



## Annual General Meeting....

On 23rd October 2018 the Bright Tennis Club held its Annual General Meeting. Some of the highlights from the 2017/2018 year include:

- ♦ Continuation of an active Junior Tennis Coaching program
- ♦ Continual growth of Tuesday & Wednesday night Pennant
- ♦ Increasing numbers and interest in the Club Championships
- ♦ Bright Tennis Club Webpage is functioning well
- ♦ Utilization of "My Tennis" for Online Memberships
- ♦ Commencement of "Fast 4 Monday's" Social tennis.

Also a big thankyou to those that have continued in their current roles, farewell to those who have stepped down and welcome to new committee members. For the 2018/2019 season we will be continuing to run our Pennant competition and Social Mondays so thankyou to Allan Poyner and Raph Baris for coordinating Tuesday nights, Heather Thompson for Wednesdays and Bev Schwarz for your efforts with our Monday Social days. I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new Newsletter writer David Chlebna!

A full copy of the Presidents Report has been attached on pages 4 & 5.



Don't forget to check our Facebook page "Bright Tennis Club" for looking up things such as wet weather announcements!

**Confused about how to play a tiebreaker?**  
Tiebreaker instructions have been posted in the clubhouse window to help you out with those close encounters!

## New Court Keys in 2019

It has been great to have the interest in club members getting keys to the courts so they can play more tennis.

Please be advised that due to the manufacturer no longer supplying our current key we will need to update the locks in 2019. Please stay tuned for further information on dates for a key exchange in the New Year. Thanks to Jody Vlahandreas for her work in managing key distribution.



## Wednesday night Summer/Autumn Comp 2018.

With all the excitement of Club Championships in our June Newsletter we omitted to report on our Wednesday Night Pennant. So here are the results of the Grand Final played on 18th April this year. Ladder leaders Violet Crumble (Kelly Berton, Gina Losch, Bernie Wickes, Cody Keeble) took on Mars Bar (Peter Dixon, Luci Lolicato, Nicole Lodge, Calab Hoare). Violet Crumble easily accounted for Mars Bar 4 sets to 2. Most consistent player: Gina Losch; Best First Year Player: Luke Metzeling. Picture on Pg 2.

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember!



**Tues 11th & Wed 19th December**  
Christmas Party commencing at 6.00pm at the clubhouse. All welcome both days.

**Tuesday & Wednesday Pennant**  
Summer Mixed Pennant grading on Tues 29th & Wed 30th Jan 2019, with the season commencing on the 5th & 6th Feb. Contact Allan Poyner on 0418993191 (Tues) or Heather Thompson on 0428354117 (Wed).

**Junior Tennis Coaching**  
Every Mon, Wed and Fri afternoons. Concludes on 14th Dec and will recommence on 4th Feb. Contact Geoff Hollow 0418269249

**Saturday Junior Tennis**  
Concludes 15th December. Will recommence on Sat 9th February. Contact Geoff Hollow 0418269249

**Monday Social Tennis**  
Every Monday morning at 9.00am. Please contact Bev Schwarz on 0400 194 544.



## Get Involved

### Bright Tennis Club Committee 2018/2019

**President:** Tracy Carey  
**Treasurer:** Jody Vlahandreas  
**Secretary :** Allan Poyner  
**Vice President:** Mick Crocker  
**Memberships:** Viv Fadersen  
**Social Media:** Nathan Fenton  
**Newsletter:** David Chlebna  
**Committee Members:**  
David Chlebna  
Heike Fleckenstein  
Geoff Hollow  
Joe Robinson  
Bruce Holm

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHECK

If you help out or volunteer at the club you will need a Working with Children's Check. Visit [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) and select "Apply for Check". This is free for volunteers and can be completed online.

If you already have a Children's Check don't forget to add the Bright Tennis Club, Coronation Avenue, Bright, 0418993191 to the list of Organisations. A copy of your check needs to be supplied to the club. Thankyou to those parent who have already supplied their WCC to the club.

## WHAT IS THE "DUTY TEAM"?

Just a reminder that if your team is nominated as the "Duty Team" here are a few tips on what you need to do!

- ◆ Supply supper or morning tea
- ◆ Wash-up
- ◆ Vacuum floors
- ◆ Sweep
- ◆ Clean the toilets!
- ◆ Take out the rubbish
- ◆ Bring in Bins (Tues Night Pennant)

**Summer Tuesday Night Grand Final:** held on the 27th March this year which we also missed on Reporting in our June Newsletter! Well done to team 7 "Moscato" (Sam Porter, Peter Dixon - filled in for Mick Crocker, Mark Gabler, Ciaran O'Connor) defeated Chardonnay (Chris Oswin, Diana Johnston, Raph Baris, Craig Thompson) 4 sets 33 games to 2 sets 24 games. Chardonnay finished top of the ladder with 31 sets, closely followed by Moscato on 28 sets.



Pictured L to R: Ciaran O'Connor, Sam Porter and Mark Gabler. Absent Peter Dixon



## COACHES CORNER!

Tennis Australia will again be running its "Kids on Court" days at the 2019 Australian Open on **Tuesday 15th January**. 10 lucky kids from Bright will be invited to attend. Enjoy your day kids and look forward to seeing lots of photos for the next newsletter! Please contact Geoff Hollow for further info.

## MEMBERSHIPS NOW (OVER) DUE ...

Club membership fees were due and payable by the **31st October 2018**. If you have not yet done so please head to our website <https://www.tennis.com.au/bright/> to access online membership instructions or pick up some up at the clubhouse or contact Viv Fadersen (0438 461 069) **ASAP**.

**Thankyou to everyone who has already completed their memberships online. This really does make life easier for club administrators allowing us to quickly and easily manage club memberships and generate membership reports.**

Four types of memberships are still available:

<b>Family \$195</b>	<b>Student (under 12) \$40</b>
<b>Single \$80</b>	<b>Student (12—18 years) \$45</b>



Winners of the Wednesday night Pennant: Team Violet Crumble—Pictured L to R—Kelly Berton, Gina Losch, Bernie Wickes and Cody Keeble

## Christmas Parties!

Join us at the clubhouse on the following days to celebrate the festive season:

**WHEN:** Tues Pennant—from 6pm 11 Dec  
Wed Pennant—from 6pm 19 Dec

**WHAT:** If everyone could bring a salad to share the club will look after the rest. Partners welcome. BYO Drinks.

*The Tuesday & Wednesday night Spring / Summer Mixed Pennant competitions will continue as normal on these nights. Feel free to come down on both nights.*





**Bright Tennis Club**

☺ **Free** ☺

**Junior Tennis Day**  
**Come & try playing tennis**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

**9.30 am - 11 am**

**Ages 5 - 12**



- Maximum of 20 players - registration required
- Members are welcome to bring along friends
- Racquets supplied
- Organised modified games to suit ages and abilities
- Sponsored by 'Sports North East'

**Pioneer Park, Coronation Ave, Bright**

**Inquires ring/text Coach Geoff Hollow - 0418 269 249**

**Presidents Report – Bright Tennis Club**  
**Annual General Meeting – 6.45pm, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at the Clubrooms**

Welcome to the 2018 Bright Tennis Club AGM. Membership has remained stable during 2018 with a total of 127 members at the end of October 2018<sup>1</sup>. This is comprised of 83 Adult and 44 Junior Members. Membership fees are the Club's main income, comprising approximately half of the clubs income at \$7726. It is interesting to note however that membership income has dropped by 12.1% on 2017<sup>2</sup>. This income was supplemented by \$1781 court hire fees through the visitor information centre. Our "Courts available for Hire" sign was also given a touch up this year with a new paint job so this may explain the 24% increase in court hire fees!

So what has our Club been up to in 2018....

**Tuesday & Wednesday Night Pennant**



In the last 12 months we have seen Tuesday night Pennant continue to field good numbers with 7 teams of 4 in the Summer/Autumn comp and 8 teams of 4 in the Spring/Summer comp. It has been great watching the standard of this competition grow and also to be able to welcome new members to this competition. Thanks to Alan Poyner for coordinating.

Wednesday Night competition has also fielded 4 teams of 4 in the Night Pennant Competition. Thank you to Heather Thompson for her work with this comp.

**Club Championships**

Our Club Championships for Junior and Senior Players were held again this year with the Men's Singles and the Junior Divisions being the most contested. Well done to our Champions who will look fantastic on our newly painted Club Champions Board.



**Junior Tennis**

Junior tennis continues to be very active in the club with 44 Junior Members. Saturday junior tennis continues to be well supported.



In April this year 19 players from Bright participated in the Mt Beauty V Bright Challenge Cup with Bright winning the day and regaining the cup.

Nine Bright Tennis Club juniors travelled to the Australian Open this year and played on Show Court 5 as part of the Tennis Australia's Hot Shots program.

<sup>1</sup> 126 Members in 2016, 124 members in 2017

<sup>2</sup> Membership income increased by 9.5% in 2017 which was the highest in 8 years.

This was a great experience for the players and family who attended. Thank you to our tennis coach Geoff Hollow for looking after our Junior Players.

Congratulations to Joseph Gray who was the recipient of the Gwen Jameson Junior Award in 2018. Joe is a worthy recipient of this award and another excellent role model for our Junior members. For the past two years the Gwen Jameson Award has been presented by Bill Jameson who passed away in August this year. Next year's presentation just won't be the same without Bill however I will try my best to bring the same flavour of Ceremony to this Award that Bill managed to do.

### Monday Social Tennis

Continues every Monday morning from 9.00am in the warmer months and from 1pm in the cooler months. To try and encourage more participation we have introduced a "Fast 4" Mondays which has been supported by Tennis Vic. Lets hope this competition can continue to run into the future. Thanks to Bev Schwarz for coordinating.

### IT – Webpage & Online Memberships



The Bright Tennis Club webpage has been operational for over a year now. You can find us at

<https://www.tennis.com.au/bright/> or just google Bright Tennis Club!

Hosted by Tennis Australia this site contains important information about our Club including Memberships, Newsletters, Coaching, Photos and Contact Information.

For the second year in a row we have utilized an online system of club memberships through "My Tennis". This is a Tennis Australia application that has been designed to

manage club memberships. It is hoped with most people now having a tennis account that this process is a lot simpler in 2018. It certainly has been for club administrators!

We continue to utilize the "Bright Tennis Club" Facebook account for communication purposes and also make use of other social media sites such as Bright & District Noticeboard to advertise our competitions.

### Child Safe Club

In December 2017 the BTC finalized the last of 7 Standards to ensure that we are a Child Safe Club. These standards include a Child Safe Policy and Code of Conduct which can be found on our Website and in the Clubrooms. The Code also forms part of our membership process every year.

### Current committee

Thank you to our committee Mick Crocker – Vice President; Alan Poyner – Secretary; Jody Vlahandreas – Treasurer; Viv Fadersen – Memberships; Leigh Marlow - Social Secretary and IT (facebook); and our General Committee – Dean Anders, Heike Fleckenstein, Geoff Hollow, Bruce Holm & Joe Robinson & Geoff Hollow –for your work throughout the year. Clubs like ours certainly don't happen without the assistance provided by our committee. Also to Diana Johnston for helping Mick with our Ground Maintenance. Well done everyone!

Tracy Carey





## BRIGHT TENNIS CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct outlines appropriate standards of behaviour by all people involved in Bright Tennis Club activities.

- Members, parents and volunteers WILL:
  - Treat everyone with respect, including listening to and valuing ideas and opinions
  - Welcome and be inclusive of all people involved in the club, their families and carers  
Respect cultural, religious and political differences and act in a culturally sensitive way
  - Report and treat seriously and with respect any breaches of this Code of Conduct, complaints or concerns to a Bright Tennis Club Committee Member
- Coaches WILL adhere to the Tennis Australia Code of Conduct for Service Providers
- Players WILL:
  - Play by the rules – the rules of the club and the rules of the game
  - Wear correct footwear and not take food or drinks (excepting water) onto the Courts
  - Control their temper – verbal abuse or sledging will not help you enjoy or win any games
  - Be a team player and treat all players as you would like to be treated – fairly
  - Play for your enjoyment and to improve your skills
- All Adults shall support the safety, participation, wellbeing and empowerment of children including but not limited by:
  - Taking all reasonable steps to protect children from abuse
  - Listening to children and responding to them appropriately
  - Working with children in an open and transparent way – other adults should always know about the interaction you are having with children
- Members, parents, volunteers MUST NOT:
  - Use prejudice, oppressive behaviour or language with other people involved in the Club
  - Engage in rough physical games
  - Discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, culture, vulnerability or sexuality
  - Smoke in areas designated as non smoking areas, including inside the Clubhouse, the verandah, eating and all court areas
  - Allow pets onto the court areas or inside clubhouse. Pets must be kept under the control of their owner at all times
  - As an adult involved with the club, initiate unnecessary physical contact with children or do things of a personal nature that children can do for themselves, such as toileting or changing clothes; Develop 'special' relationships with specific children that could be seen as favouritism ; Exchange personal contact details or have unauthorised contact with children online or by phone

By observing these standards you acknowledge your responsibility to immediately report any breach of this code to a Bright Tennis Club Committee Member. This Code of Conduct will be reviewed by the Bright Tennis Club annually. I have read this Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it at all times.

Name:

Signature:

Date: