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**Dear Members, Clubs, Players and interested people**

To all,

The past eleven months seems to have flown by as the present Committee has been extremely active to a number of areas.

Primarily when we started the 2023-24 season, we needed to see how the events and competitions completed by the ATA functioned. We needed to know that the effect of Covid 19 has finally begun to move on and participation in Tennis was returning along with the financial impact.

But that was the starting point, as we recognised there is an even greater need for the ATA to reconsider its operating model and we have invested an enormous amount of energy and time in working through a process to deliver a Strategic Plan for our future and the beginnings of a new era for Tennis in Albury.

In doing so the ATA is keenly looking for more people to take an interest in the planned activities, bringing with them skill sets that may best fit smaller working groups through to full Committee members.

We will see the departure from our present Committee our longest serving President Mr Ken Wurtz. Words rarely express what 20 years as President can be valued at. Ken will continue to compete and coach at the ATA, so many thanks.

Mr Kevin Klose whose strong drive to help the ATA complete our Strategy Plan and many other important documents will also move on. Kevin's advice and long phone calls with myself has held me in good stead to stay the course.

Dominic Mahaffey as current Vis President will also step away from the Committee but continue looking after tournaments and pennants.

Current Committee members Graeme Barnard Secretary, Joy Lee Treasurer, Trish Moore Admin and Operations, Peter Simpson and Brock Dixon along with myself will continue in our roles. Both Trish and Barney have also played a huge part in building our numbers of keen and passionate helpers throughout the past year and we are very much looking forward to having everyone helping come Tournament, Pennant and Function times again.

We will welcome as a new Committee member Mr Brenton Simpson who will bring a fresh perspective and a wealth of country tennis knowledge to our direction. Along with Mr Steven Stewart and Mrs Victoria Tonkin who will both take on specialised working group projects.

The ATA Committee is still in need of three people to come on board as we take on the task of completing our restructuring and delivering the outcomes we have recognised as essential to our future.

With our ever-growing relationships with important stakeholders and partners such as Tennis NSW and The AELTC Wimbledon to work through. Our strategic plan has the full remodelling of an Operations Manager and an overhaul of the Tennis Coaching, just to name a few of our objectives.

If you have an interest in being a part of our rebranding and redevelopment of this magnificent facility, then please consider becoming part of our new and exciting team.

Please feel free to call myself or talk with any of the above mentioned people if you are keen to seek more in-depth details.

The AGM for the ATA will be held on the Tuesday 15th October at 6 pm start time and we invite you all along to attend with current members all with the right to cast your vote for the new 2024-25 Committee.

Kind regards

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