



Bright Tennis News

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW AGM

On October 29th the Bright Tennis Club held its Annual General Meeting. Some of the highlights from the 2018/2019 year include:

- Well supported Junior tennis with 50 junior members
- Continual growth of Tuesday & Wednesday night Pennant
- Bright Tennis juniors attending the Australian Open as part of the Tennis Australia Hot Shots Program
- Impressive list of club maintenance, including new lighting, nets and fence
- Continuation of "Fast 4 Monday's" Social tennis.
- Continued use of "My Tennis" for online memberships
- Establishment of winter hard-core social session group

A big thank-you was made to committee members continuing their current roles and those stepping into new ones. Full President's Report follows in this newsletter.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday & Wednesday Pennant

Summer Mixed Pennant grading on Tues 28th & Wed 29th Jan 2019, with the season commencing on the 4th & 5th Feb. Contact Allan Poyner on 0418993191 (Tues) or Heather Thompson on 0428354117 (Wed).

Junior Tennis Coaching

Every Mon, Wed and Fri afternoons. Concludes on 13th Dec and will recommence on 3rd Feb. Contact Geoff Hollow 0418269249

Saturday Junior Tennis

Concludes 14th December. Will recommence on Sat 8th February. Contact Geoff Hollow 0418269249

Monday Social Tennis

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

NEW COURT KEYS

Changeover is now complete - for enquiries please contact Jody

MEMBERSHIPS DUE

Club membership fees were due and payable by the 31st October 2018.

If you have not yet done so please head to 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.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Family \$195 Student (under 12) \$40
Single \$80 Student (12-18 years) \$45

AUSTRALIAN OPEN TICKETS - \$117

The Bright Tennis Club has purchased 10 Australian Open tickets prior to public sale.

These tickets are great shady seats in the Margaret Court Arena in Section 2 Row D (seats 358-367). Tickets are for the day session (from 11am), Thursday 23rd January which is the first week of competition and are \$117 per ticket. **NB - only 1 left!!**

If you are interested in purchasing please contact Tracy or brighttennisclub@gmail.com

Bright Tennis Club Committee 2019-20

President: Tracy Carey
Treasurer: Jodi Vlahanderas
Secretary: Allan Poyner
Vice President: Mick Crocker
Memberships: Dave Chlebna
Newsletter/Social: Nathan Fenton

Committee Members

Tracy Carey
Heike Fleckenstein
Geoff Hollow
Lee Rosser
Adrian Ciolli
Viv Fadersen



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KIDS ON COURT

Tennis Australia will again be running its "Kids on Court" days at the 2019 Australian Open. On Monday 20th January ten lucky kids from Bright will be invited to attend. To be eligible kids must be aged between 5 -12 years, a current club member and be able to rally in pairs. Depending on the number interested, kids that have attended previously may not be selected. Please contact Tracy at brighttennisclub@gmail.com

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING 17 FEB

Bright Tennis Club will be taking delivery of a defibrillator machine for its clubrooms next February. Training will be conducted by St John Ambulance on February 17 and all members are invited to come along to receive the training. Please Contact Jody for more Information.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN 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 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. Your check needs to be supplied to the club.

WEEKLY SOCIAL TENNIS

This spring/summer we've seen a great turnout to the weekly pennant competitions with 8 teams on Tuesdays and 5 teams on Wednesdays.

Monday Social Tennis Continues every Monday morning from

9.00am in the warmer months and from 1pm in the cooler months. Special mention goes to Phil Reid who plays with this group and recently turned 90!

Tennis really is a sport for a lifetime and you can start or restart at any age. It is also a sport that generations can play together. Thanks to Bev Schwarz for coordinating.



Elaine Woods, Merrilyn Nash, Phil Reid, Bev Schwarz and Bev Giraud

Holiday Coaching Clinic

2 hours daily for 3 days

January 21st-23rd 9 - 11am

Skill & stroke development & fun games

Break with fruit provided

Ages 6 - 10 Fee \$75

Bookings: phone or text Geoff - 0418 269 249

Holiday Coaching Clinic

3 hours daily for 3 days

January 21st-23rd 4.30 - 7.30pm

Stroke & skill development - fun games

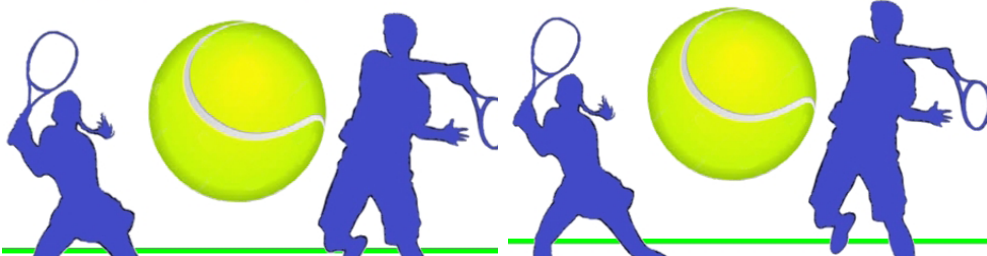
Ball Machine & Speed Radar challenges

Breaks with live Aus Open TV

Fruit & snacks provided

Ages 11 - 16 Fee \$105

Bookings: phone or text Geoff - 0418 269 249





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Presidents Report – Bright Tennis Club Annual General Meeting – 6.45pm, 29th October 2019 at the Clubrooms

Welcome to the 2019 Bright Tennis Club AGM. Membership increased during 2019 with a total of 137 members at the end of October 2019¹. This was comprised of 17 Family Memberships, 42 Adult members and 19 Junior Members. Membership fees are the Club's main income, comprising 56% of the club's income at \$8389 and is an increase of 7.9% on 2018². This income was supplemented by \$2404 court hire fees through the visitor information centre.

Year	Family Memberships		Adult Members	Junior Members	Total
	Adult	Junior			
2018/2019	45	31	42	19	137

So what has our Club been up to in 2019....

Tuesday & Wednesday Night Pennant



In the last 12 months we have seen Tuesday night Pennant drop to 5 teams of 4 in the Summer/Autumn 2019 comp however this turned around in the Spring/Summer comp 2019 with 8 teams of 4. It has been great watching players improve over the season and also to be able to welcome new members to this competition. Thanks to Alan Poyner for coordinating and Raph Baris for doing the draw each week. Heike is continuing to work on our Female ratio in this competition!

Wednesday Night competition fielded 4 teams of 4 in the Summer/Autumn 2019 Pennant and has grown to 5 teams of 4 in the Spring/Summer 2019 competition. It is lovely to see an increase in the numbers with this competition and the standard of tennis continually improving. Thank you to Heather Thompson and Narelle Pronk for their 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.

Junior Tennis

Junior tennis continues to be very active in the club with 50 Junior Members. Saturday junior tennis continues to be well supported.

Ten Bright Tennis Club juniors travelled to the Australian Open this year and played on Show Court 10 as part of the Tennis Australia's Hot Shots program. The kids welcomed the players onto the court with Amelie Kerr from Bright winning the honour of doing the coin toss for the match. 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.



¹ 127 Members 2018, 124 members in 2017, 126 Members in 2016,

² Membership income \$7726 in 2018, \$9016 in 2017, \$8235 in 2016



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Congratulations to Edith Cafe who was the recipient of the Gwen Jameson Junior Award in 2019. Edith is the youngest recipient of the Gwen Jameson Award since its inception. Aged only 11 years of age at the time of the Award, Edith has shown maturity of someone well beyond her years. Edith is a worthy recipient of this award and another excellent role model for our Junior members.

Monday Social Tennis

Continues every Monday morning from 9.00am in the warmer months and from 1pm in the cooler months. At this point I would like to make special mention of Phil Reid who plays with this group and recently turned 90! Tennis really is a sport for a lifetime and you can start or restart at any age. It is also a sport that generations can play together. Thanks to Bev Schwarz for coordinating.



Club Maintenance

Mick Crocker continues to do an amazing job on our grounds and I would like to thank him for his time. We certainly have facilities that we can be proud of. A few of the major club maintenance items include:

- New Globes installed in our court lighting (\$3842.69 which was 45% of our total expenses)
- Two new nets for the Large Courts and repairs done on the Hot Shots nets
- Hot Shots and BBQ area professionally cleaned
- A working bee was also held to remove the moss from the artificial grass on our four large courts
- Court keys were changed over at the start of our 2019/2020 season. Thank you Jody!
- A new bar frig for the clubhouse (Thankyou for your Donation Poyner family!)
- Alpine Shire installed a new fence from the main road down to the Hot Shots Courts

IT – Webpage & Online Memberships

For the third year in a row we have utilized the online system of club memberships through “My Tennis”. Although this platform continues to have its issues with some users, overall it has eased the workload for club administrators. For those unable to complete membership online we have maintained the paper form which is inputted manually by the memberships coordinator.

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.

Newsletter

I would like to make a special mention to Dave Chlebna who has been our editor in chief for the Bright Tennis Club Newsletter over the last 12 months. I think this is a great communication tool for the Club and would like to thank Dave for his efforts at putting this Quarterly publication together.

Current committee

Thank you to our committee Mick Crocker – Vice President (and groundsman extraordinaire!); Alan Poyner – Secretary; Jody Vlahandreas – Treasurer; Viv Fadersen – Memberships; Nathan Fenton - Social Secretary and IT (facebook); and our General Committee – David Chlebna, Heike Fleckenstein, 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.

Tracy Carey