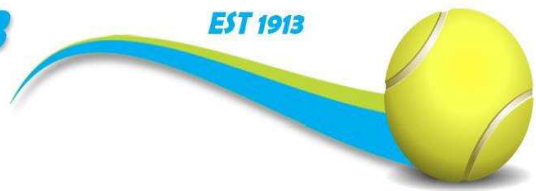


# SORELL TENNIS CLUB

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## ON OUR AGENDA

The committee is currently working hard on plans for the next twelve months. Some of this will be dependent on whether we are successful in our grant application and resultant capital works, however we are also working on:

- Contract negotiations with our proposed Club Coach
- Plans for youth/school engagement and expanding our youth membership
- Resurrection of the Ladies Tuesday Smash (any takers?)
- Membership incentives
- Merchandising

Remember, if you have an issue/query regarding AYC matters, please table it through the club so that our rep Nathan can take care of it.

Also, please let us know if you hold a RSA Certificate so that we can maintain a register of these.

## ALYSSA HIBBERD REPORTING!

Our very own Alyssa has settled down in Melbourne for her 12 month coaching scholarship courtesy of Tennis Australia. She had the following to say before she left.

*"The Sorell Tennis Club has been my home for over 20 years. My dreams began right here on these courts, in this clubhouse, with club members – some of whom remain today. Sometimes our paths don't go in exactly the direction we dream about, but tennis will always be a part of my life and I will always remember where it started. It's a great community club to be a part of. Tennis is a great sport for life and I will endeavour to bring joy to peoples lives as I embark on this exciting new adventure.*

*The next 12 months will see me work closely with the head coaches at the National Tennis Centre, Melbourne Park. I look forward to working with athletes aged 10-18 who are pursuing a tennis performance journey."*

### **An update from Alyssa now tells us how she is settling in:**

Hi Everyone,

My first month in Melbourne has been a wonderful experience. My team of Simon (Head Squad Coach), Bernie (Talent Ops), Damo (Strength & Conditioning), and soon to be a new staff member (Talent Assistant) have welcomed me with open arms. Working day in day out with this group, who together have enormous experience on a national and international level, and from top juniors to professionals. Head of Women's Tennis Nicole Pratt challenges me daily with conversation around tennis foundations as well as technology and game analysis. The Aussie girls left this week to Prague to compete in the Billie-Jean King Cup (Fed Cup). Chuck the TV on between 1-6 Nov to watch them compete against Belarus and Belgium. C'mon Aussies.

..cont. I've found a nice spot to set up camp for the next 12 months and as Melbournians begin to enjoy the lifted restrictions our tennis programs and competitive play will begin to return to normal. The kids are soooo excited to be back on court. A kid asked me how long I had been "locked up" for last week. I didn't understand. He said he had been in his room/house for 1 month straight. It's been tough over here for all Melbournians.

Tennis tip: Tennis is first and foremost a moving game before a hitting game. Try and track the ball (with your eyes) off your partner or opponents racquet and get your body behind the line of the ball before making contact. Play tennis with your eyes - then move your feet - then swing the racquet - repeat!

Happy hitting,

Alyssa

## PENNANT NEWS

Our AYC Pennant and Spring Club Pennant teams might be in the middle of their battles for court supremacy, however, another battle looms! The competition in the supper stakes is pretty intense, with some fairly fancy spreads being laid on for post-match nibbles! We think there might be more in bragging rights for master chef than top team!



AYC Rep Nathan reports that mid-way through the tournaments the club is in a good position with Div 2 teams at 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, Div 5 at 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> and Div X at 1<sup>st</sup> spot! Well done everyone – especially the new players. Congratulations to Clayton Cowen who in his first season has been upgraded to 7.5

The next AYC pennant will commence on 26<sup>th</sup> January with nominations required by Nathan by 6 December.

There is also a mixed doubles competition 9<sup>th</sup> December, with nominations to Nath before the end of November.

Remember, to represent STC in AYC you should be a financial member!

## START THEM YOUNG!

Big thanks go to Sam Davis for her commitment to the STC both as a player and committee member as our communications guru over many years. Sam was instrumental in introducing the Book a Court system and delivery of the Club Spark platform for the club. She was also involved with grant applications and promotion of the club via social media. Now is her time to take a break from these tasks and enjoy being a mum to Isabelle – our next generation.

Our Club Secretary, Kate, also has her hands full with new baby Theo, a little brother for Mila, congratulations Kate!

Committee member Clayton Cowen can frequently be seen swapping baby bouncing duties with partner Brigid as they take turns having a hit – they have twin baby boys and we are not sure where they find the energy!

Cannot wait to see these potential juniors in action in a few years time!



## CARDIO TENNIS CONTINUES TO PUMP!!!

The spring term season of Cardio Tennis is underway and, although we have been beaten by the weather on a couple of occasions lately, numbers are still well up – so much so that other clubs are looking at our example!

Please remember to try and book online where possible for this as it is important that we capture usage statistics, both for insurance purposes and for the club grants applications. It also saves cardio coach Andrew the hassle of collecting your money and details – we know how much he loves admin stuff!



## THE NEW BALL MACHINE IS HERE!



The Spinfire ball server has arrived and is charged and ready to go! Members induction is to be held on Firepot Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November – please come along to learn safe use if you are hoping to make use of this fabulous asset!

**WORKING BEE – 20<sup>TH</sup> November 9.30 – 1.00 (sausage sizzle for bribery purposes!)**



Yes folks – Xmas is coming (again)! We have selected 27<sup>th</sup> November as the date for our club celebration so mark your diaries! The usual fun and games, and yummy food and drinks. Please bring a tagged item for your child (or adult) under \$10 to add to the tree.

Club will organise the meat but ask members to bring a plate to share of either salad, nibbles, or a desert - could you please let Claire Doran know at [cmdoran60@icloud.com](mailto:cmdoran60@icloud.com) what you are bringing so we don't double up.

Bookings are essential – go to:

<https://play.tennis.com.au/sorelltennisclub/Events/Event/8149e6ee-663f-4952-8b9b-8c705df98ff1>

**COURTS 1 & 2 UPGRADE - GRANT APPLICATION IS IN!**

**FINGERS CROSSED EVERYONE!**

**Big thanks to our President Geoff Jackson for his hard work in putting together the application.**

Back to Basics fitness is making use of the club grounds to run a Saturday Bootcamp – all are welcome to attend – see info below:



## BACK TO BASICS BOOTCAMP

0830HRS Saturday's  
10 weeks from 16.10.21  
Sorell Tennis Club  
\$10 per session  
Suitable for all levels

Rain, hail or shine we train!

BYO mat & or towel

Contact Back to Basics Fitness on Facebook  
or @backtobasicsfitnesstas on Instagram for more details

## LINKS

Club Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/sorelltc>

Court Hire - <https://play.tennis.com.au/sorelltennisclub/court-hire/>

Bookings - <https://play.tennis.com.au/sorelltennisclub/Coaching>

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