



Rosanna Tennis Club

Annual Report 2019 - 2020





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1. The Year in Retrospect

1.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year has been one of ups and downs. It started with a break-in to and vandalism in the clubhouse and ended with tremendous news from Banyule City Council. We have been promised \$330,000 in the 2020/2021 Council Budget for conversion of Courts 4 and 5 to synthetic clay and the replacement of the surface on Courts 2 and 3. This will be transformative for the club and provide members and casual users from our community with up to the minute playing conditions.

Then we were severely impacted by the Covid19 pandemic with no play being possible for ten weeks from late March. There was a brief return to social play in mid May followed by total closure. Membership renewal notices, normally issued in June, will now be issued when "normal" play resumes and a negative impact on the number of players renewing is anticipated. The overall support from members during the disrupted Autumn season, as we adapted to government requirements at very short notice, was appreciated and it is hoped that all members continue on in order to enjoy our upgraded facility.

The online court booking system continued to provide an increasing stream of revenue until the court closure in March.

In October, we participated in Seniors Open Week and have recruited several new players to our Friday morning group which now usually numbers at least eight players. We held a successful Open Day in February, where we were able to recruit quite a few new members.

The 2020 Club Championships, scheduled for March, were postponed due to the Covid19 social distancing restrictions. They may be cancelled altogether if they cannot be held safely before the end of the year.

Overall numbers representing the club in the district competitions increased with the addition of three new teams. We are pleased to see that the number of girls playing in our Saturday morning junior competition continues to grow.

On behalf of the Committee and all club members I would like to thank the senior team captains, junior team managers and the parents who organise the sausage sizzle each Saturday morning, for the countless hours you spend ensuring the smooth operation of our participation in the NENTG, HDTA and NEJTA competitions. Details of the completed Spring and abandoned Autumn seasons start on page 7.

I thank Viewbank Early Childhood Centre for their continuing sponsorship arrangement and Rosanna Baker's Delight who sponsor our junior BBQ every Saturday morning.

We continue to strengthen our relationships with our peak body, Tennis Victoria, and Banyule City Council in order to help shape tennis opportunities in the area for all members.

Finally, I extend my thanks to the Committee members who have ably assisted me this year. I invite more members to join us on Committee and bring new ideas and energy to the table as we strive to be a vibrant and quality venue engaging the Banyule community in tennis at all levels.

Roslyn Marshall
President

1.2 IMPACT OF THE 2020 PANDEMIC

As the financial year drew to a close, the Covid19 virus remained a public health concern across Australia. In the face of growing case numbers, the lifestyle constraints imposed upon Melburnians had an unprecedented impact on the operations of the club. Although the playing of tennis reduced significantly after 26 March, the amount of interaction with Banyule Council, State Government and Tennis Victoria increased in a united effort to help members stay active in a low-risk environment.

The various stages of community lockdown imposed differing restrictions and the abovementioned support helped our President roll-out mandatory limits in a timely way. Sporting clubs with paid staff were able to operate differently from an all volunteer operation like our own. The following are the responses made during the highly volatile period.

- All competitions that had commenced in February were initially suspended from mid March and ultimately abandoned after resumption of the Autumn season proved untenable as public health restrictions extended.
- All five courts were closed for ten weeks from 26 March until 15 May.
- Members-only social play and coaching resumed on 16 May with social distancing rules limiting play to only three courts.
- No casual court hire has been permitted since 26 March and the Book-a-Court system has been duly adjusted.
- The Committee held its last meeting on 3 February and due to social distancing requirements could not convene in March, April, May or June.
- Banyule City Council refunded annual lease fees and offered to pay utility bills between March and September.
- State Government provided a \$1000 grant to help ameliorate the financial impact on club income.
- State Government Liquor Licence fee for BYO Licence was refunded.
- Tennis Victoria donated eleven bottles of sanitiser.

In the following pages, most sections will only address the second half of 2019 as the regular activities normally pursued across our membership were abandoned early in the first half of 2020.

2. General Business

2.1 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The total number of members decreased by 4.9% over the year from 183 to 174. Hence, our court/member ratio decreased from 1:37 to 1:35; still well above the Tennis Victoria guidelines threshold of 1:25.

2019-2020 Club Membership

● Male Members:	102
● Female Members:	72
● Senior Memberships:	122
● Junior Memberships:	52
● Life Members:	8

2.2 TREASURER'S REPORT

We started the financial year with carry-over funds of \$30,312 partly due to projects for which Grant monies were received the year before not being completed. The upgrade of the shelter shed and pergola was completed early in the financial year and after a lengthy delay, the final payment for the LED Lighting conversion was made upon completion of minor items. As our focus is now on upgrading court surfaces, no major expenditure was undertaken, leaving our closing balance at \$39,565.

Below is the statement of Receipts and Payments, detailing the income and expenditure during the financial year.

2.2.1 Cash Position

As at 30 June 2020, the amount of cash held by the Club is \$15,455.23 at the Commonwealth Bank, Rosanna; \$14,855.00 at the Bendigo Bank Heidelberg in the sinking fund established to hold the special refurbishment levy and \$9,254.98 in the discrete Book-A-Court account, also at the Bendigo Bank Heidelberg, which is paying interest.

2.2.2 Income

Income for the 2019/20 Financial Year totalled \$45,598.77 compared to \$53,041.86 the previous year.

New revenue included a \$6,500.00 Rebate from Tennis Victoria for our LED floodlights on Courts 4 and 5 and a \$1,000.00 Grant from the Victorian Government for Covid19 relief.

During the second year of operation, the Book-a-Court system raised \$4,606.65 nett. Bookings have settled on a 9:1 split between members and non-members. This has been a very successful initiative that enables members greater access to floodlights, attracts occasional tennis players from across the local community and reduces the time Committee members personally expend providing access to courts.

2.2.3 Fundraising

Fundraising was disrupted by the reduction in club activities and comprised Junior canteen sales and uniform sales only. We continue our sponsorship arrangements with the Viewbank Early Childhood Centre however deferred collection of their 2020 sponsorship monies due to the pandemic.

2.2.4 Expenditure

Capital works and improvements expenditure represented final payments for the upgrade of the shelter shed and pergola and conversion of the floodlights on Courts 4 and 5 to LED. The Tennis Victoria Court Rebate for the LED floodlights, in the sum of \$6,500, was paid following settlement of the final invoice from the lighting contractor.

Costs associated with maintenance of the courts increased from \$5,627 last year to \$6,210 this year. Routine maintenance and repair costs for the running of the club included cleaning and maintenance (\$3,744), electricity (\$3,111), water (\$587), gas (\$493), gardening and rates.

Affiliation and competition registration fees totalled \$2,997.31 and other expenses incurred related to Book a Court fees, uniform purchases and trophies for the Junior end-of-season presentation in November.

2.2.5 Future

We continue to operate on a sound financial position for the coming year. Our focus remains on consolidating club reserves in anticipation of future venue improvements. Building club reserves through the levy (held in the Sinking Fund) and income from Book-a-Court (held in a discrete bank account) are essential elements of our commitment to the long-term sustainability of the club. Income is expected to reduce next year due to the ongoing impact of the pandemic on our ability to provide our full range of playing opportunities.

Thanks and appreciation to Pat Dixon for being the Treasurer again.

Statement of Accounts		2019 - 2020	
Receipts	\$	Expenditure	\$
Bank Interest	6.81	Affiliation fees	1,982.31
Book A Court Revenue	4,606.65	Capital works/improvements	9,750.00
Capital Levy	2,760.00	Cleaning and maintenance	2,719.04
Coaching fees	1,350.00	Club lease and Rates	2,421.60
Court Hire	425.00	Court Maintenance	6,210.05
Fund raising	1,375.00	Other maintenance	1,025.00
Grants	7,500.00	Postage and stationery	298.34
Junior ball sales	150.00	Supplies	168.25
Lighting Levy	2,850.00	Team registrations	1,015.00
Membership fees	17,415	Tennis Ball purchase	805.00
Other	7,160.31	Utilities	4,191.47
		Other	5,759.90
Total	45,598.77		36,345.96

2.3 COACH'S REPORT

The financial year imposed many challenges from a coaching perspective. Whilst the year started off extremely busy with Spring approaching, it was decimated by the COVID Pandemic during the second half of the financial year.

Coaching from July to December continued to provide children and adults the opportunity to learn the art of tennis. Coaching hours expanded to include a Sunday morning option for the first time in eight years, whilst Monday to Friday options remained intact. Numbers were increasing as the warmer weather approached and the Hot Shot Programs had numbers in the vicinity of fifty-five enrolments. Adult coaching was taking a positive turn with an increasing number of participants wanting to brush up on their skills for the warmer months ahead.

School holiday programs in July and September saw quite low numbers attend. It is very difficult to put a finger on why that was but the programs continued to provide a stepping stone to coaching enrolments with twelve new participants joining our coaching programs in Term 3 as a result of enjoying their time during the holiday programs.

We were again able to provide a five-week tennis program for the Grade 6 children from Rosanna Primary School in December. There were around 50 participants involved, and these sessions were provided at the club with four coaches involved.

In brief, COVID-19 has seen coaching services come to a halt in the second half of the financial year. We are all hoping that restrictions are lifted sooner rather than later to enable us to get back onto the courts. Once restrictions are eased, our drive to promote and encourage existing and new clients is of utmost importance as we lead ourselves back to some form of normality in the future.

3. Our Venue

3.1 CLUB IMPROVEMENTS

3.2.1 - Storage Shed

We completed the conversion of the shelter shed near Court 4 into a storage shed and the upgrade of the adjacent pergola. This improvement was made possible by the \$3,000 Grant received from the Greensborough RSL the year before.

3.2.2 - Court Resurfacing

Committee began working with the Banyule City Council and their appointed consultant in September to develop and cost a detailed plan for a facility upgrade. The main focus is court surface upgrades but other requirements are also being detailed. How we stage the project will become clearer once our community reopens.

3.2 A FUTURE STRATEGY

We will maintain a strong working relationship with Council in order to progress the recommendations of the consultant as early as possible. Even though we will not be able to fund all the works on our own, we will continue to fundraise and operate in a financially prudent manner.

Meanwhile we remain committed to maintaining a viable and attractive venue for members and other community stakeholders.

4. Competitions

4.1 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Due to the uncertainty around Covid19 restrictions, the 2020 club championships, usual held in February/March, were postponed until next financial year. Whether or not this highly enjoyable flagship event can proceed will depend on Public Health considerations prevailing in the second half of 2020.

4.2 MID-WEEK LADIES

The number of members participating in Mid-week ladies remained stable and involved registration in the Heidelberg Districts Tennis Association Tuesday competition. No flags were added to our trophy cabinet this year.

4.2.1 Spring 2019

The number of members registered to play in the Heidelberg Districts Tennis Association was sixteen, the same number as the year before, and made up two teams graded to Sections 3 and 7. Due to the number of teams registered in the Association, both sections played a six-team format and Section 7 also contained a bye. The format resulted in an unusual season where Section 3 was defeated in the Grand Final and Section 7 was defeated in a semi-final.

4.2.2 Autumn 2020

The number of members registered to play in the Heidelberg Districts Tennis Association was seventeen, the same as the previous year, and two teams, graded to Sections 2 and 6, commenced the season. The Association resumed the customary eight team format and played until 10 March.

4.3 NIGHT TENNIS

Night tennis in the North Eastern Night Tennis Group was well supported again by members and two additional flags were added to our trophy cabinet in the Spring 2019 season. The total number of team registrations over the year totalled 21, one more than the year before.

Our President, Ros Marshall continued her involvement with the NENTG Committee, assuming the Treasurer's role.

Thanks and appreciation to Rita Beanini for coordinating the Ladies night teams and Simon Swindon for coordinating the Men's.

4.3.1 Spring 2019

4.3.1.1 Men

Four teams were registered - one more than the previous Spring season. Men's 4 were runners-up in their Grand Final and Men's 10 contested a semi-final. Men's 5 and Men's 14 did not contest finals.

4.3.1.2 Veterans

One team was registered in Veterans 2, the same as this time the previous year. They won their Grand Final.

4.3.1.3 Womens

Four women's teams were entered - the same as in Spring 2018. The only team to play finals: Womens 14, won their Grand Final.

4.3.1.4 Mixed

We returned to this competition with one team registered in Mixed 4. They took awhile to coalesce and did not contest finals.

4.3.2 Autumn 2020

4.3.2.1 Men

Five teams were entered - the same as in Autumn 2019. The teams were graded to Sections 3, 4, 6, 10 and 14 and played until 10 March.

4.3.2.2 Veterans

A new team of members commenced competition in Veterans 11, joining our one long standing team who were graded to Veterans 1 after a very successful season the previous spring. They played until 10 March.

4.3.2.3 Womens

Three teams were entered, one less than the previous Autumn. The Womens 3 team from Spring 2019 decided to rest due to injuries. Teams were entered in Sections 7, 12 and 13 and played until 11 March.

4.3.2.4 Mixed

After no representation in Autumn 2019, the Mixed team from the previous season returned for a second season of competition, were graded to Section 4 and played until 12 March.

4.4 JUNIORS

Participation in the North Eastern Junior Tennis Association remained strong and all teams played their home matches at the club in both seasons. For the first time in quite awhile, no flags were added to our trophy collection this year.

Thanks and appreciation to Sandro Madrigale for being the Junior Secretary. Uniform coordination was again provided by Barbara Carpenter.

We acknowledge the continued support of Baker's Delight, Rosanna. Each Saturday the delicious bread they generously donated added a quality touch to the BBQ and boosted the profits of the canteen.

The support of parents is invaluable and greatly appreciated in the roles of team managers, venue supervisors, weekly BBQ and cleaning duties, and when teams are playing at away venues.

4.4.1 Spring 2019

One Girls, six Boys and one Mixed teams were entered into the competition. The mixed format, which is working well to integrate players into competition for the first-time, enabled our participation to increase to eight teams overall, one more than the previous spring season.

Boys 13 and 25 were runners-up in their Grand Finals whilst Boys 4, 7 and 19 contested semi-finals. Girls 8, Boys 23 and the Mixed team did not contest finals.

The Boys 25 team, comprising Easton Dowker, Maz Dowker, Flynn Hamilton, Devlin Sheehy and Remy Stonehouse, was awarded the Club's Fynn Award. Congratulations are extended to those players awarded the '*Best Performed Player*' award in their respective team: Sienna Palmer (Girls 8), Sam Madrigale (Boys 4), Liam Madrigale (Boys 7), Irvin Saric (Boys 13), Noah Fox (Boys 19), Mitchell Harris (Boys 23), Flynn Hamilton (Boys 25) and Georgia Birney (Mixed 1).

4.4.2 Autumn 2020

Nine teams: two Girls, five Boys and one Mixed, were entered into the competition. This was an additional Girls, one extra Boys and one less Mixed team than was entered in Autumn 2019. Six rounds were completed before Covid19 restrictions led to no match-play after 14 March.