

# TENNIS SENIORS AUSTRALIA (TSA)

Annual Report

2022/2023

## President's Summary

TSA and the Divisions have been very active in 2023, with tournament participation rates at good levels. The 2024 Seniors Championships in Hobart is shaping as a fantastic event, with around 130 teams registered, including a number from overseas. We thank the team at Tennis Tasmania for their hard work in 2023 getting ready for this event, which will occur at a very busy time for them.

TSA has consolidated work on its strategic plan, including: collating and promulgating initiatives to promote participation by young seniors and female players; adopting a risk management plan; reviewing the Seniors rankings system in the context of UTR; updating the Constitution and implementing a new website.

Work continues with Tennis Australia (TA) on identifying a national sponsor for Seniors/Masters' tennis, progressing towards a TSA/TA Memorandum of Understanding and hosting a World Masters Titles in the future. We remain very appreciative of the strong working relationship we have with Lawrence Robertson, David Boyes and the team at TA. In addition to the work described above, 2023 has been the first full year of operation of the joint TA/TSA Masters Selection Panels and the processes have worked very well. We are pleased that TA has agreed an uplift to the player subsidies for 2024 to \$1200 per player. The fortunes of our teams are described later in the Annual Report. Suffice it to say that 2023 has been another successful year, with our teams and players going from strength to strength.

Amongst the Executive, Roger Sanderson stood down as Treasurer earlier in the year, due to personal reasons, but were pleased to welcome Kim Summerill as Treasurer in April. In September, Paul Moss reluctantly had to resign for personal health reasons. TSA would like to thank Paul for his hard and professional work in this role. Mike Evans stepped up as President for the remainder of the year. It is encouraging that we have a strong and well-balanced team heading into 2024.

Mike Evans, President TSA



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Our golden age group: Men's and Women's 65s Gold Medalists in Mallorca 2023

## Highlights of the 2023 ITF World Teams Championships

Huge congratulations from TSA to our two ITF Masters Tour World Championship winning teams - Men's 65+ age group (Britannia Cup) and Women's 65+ age group (Kitty Godfree Cup). Both Aussie teams scored 2-1 victories in their grand final matches over the United States, both sealing it in the final doubles ties. Amazing efforts by all in the teams: Glenn Busby, Mike Ford, Stephen Dance and Wayne Pascoe; and Ros Balodis, Rosemary Everett, Leanne Scott and Lyn Robinson. Australia also earned a bronze medal in the Women's 70+ age group (Althea Gibson Cup), with a solid win over France in the 3/4 playoff match. Well done to Sally van Rensburg, Helen Worland, Kerry Ballard and Jan Vick.

### ***Final Team Placings 2023:***

M35 - 13th place  
M40 - 10th place  
W40 - 7th place  
M45 - 8th place  
W45 - 10th place  
M50 - 8th place  
W50 - 11th place  
W55 - 11th place  
M55 - 12th place  
M60 - 7th place  
W60 - 5th place  
M65 - 1st Place (Gold)  
W65 - 1st Place (Gold)  
W70 - 3rd Place (Bronze)  
M70 - 5th place  
M75 - 14th place  
W80 - 7th place

## Australian Masters

### Representative Teams 2023

#### Italia Cup—35+

Brendon Moore  
Nicholas Vicary  
Mirsad Dedajic  
Frank Schultheiss

#### Young Cup—40+

Jaime Swift  
Eliza Purcell  
Angella Lawrence-Hendy  
Leigh-Anne Fraser

#### Tony Trabert Cup—40+

James Fry  
Isai Urquijo  
David Tarascio

#### Dubler Cup—45+

Allen Belobrajdic  
Justin James  
Daniel Fuge  
Matt Cull

#### Margaret Court Cup—45+

Kylie Hoghton  
Martella Coetzer-Botha  
Sonia Hyde  
Sharon Killen

#### Coordinators

Jason Hoghton  
Ian Davey  
Maryann Sciffer

## Australian Masters

### Representative Teams 2023

#### Maria Esther Bueno Cup—50+

Roanne Lemmon-Warde  
Bernadette Brennan  
Rachael Dickinson  
Sharon Hoole

#### Fred Perry Cup—50+

Jarrod Broadbent  
Igor Jovanovic  
Richard Dodson  
Richard Girvan

#### Maureen Connolly Cup—55+

Kerryn Cyprien  
Jill Meggs  
Ulrike Deutsch-Watson

#### Austria Cup—55+

Gary Nadebaum  
Jay Pike  
Jason Ward  
Matt Illot

#### Alice Marble Cup—60+

Michelle Hill  
Wanda Howes  
Karen Stewart-Smith

#### Von Cramm Cup—60+

Eddie Myers  
Bruce Ferguson  
John Bruce  
Chris Arms

#### Kitty Godfree Cup—65+

Ros Balodis  
Rosemary Everett  
Leanne Scott  
Lynette Robinson

#### Britannia Cup—65+

Glenn Busby  
Mike Ford  
Wayne Pascoe  
Stephen Dance

#### Jack Crawford Cup—70+

Andrew Rae  
Ross Orford  
Tony Dawson  
Ian Thomas

#### Althea Gibson Cup—70+

Sally Van Rensberg  
Kerry Ballard  
Helen Worland  
Jan Vick

#### Bitsy Grant Cup—75+

Roger Davey  
Rob Bickmore  
Mike Evans  
Rob Haines

#### Doris Hart Cup—80+

Helen Muir  
June Simpson  
Bobbie Edwards  
Jill Taylor

# 2023 World Individuals

Many Australians travelled overseas this year for the ITF World Individual Championships, for events run in five year age brackets from 30+ to 90+. Australia batted well above its weight, with 10 players bringing home World Championship Gold Medals and a further 8 bringing home Silver. We salute our 2023 World Champions: Brendon Moore (Men's Singles 35+) Jarrod Broadbent & Iggy Jovanovic (Men's Doubles 50+) Garry Nadebaum (Men's Doubles 55+) Simon Arms and Manuel Radic (Men's Doubles 60+) Ros Balodis (Women's Singles 65+ and Mixed Doubles 65+) Glenn Busby (Men's Singles 65+ and Men's Doubles 65+) Kerry Ballard and Sally van Rensburg (Women's Doubles 70+). Silver medallists were: Allen Belobrajdic (Men's Singles 45+) Kerryn Cyprien and Jay Pike (Mixed Doubles 55+) Stephen Dance and Wayne Pascoe (Men's Doubles 65+) Jan Vick and Helen Worland (Women's Doubles 70+) Gordon Waygood (Men's Doubles 80+). Australia also had the oldest match winner – Henry Young – who at 100 won a match and made the quarter finals in the 90+ age group. TSA congratulates all players who represented Australia and themselves with pride. Well done on the brilliant results in 2023.



# Players of the Year

Congratulations from Tennis Seniors Australia to Ros Balodis (ACT) and Brendon Moore (NSW) for being selected as the Tennis Australia 30+ Masters Player of the Year. Congratulations also to Martin Richards (SA) who was the third finalist.

During the award period (Nov 2022-Oct 2023), Ros Balodis achieved a 15-0 singles record, an 8-1 doubles record and a 10-0 mixed doubles record. She was Australia's first winner of the W65+ singles world championship title since Heather McKay in 2002. Ros captained the Australian 65+ women's team to the World Championships title on clay in Spain, winning the decisive doubles tie in a super-tiebreak. She is the current world #1 for singles and mixed doubles in her age group. Congratulations Ros on an outstanding year!

Brendon Moore played his first ITF masters tour event in September 2022 and remains undefeated in singles, with a 28-0 record. He became Australia's first M35+ singles world champion since Alvin Gardiner in 1988, winning the title on clay in Turkey. During the award period, he also won MT700 singles events at Yarrowonga, Gold Coast and Sydney. He was captain of the M35 team in Turkey. He is the current 35+ world #1 in singles. He serves as a coach and mentor to many of NSW and southern Queensland elite and emerging players via the Moore Tennis Academy in Terranora.

In 2023, Martin Richards achieved a singles and doubles world ranking of #2 in the M50+ age group, along with a world #1 ranking in mixed doubles. He also achieved a 10-0 doubles record (2x MT1000 titles; 1xMT700) and a 10-1 mixed doubles record (2x MT1000 titles; 1xMT700; 1x MT400). Congratulations to all three nominees - the tennis seniors community value your incredible and unique contributions.



# Tennis Seniors Australia Strategic Plan 2022 to 2025—Update

The table below provides a brief update and summary of progress against our 2022—2025 Strategic Plan:

Objective 1 - Attract and retain senior 30+ participation in tennis activities	
Strategy	Comments
Promote participation amongst young and female players.	Information was collected from TA and all Divisions, collated and summarised for the P&S Group.
Embed competitive Masters tennis into the TA competitive tennis framework	Ongoing with TA. Coordination of the Seniors calendar is in place.
Work with TA and Divisions to host World Masters Events	A short-list for a future bid has been established.
Delivery of events recognises alignment with differing age/gender needs	Ongoing.
Objective 2 - Ensure current and future pathways enable players to reach their potential	
Strategy	Comments
Provide nationally consistent Masters player ratings/rankings, pending full implementation of UTR.	Review of rankings system undertaken in 2023. Further monitoring in line with ITF rankings and UTR will be done.
Partner with TA to select and manage Australian Masters Representative Teams and inspire more players to participate at the elite level	Joint selection committees were established in 2023. Working well. TA has increased the player payments for 2024.
Objective 3 - Promote understanding of Masters' tennis and foster fellowship amongst tennis seniors	
Strategy	Comments
Represent the interests of Masters Tennis in Australia and Maintain good relationships with Tennis Australia, the ITF and Member Associations.	Good relationships exist. We are working towards a formal MOU.
Attract corporate involvement and support for Masters tennis events	A package has been agreed with TA. TA is endeavouring to attract a national sponsor for Seniors/Masters.
Enhance digital platforms and communication and information-sharing between TSA Divisions	New TSA website went live in August 2023, using TA Clubspark software
Support our Volunteers	Pending.
Objective 4 – Maintain effective governance and sustainable operating surplus	
Strategy	Comments
Practice good governance on the Executive.	Constitutional changes agreed at 2023 AGM have been adopted. Risk Management Plan in place.
Ensure financial sustainability	New Funding Model adopted at 2023 AGM with levies agreed.

## New Life Member

We were very pleased to welcome Arthur Olsen as a new Life Member of TSA this year. Arthur given—and still gives—sterling service to TSNSW as Treasurer and in other roles. His service to Seniors spans more than 30 years. Well done Arthur!



## TSA Executive

At the last AGM, Paul Moss (President), Mike Evans (Vice-President), Charlie Tulloch (Secretary), Roger Sanderson (Treasurer), Gail Bates and Graeme Sticka (Committee Members) were elected to the Executive Committee of TSA. In March 2023, Roger Sanderson resigned as Treasurer and Kim Summerill was appointed in April. Paul Moss resigned from the Executive in September 2023 and Mike Evans has acted as President for the remainder of 2023.

### TSA Executive (as at Dec 2023)

Mike Evans —President

Vacant —Vice President

Charlie Tulloch—Secretary

Kim Summerill —Treasurer

Gail Bates—Committee Member

Graeme Sticka —Committee Member



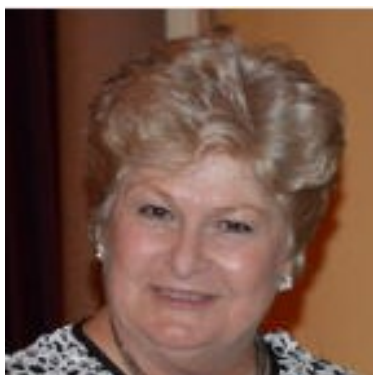
Mike Evans



Charlie Tulloch



Kim Summerill



Gail Bates



Graeme Sticka

# TSA Income and Expenditure Statement 2022/23

## Income and Expenditure Statement

Tennis Seniors Australia Incorporated

For the year ended 30 September 2023

Account	2023	2022
<b>Income</b>		
Affiliation and Registration Fees	9,800	800
Interest Income	1,628	136
Sponsorship	10	60
Tournament Income - Australian Championships Entry	6,844	15,676
Other Revenue	200	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,482</b>	<b>16,672</b>
<b>Gross Surplus</b>	<b>18,482</b>	<b>16,672</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Administration Contracts	2,000	2,000
Audit Fees	500	495
Awards and Trophies	937	0
Executive Honoraria	192	1,500
ITF Teams Expenses	1,676	7,950
Meeting Expenses	3,956	0
Office Expenses	647	1,182
Promotion Expenses	1,192	2,015
Tournament Expenses	3,289	17,276
World Championships Bid	5,000	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>19,389</b>	<b>32,418</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>(908)</b>	<b>(15,746)</b>

# TSA Financial Summary

TSA is pleased to present a summary of our financial performance for the year ending 30 September 2023. This year's financial outcomes reflect our ongoing alignment to the strategic directives set by the Finance Sub-Committee in prior years.

As of 30 September 2023, TSA recorded a deficit of \$908. This figure compares to a deficit of \$15,746 in the previous year. Our reserve funds now stand at approximately \$85,000, an increase from \$80,000 this time last year.

In line with the 2021 Finance Sub-Committee's suggestions, TSA has continued to focus on reducing expenses. This year saw further reductions in administration and compliance costs, and elimination of executive honoraria. Additionally, the revised funding arrangement, which includes a shift to a user-pays model and reduced dependence on income from the Australian Championships, has been successful.

A detailed financial report for 2023 will be published separately, offering a comprehensive view of TSA's financial position.



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