the deck.
- Organised the deck to be built with the assistance of club member Jason Mortimore of More Building Group.
- Landscaped the area in front of the new courts with the assistance of Neil Jackson.
- Appointed a new Coach, Michael Logarzo Tennis.
- Installed new internal fences.
- Installed new reverse cycle air conditioners in both upstairs and downstairs clubrooms.
- Painted the downstairs clubroom and replaced the carpet.
- Installed a Book-a-Court lock downstairs to enable access to the toilets.
- Landscaped the downstairs garden with the assistance of member Mark Bradley.
- Baseline repairs on courts 1 to 6.

My time as President of Parkdale Tennis Club will always be treasured. I wish the new President, Greg Jones the Committee and all members of Parkdale Tennis Club all the very best for the future with on court and off court endeavours.





# Australian Open



Hot Shots kids from our club coaching program were fortunate to have an on court opportunity at the Australian Open. An experience they will never forget.





# From the coach

## Michael Logarzo Tennis

Our goal over the past year was to introduce more juniors to the under 10 program at Parkdale. This will be the foundation for future growth, both in our program and membership for the club. We were able to successfully implement this, with this age group making up 50% of our total students. Our aim is to have the best 10s coaching program in Australia and create a larger funnel of players, continue to play in their teenage years, which is where a lot of players drop off.

Our coaching team continues to grow and thrive. Both Diego and Talia completed their Tennis Australia Club Professional qualifications which further elevates the quality of our team. We have introduced two new coaches, Oscar Darke from England and Marcos Conocente from Argentina.

On a personal note, I started a podcast with "The First Serve" on SEN which is called "The Junior Journey" which has been great to share my experiences and learnings.

We offer a tennis program for adults and juniors.

### JUNIORS

ANZ Hot Shots is a fun challenging program using modified equipment making the learning process easier and more rewarding for children. The program develops a child's fundamental motor skills, hand eye co-ordination, balance, movement and confidence. The program is suitable for ages 3 to 9.

### ADULTS

Private lessons are designed to meet the specific goals and needs of the player. A more intense focus is provided on the technical, tactical, footwork/movement and mental skills of the player, setting achievable goals for players to continually work on.

### CARDIO TENNIS

Cardio Tennis is a fun, social, group tennis-fitness program for people of all ages and abilities. It's more about getting a great, high energy workout than pure tennis technique. Constant movement is the focus as you are guided through a series of fun and heart pumping drills that cater for all abilities and fitness levels.



# Our Coaching Team



## Marcos Conocente

We are thrilled to welcome Marcos Conocente to our coaching team. Marcos hails from Argentina, having coached both in Argentina and Europe. He achieved a career high ATP ranking of 559. Marcos will be working with our Performance players, Select and Junior Development players, providing them with his learnings and experiences, as well as mentoring them on their tennis journey. Welcome to the team - vamos!



## Diego Diegues

Diego Diegues is an integral member of our team as a Head Coach and Lead of our 10s Dreamtree program. From Brazil, Diego has an enormous passion and energy for developing players and people. He specialises in building players, with strong technical foundations and game style development. His greatest strength is the care he has for his players. Diego works with players of all levels, with particular emphasis in our 10s Dreamtree, Select and Performance entry programs.



## Oscar Darke

We are pleased to welcome Oscar Darke to our coaching team. Oscar joins us from England, and is an LTA qualified coach. He was part of Tennis Hereford's coaching team, working with players at all levels from beginners to their performance program. Oscar has already become popular amongst our players and will be working with our 10s Dreamtree, Junior Development and Adult programs. Welcome to the team Oscar!



## Talia Pati

After being a student for almost 10 years, @talia.tennis is now a valuable member of the ML Tennis coaching team. Talia has a passion for learning, and instills that in all her students. Having lived the program as a player, she knows and lives the values and our methodologies every day on court. Talia is a Tennis Australia qualified coach, Super 10s Coach and a recipient of a Tennis Australia President's Women in Tennis Scholarship. Talia works with our 10s Dreamtree, Select, Junior Development and Adult programs.

# APRIL



**PARKDALE TENNIS CLUB**  
Cnr Imes & Chandler St, Parkdale  
**TUESDAY 2 - FRIDAY 5 APRIL**  
**MONDAY 8 - FRIDAY 12 APRIL**  
9:00am - 12:00pm

**AGE 5 YEARS AND UP**



**\$60 PER DAY - \$250 WEEKLY**

**REGISTER VIA QR CODE**



*For more info:*  
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0431 771 496



# Seniors

## 2023 BRTA Winter Saturday afternoon competition teams

There are 4 teams in the Summer Competition from October to March. Good luck to our teams that are competing in the finals.

Mens Singles/Doubles: Section 6

Mixed Rubbers: Section 2, Section 3 x 2 teams

# Juniors

## MDJTA (Moorabbin District Junior Tennis Association) Saturday competition



There are 4 teams in the Autumn competition from February to June.

Boys 6

Boys 12

Girls 4

Green Ball 2

## BRTA (Bayside Regional Tennis Association) Sunday competition



There are 5 teams in the Autumn competition from February to June.

Section 10

Section 14

Section 18

Section 19

Section 20

Good luck to all our  
Parkdale teams.



Owen and Ollie



Luella and Meredith

# Night tennis

## Tuesday Night

This competition starts at 7:30pm and the co-ordinator is Jess Stewart. There are two competitions per year. The cost is \$10.00 per member and \$17.00 per non member. It is a graded competition and each team has 4 players. The current competition runs from February to June. If you are interested in this competition for next season please call Jess on 0437 354 978

## Wednesday Night

Social tennis is held on Wednesday nights. Jody Thompson is co-ordinating this nights tennis. Give her a call on 0409 439 624. if you are interested in playing. All standards of tennis are welcome.

## Thursday Night

This competition starts at 7:30pm and the co-ordinator is Sharyn Gordon. There are two competitions per year. The cost is \$10.00 per member and \$17.00 per non member. It is a graded competition and each team has 4 players. The current competition runs from February to June. If you are interested in this competition for next season please call Sharyn on 0419 174 244.

# Thursday Seniors Social

A mixed group get together and play doubles tennis on the synthetic courts. Play starts at 9:30am and the competition is run all year round. The cost is \$1.00 per member and \$6.00 per non member. It is an enjoyable morning of tennis. Play as many sets as the body allows. Contact Bev Cattermole for more information on 0417 832 099.

# Friday Social

A mixed group get together and play doubles tennis on the synthetic courts. Play starts at 9:30am and the competition is run all year round. Cost is \$10.00 per member and \$15.00 per non member. There is no play during the school holidays. This competition is a bit of tennis fun for all ages from beginners to intermediate where everyone gets a game. Contact Ann Chitty for more information on 0419 588 774.

# Around the club



## Recycle old tennis balls

Thanks to members who have been placing their old tennis balls in the recycle bin in the clubrooms. Thanks to Val for co-ordinating this environmental friendly initiative.



## Vending machine

There is a vending machine located in the downstairs Junior Clubrooms. Included in the machine are snacks, drinks and tennis balls.



## Injuries

All members, junior and adults, please be aware that if you are injured during competition, please remember to complete an incident form. The incident form is in the Marshall folder in the junior clubroom or can be downloaded from our website. If a member is injured whilst playing an away match please email the Secretary and record the name of the person who was injured and the injury details on the score sheet.



## Lost Property

Please check the lost property bins in the clubrooms and claim your items before they are donated to charity on 1 June.



## Club apparel

Club Tshirts and hoodies are available to order. Tshirts are \$33.00 and the hoodie is \$50.00. If you would like to order please contact Michele on 0434 285 032.



# Sponsors

## Bendigo Bank

By supporting the Community Bank Parkdale profits will be given back to our community through sponsorships and grants, this also allows fund to be contributed back to the club through sponsorship. Help us by supporting our sponsors. Contact Community Bank Parkdale about banking, wealth and insurance products on 9587 6500

## Buxton

Our new Buxton street boards are now proudly displayed at the carpark entrance to the club and also on the corner of Immes and Chandler Streets. Many thanks to the team at Buxton who helped with the new street boards. Also thanks to Buxton Mentone for their continued support of our club.

If you are buying or selling your house with Buxton Mentone mention that you are a Parkdale Tennis Club member. An amount of \$1000 from the commission will be donated to our club. Contact Mathew Cox, Director and Auctioneer at Buxton Mentone on mobile 0413 102 224 for your real estate needs.

## Contact us

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A black and white advertisement for Buxton Parkdale Tennis Club. At the top is the 'buxton' logo. Below it is the 'Parkdale Tennis Club' title and the tagline 'We welcome players of all ages and abilities'. It lists the website 'www.parkdaletennis.com.au' and social media handles for Facebook and Instagram. It provides contact information for membership and coaching enquiries. A list of services includes Coaching, Court Hire, Hot Shots, Night Tennis, Social Tennis, Seniors Social, Junior Competition, and Senior Competition. It features a 'P.T.C.' logo and a 'Bendigo Bank' logo. At the bottom, it says 'Supporting our local community.' and 'buxton.com.au'.

