



# Box Hill Tennis Club | 2016-17

Annual General Meeting July 31, 2017  
ABN: 97539412692  
Cnr Station & Cyril Streets Box Hill South



## Message from The President: Ray Rust

2016-17 marked another successful year for Box Hill Tennis Club on a number of levels.

On court, we had strong participation throughout and great success in many of the competitions in which we compete, all of which will be detailed in their respective reports.

Off court, we were successful in receiving a grant that contributed to the first stage of the clubhouse upgrade, and we concluded a comprehensive review of our coaching arrangements. The first of these off-field achievements is clearly visible for all to see – new kitchen, rendered walls and a new ceiling. The second – the outcome of the coaching review may be less obvious to many.

In early 2016, with the expiry of the current contract with FDT, the committee agreed to review our coaching services to ensure we had a program that reflects current best practice in tennis. No such review had occurred since FDT was first appointed many years ago. The great news is that at the end of the process FDT were re-appointed as our coaching provider. Even better news is that the review process has resulted has strengthened the coaching program.

Alexei has worked very hard in developing the program in many areas, and there has been strong and consistent feedback that reflects this, and we look forward to watching our junior members flourish as a result.

Many of you are aware that Graham Forbes relocated to Castlemaine last year. Despite this he has continued to fulfil the role of Night Tennis Convenor. Due to his “tree change” and new priorities, Graham has decided to step down from the role. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank Graham for his invaluable contribution to the club and to Night Tennis, which under his watch has grown to a ‘powerhouse’ in the BDNTA.

We had a potentially disastrous situation with a large sinkhole that dramatically appeared next to court 3 under the path, which was close to undermining the large light tower. It was caused by a broken storm water pipe. Despite being a privately-owned club, and no clear cause or responsibility, we were successful in working with the council to have the pipes repaired, a new pit constructed and the path repaired at no cost to the club.

Personally, I would like to thank everyone who has actively contributed to the success of BHTC, whether attending working bees, helping organise teams, helping with the clubhouse upgrade, or simply assisting a committee member where possible. It is all invaluable for a community club like ours.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the committee for their hard work and commitment to ensuring BHTC is a successful tennis club. There are many hours of commitment given by volunteers that make a club like ours work. Ray Rust



## Night Tennis: Graham Forbes

### 2017 Spring Season

- We have 22 teams. Monday: 5 women's teams and 1 Open, Tues 5 Open, Wed 5 Open and Thurs 6 Open
- There are over 120 regular night players, plus other emergencies
- With a good range of team sections we are catering for players of all standards.



### 2017 Autumn Season

- Good results. Of 23 teams we had 11 in finals, 5 in grand finals and won 2 premierships
- Premierships = Thurs Sing Doub 1 Trailblazers (Capt Chris Davies) and Tues Sec 11 Wacquets (Capt Allan Edge)
- Runners-Up = Wed Sec 2 Power Ball (Capt Peter Griffiths) and Thurs Sing Doub Sec 3 Strung Out (Capt Doug Pumpa) and Thurs Sec 6 Crackers (Capt David Grant).

### 2016 Spring Season

- Also good results. Of 22 teams we had 10 in finals, 4 in grand finals and won 1 premiership
- Premierships = Thurs Sec 4 Procol Harum (Capt Grant Wilson)
- Runners-Up = Thurs Sing Doub 1 Trailblazers (Capt Chris Davies) and Tue Sec 4 Crushers (Capt Frank Van West) and Mon Ladies' Sec 5 Chardonnays (Capt Pam Flynn).

### Special Achievement

- The Tuesday Crushers team (Capt Frank Van West) deserves a special mention
- In 7 straight seasons they have never finished outside the finals and have won 4 Premierships and been runners up once – rising in the process from Tue Sec 7 to Tues Sec 3.

### Plans for Future

- With 7 courts under lights we could potentially add several more night teams.

### Seeking Players

- We are always looking for more night players at all playing standards, whether as constant regulars, part-timers or emergencies.
- Contact Graham Forbes 0406 346 466 [forbesgk@gmail.com](mailto:forbesgk@gmail.com) if interested in playing night tennis in any capacity.

## Senior Teams: Philip Thompson

### Summer competition

The club entered 5 teams in the 2016/17 Eastern Region Tennis (ERT) summer competition, all playing on Saturday afternoons. This is 2 more teams than we entered the previous summer. There were 32 “regular” players altogether. These were entered in the following sections:-

Four Singles/Doubles (S/D) teams playing in sections 3, 4, 5 and 8. Two of the teams (sections 4 and 8) were new teams comprising a majority of “younger” players (including some juniors).

There was one Open Sets (OS) team which played in section 6.

These teams managed to achieve the following results:-

S/D 3 Runners-up

S/D 5 Premiers

S/D 8 Lost in semi-final

OS 6 Lost in semi-final

The S/D 4 team did not reach the finals. They had a relatively successful season as they had a large number of junior players who were new to this format.

### Winter competition

There is one winter OS team (OS5). They are currently just over halfway through the season and are second on the ladder. This season will conclude on 9 September (Grand Final match).

### Winter pennant

The Tennis Victoria winter pennant competition “home and away” matches will conclude on 29 and 30 July. Finals will follow.

The club has four pennant teams playing on Saturday pm and two on Sunday afternoon. One of the Sunday afternoon teams is a Women’s pennant team. The club has not had a Women’s team for quite a long time.

### 2017/18 summer competition entries

Entries for the ERT 2017/18 summer competition close very early in September so we will be selecting the teams from mid-August. If you want to play in the summer competition contact Philip Thompson ([philipethompson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:philipethompson@optusnet.com.au), ph 9849 0953, M 0412 548 112) or Ben Bullock (0418 387 410) by 15 August and we should be able to put you in a team. Note that there is no Tennis Victoria pennant competition over summer. The club only enters summer teams in the ERT competition (Singles/Doubles and Open Sets formats). There is scope to enter teams on Saturday pm and Sunday pm (Open Singles Doubles format on Sunday).

**Note that there is no ERT competition during school holiday periods or over long weekends.**

### Maintenance Report: Simon Clarke

Thanks to Jan-Paul Buxton, Bernie Friedrich, Simon Verbeek, Ray Rust and all who helped with the working bees. Maintenance work completed last year included:

1. Completing kitchen renovations
2. Interior painting of clubhouse
3. Repair of sinkhole at club entrance
4. Three general maintenance working bees
5. Repair of nets on the upper court.

In addition I have been doing regular gardening and weeding, and jobs as needed.



As with most roles within the club more volunteers are needed to assist with this. Working bee turnouts have been reasonable with 5-10 people at each, however much more could be achieved with higher attendances.

### A new kitchen: Jill Ross

As a result of the 'Stronger Communities Program' (a government initiative to fund small capital projects for not-for-profit organisations), the Box Hill Tennis Club received a grant of \$15,000 (which we were required to match) to be used to replace the ceiling in the clubhouse and upgrade the kitchen. This included the installation of a new freestanding stove and dishwasher. The Club also purchased new crockery and glassware to complement the new kitchen.

The upgrade commenced mid-October 2016 and was completed in a timely manner, thanks to efficient project management by Jan-Paul Buxton. These renovations are the beginning of ongoing improved facilities for members. There are many other areas of the clubhouse that need attention and it is hoped that we will continue to deliver in this regard, notwithstanding that the provision of quality tennis courts will always be the priority.



**A before and after (right) comparison of the BHTC kitchen.**

## Membership: Jill Ross

Our membership for the 2016-17 financial year continues to be strong, with the total number of members being 270 as at 30/06/2017. This figure is attributed to a number of factors:

- A vibrant night tennis competition, coordinated by Graham Forbes.
- An excellent coaching program provided by Alexei Demajo (Future Demand Tennis) which in turn benefits the club with a high number of juniors representing the club in competition and subsequently joining as Junior members.
- Improved numbers representing the club in Saturday/Sunday ERT and Pennant competitions as a result of the tireless efforts from Simon Verbeek and Philip Thompson.

The task of monitoring memberships can be a difficult and frustrating one, particularly with respect to the amount of time and effort spent recovering membership fees. This is partly due to a lack of up-to-date information for new and current members, either at the clubhouse or on our website, outdated email addresses of members and also due to the lack of a systematic membership program. Despite this, I am pleased to report that our income from memberships, as indicated in the financial report, continues to be higher than previous years.

Our systems are being improved and we are on track to remedy this and I am looking forward to working with Tennis Victoria and implementing a simple and online membership system via 'My Tennis'. Box Hill Tennis Club will use the MyTennis website to both renew membership and for new members to join the club. It is important that all members advise the club of any contact detail changes, especially email addresses, as this is the key to staying informed.

## Coaching: Alexei Demajo Future Demand Tennis

2016-2017 has been a year of great change and a huge step forward for my coaching business. In September 2016 we said goodbye to Stewart Andrew after nearly nine years as my business partner and joint Head Coach of Box Hill TC. We have welcomed two great new coaches to our team - Chris and Jo - who have added great value to the club and the program.

We have seen the addition of a Tots class for 3-5 year olds, Orange Ball Match play internal competition, Cardio Tennis for both adults and teens, and our relationships with both local schools (Roberts McCubbin & Kingswood College) remain as strong as ever with clinics for the preps to Grade 6s being conducted at both schools. We have a record number of children attending our top two advanced squads with 22 players in the program.

The senior teams at Kingswood College have had some terrific results with most teams either taking out the final or finishing runners up, with our coaches managing the teams throughout each season. We continue to offer women's coaching four days a week and our junior program remains strong with 180 juniors participating in Hot Shot & Squad classes from Monday – Friday.

One of the great highlights has been seeing the large number of juniors transitioning into senior tennis over the past year with 10 juniors taking part over the Summer ERT senior season and 11 juniors representing the club in the current VTA pennant competition. This is a fantastic sign for the club as these numbers help to ensure the club's sustainability.

Another highlight was our BHTC juniors representing the club at the 2017 Australian Open & Davis Cup tie (Australia vs Czech Republic) in the Kids on Court Showcase. We hope that these opportunities only inspire them on to bigger and better things and hopefully one day they will be the ones competing on those courts!!



**An in-house competition took place over winter using the Fast4 format for the first time.**

The annual In-House Comp was conducted over June-July 2017 and the revamped format was a huge success. The competition brought together players from all parts of the club and for the first time, the competition was played using the FAST4 format of scoring. It proved to be a real hit with all players! I'm looking forward to running another FAST4 In House Comp over the summer break in December-January.

### **Junior Tennis**

Box Hill TC remains one of the premier clubs in the Eastern Region for junior tennis. The club maintained a very strong number of participating teams in the ERT weekend competition over the past two seasons with 26 teams in summer and 24 teams in the current winter season.

The summer season saw 3 teams win a premiership and the low numbers were expected as many times we graded extra higher than usual to ensure they competed in a higher standard of tennis aimed at developing their game in the long term. At the time of writing 12 out of 24 teams occupy a spot in the top four of their grade.

Box Hill TC has continued to produce a high number of players chosen by the ERT to represent them in the annual junior pennant competition held between August – November. By being selected for junior pennant, these players have the opportunity to test themselves against the best juniors around Melbourne in their respective age groups. The exposure to this level of tennis only raises their game and is a major step forward on their tennis pathway.



*Alexie to identify*

### **Junior Club Championships**

The 2016 Junior Club Championships was another terrific event with great tennis on display by our top juniors and many new up-and-coming stars taking part for the first time in our lower graded categories. Once again numbers were excellent with 60+ participants competing in 7 categories. For the first time since Jake Holah took out back-to-back titles, Gus McIntyre defended his Boys' Open Singles crown and it was terrific to see a first time winner in the Girls' Open Singles, Lauren James, taking the title after getting through a tough three setter.



**2017 Focus**

- Develop and implement an Athletic Development Program designed to complement the current Junior Coaching Program.
- Develop a sustainable weekend coaching program to give current members and prospective new members more opportunity to learn at our club.
- Lock in a sustainable Red & Orange Ball match play stream to BHTC, which would complete the competition pathway offered at the club. This would give children from as young as 5 the opportunity to compete and represent our club.

**Treasurer's Report: Jason Abbruzzese**

*Financial Year July 1 2016 to June 30 2017*

The annual result for the club was a surplus of over \$21,000. This is a result of stronger Membership Fees and an improvement in the Head Coach contract.

The change to the Membership structure, by introducing a Maintenance Levy, has proven beneficial, though not profitable. The Maintenance Levy was directed towards improved court grooming, which lengthens the life of our courts and also covered the damage and repairs associated with the sinkhole.

Night tennis income has been consistent and credit to our night tennis convenors this year for their attention and focus to ensure all teams consist of fully paid members.

With the increased number of kids playing weekend competition, we have seen an increase in the requirement of external court hire - as a club, we need to monitor how this cost gets absorbed or if it is passed on.

Loan repayments through the year have resulted in year-on-year savings on interest, with interest better by \$1400 this year.

Special thanks must go to Anne Smyth - who for several years now, has been our Club Bursar, and continues to collect and bank the cash earned through night tennis and ball fees. Also, I would like to recognise the contribution made by Jill Ross, Membership Officer, and her dedication to ensure all players are financial members of our club. Both these roles are vital and their contribution is much appreciated.

**BOX HILL TENNIS CLUB Inc'**

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**Cash Operating Statement - 12mth to 30/06/17**

	2017	2016
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
<b>Memberships</b>		
Total Subscriptions	35,497	31,961
<b>Competitions</b>		
Night Tennis	15,302	15,829
Ball Fees	3,369	5,593
Club Champs	1,169	121
	19,840	21,543
<b>Sundry</b>		
Court Hire - Future Demand Tennis	8,250	3,400
Social Night (Net)	0	(139)
Donation	0	1,095
Social Tennis	881	1,078
Tennis Vic Refund	0	0
Misc	451	1,865
Apparel (Net)	(423)	188
	9,159	7,488
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>64,496</b>	<b>60,992</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
<b>Tournaments</b>		
Tennis Balls	6,240	6,006
Association Fees & Fines	5,845	5,300
External Court hire	4,349	1,456
Club Champs	202	362
	16,636	13,124
<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>		
Lighting	0	0
Sanitary Unit	805	746
Cleaning	2,561	2,362
General	6,021	1,875
Keys	0	0
	9,387	4,983
<b>Utilities</b>		
Electricity	2,959	3,110
Rates	3,617	2,511
Water	879	827
Gas	532	454
Phone	336	299
	8,322	7,201
<b>Administration</b>		
Loan Repay (Principle & Interest)	6,156	7,558
Insurance	1,301	1,301
Supplies	0	42
Administration	389	620
Coach Investment	800	0
AGM	0	132
Bank fees	65	11
	8,711	9,665
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>43,056</b>	<b>34,972</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>21,440</b>	<b>26,019</b>

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### Statement of Financial Position

as at 30th June 2017

	2017	2016
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
ANZ Cheque	\$5,636	\$5,636
Bendigo Bank	\$21,175	\$50,649
Debtors	\$5,700	\$0
	<u>\$32,511</u>	<u>\$56,285</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Land	\$3,130,000	\$3,130,000
Club House	\$85,066	\$70,000
Courts - Top 4	\$104,919	\$104,919
Courts - Bottom 3	\$154,435	\$154,435
Fence	\$8,780	\$8,780
Other Fixed Assets	\$65,008	\$65,008
Total Fixed Assets	<u>\$3,548,208</u>	<u>\$3,533,142</u>
	<u>\$3,580,719</u>	<u>\$3,589,427</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Cleaning	\$0	\$0
Court Construction - ASTE	\$0	\$0
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Bendigo Bank Loan	\$ 94,065	\$ 124,213
Total Non-Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 94,065</u>	<u>\$ 124,213</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$94,065</u>	<u>\$124,213</u>
<b>Members Funds</b>		
<b>Reserves</b>		
Steve Collett Award Reserve	\$1,392	\$1,392
Asset Revaluation Reserve	\$2,894,620	\$2,894,620
	<u>\$2,896,012</u>	<u>\$2,896,012</u>
<b>Members Funds</b>		
Opening Balance	\$569,202	\$543,183
Surplus/Deficit for the Year	\$21,440	\$26,019
	<u>\$590,642</u>	<u>\$569,202</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Members Funds</b>	<u>\$3,580,719</u>	<u>\$3,589,427</u>