



Autumn 2022 Update

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Note from the President

We now have just over 200 members at Turner which we think is a record, so welcome to all those who have joined for the first time this year.

We hope you enjoy reading our update.

Just a reminder that your club is run by volunteer members, so please help us by making sure the clubhouse door and entry gate are closed when you leave the club. If you notice anything that needs attention by the Committee then please

get in touch with us. There is no rubbish collection at the club so please take it with you

With the success of our first Turner Challenge in February we hope to plan some further events that target our women and family club members so we'll let you know via email when we settle on some dates.

Enjoy playing on these gorgeous Autumn days!

Ann Landrigan

Club President

We Now Recycle Tennis Balls!



Thanks to Arun Murali – one of our members - who champions this initiative for the club and got us involved, we now recycle tennis balls.

Please deposit used balls for recycling in the box at the clubhouse door.

Some fun facts....

Did you know that an estimated 10 million tennis balls are purchased in Australia each year? Unfortunately, at the end of their useful lives, all of them end up either in landfills or in our waterways, eventually working their way into the ocean.

To address this environmental concern, we have partnered with [Game On Recycling](http://www.gameonrecycling.com.au) to collect and recycle tennis balls.

All collected items will be sent to a processing facility in West Melbourne to be sorted into:

- Tennis balls that can be reused and put back into circulation, thereby extending the life of the product; or
- Tennis balls that have well and truly come to the end of their life and need to be recycled

Re-use items will be made available to various community clubs, groups, institutions and organisations, alleviating the costs of purchasing new equipment. Items destined for recycling will be granulated into 5mm pieces and used in a variety of manufacturing processes including the production of soft fall matting. All recycling and downstream processing will be undertaken in Australia. Game On Recycling will also be conducting research to explore new uses for these materials (like a rubberised sporting surface). Game On Recycling is a program born through a partnership between [ANZRP](#) (Australia New Zealand Recycling Platform) and [Wilson Sporting Goods Co](#) that is supported by a federal grant from the National Product Stewardship Investment Fund.

You can learn more about our project [here](#).

We hope you'll join us in our endeavours to reduce the amount of waste generated from old tennis balls and help us evolve tennis into an ecologically and environmentally aware sport.

The Turner Challenge

On 27 February this year, 16 enthusiastic TTC members turned out for the club's first (for a while) social tennis tournament. The Turner Challenge was organised by the Committee to be a fun, socially competitive day of fast four doubles for TTC members. It certainly achieved this aim. The tennis was competitive but played in a great spirit. Two groups played three round robin fast four matches each followed by semi-finals and a grand final – with Chris Faris and Andrew Egan emerging as victors. A BBQ lunch was enjoyed by all. And a special thanks to **the RUC** and **Tennis Canberra** for supplying the winners and runner up prizes which included: complimentary meals, barefoot bowls and free coaching.

The Committee is now considering options for more Turner Challenge Days in 2022 and beyond. Stay tuned to club emails for future announcements.



Our finalists: Arun Murali, Dylan Smedley, Chris Faris, Andrew Egan



Members at work and at play on the day

Membership System update

The gender diversity options have now been broadened on Clubspark where your membership details are kept. You can edit your existing profile to choose between the following gender options:

- Female (F)
- Male (M)
- Non Binary (NB)
- I use a different term (DT)
- Prefer not to say (P)

If you have any questions or trouble editing your profile then contact Clubspark support on (1800 752 983) or by email at play@tennis.com.au.

The Turner Tennis Club Monthly Members 'Meet & Play'

In response to last year's TTC Member Survey, the Committee has been trialing a monthly social 'meet and play' tennis session. It is held the first Sunday of each month at the Club. Members can attend and participate in organized social doubles. The idea is to provide some social tennis for members and for members to meet other members (and hopefully starting independent playing arrangements).

To date, the turnout for the sessions has not been large. The Committee will continue the trial until June and then reassess if it is continued, changed, or discontinued. We are very happy to receive feedback or suggestions on how to increase members participation in social tennis (email us at turnertennisclub@gmail.com).

The next session will be:

- Sunday June 5 (11-12pm)

All members of all levels are welcome.

Maintenance/Development Plans 2022

We will be doing some minor painting of the clubhouse in the next few months, including: external walls, internal toilet floors and clubhouse ceiling

We also intend to resurface the carpark in the second part of the year. It has suffered badly with

all the rain, so our intention is to replace the current surface with asphalt.

Looking for Regional Tennis Events?

For those of you who are 30 years and over and are keen to increase playing opportunities in the ACT and regionally and/or interstate – you might be interested in Tennis Seniors Australia.

See the attached links for more information and the tournament calendar for 2022.

<https://www.tenniseniors.org.au/>

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Need some Coaching?

Coaching and social competition tennis options are offered by our coach Robbie Manzano and his team from [Tennis Canberra](#) at Turner Tennis Club. Please contact them direct if you have any queries or want to sign up for lessons.

Remember to please enter your PIN and shut the gate

It is important to always enter your PIN when accessing the courts, especially when using lights – the PIN turns the lights on and off for your booked court.

We have an automatic gate closer on the main gate to help enforce PIN entry. So please help out by not keeping the gate held open and make sure it closes behind you when you leave.

[Book at Turner Tennis Club Online Today](#)

Want to help out?

We need to grow our future Committee leaders and member participants – please get in touch (initially via the club email) if you have skills that might help with the running of our club. For example: bookkeeping/accounting/business, social media, running social tennis, database management, court and surrounds maintenance, landscaping.

Enjoy the tennis over the rest of Autumn and we look forward to working with you during 2022 to keep on improving Turner Tennis Club!