



# Bunyip Tennis Club News

December 21

Hi everyone,

Since our last edition, it's been great to be able to get back out onto court to have a hit, and catch up again with everyone after such a long time with restrictions in place. With competitions starting up again, it's been a busy few weeks and we have lots of news and updates for you in our Summer Newsletter.

## NEW LIFE MEMBER FOR BUNYIP TENNIS CLUB!

On Saturday 4 December a new Life Member was inducted into the Bunyip Tennis Club.

Long time club member and current club President, Chris Dicker, was presented with his Life Membership plaque by Vice President Tyson Dennis in a brief ceremony at Chris's family home, with most of the club committee members, as well as a few close friends and family, in attendance.

Representing the club as a player in various competitions, including the WGTA Wednesday Night Senior Competition, Chris has been President at the club since August 2019 and has been the organiser of the Monday night competition (both winter and summer seasons) for several years.

In addition to his Life Membership, the committee also announced that the Monday night tennis competition will now be named the Chris Dicker "Too Easy" competition, in recognition of the amazing job he does in organising the competition, and the tireless hours he has dedicated to ensuring its smooth running.

Chris leads the committee by example, with boundless enthusiasm and humour, and as a long-time committee member, has been a promoter of



Chris receiving a plaque to recognise his life membership from Vice President, Tyson Dennis

fundraising events and has continually pushed for general improvements for the club, which in recent years have included new clubrooms, new floodlights, and the current project to upgrade the plexi-pave courts to synthetic grass.

After recently retiring from play due to illness, Chris was humbled to have received these honours from the committee. The ceremony, which took him by surprise, was a huge success and took place in an atmosphere of celebration.

A special thank you goes to Chris's wife, Kiz, for hosting the event. Also, to Tara Cheesewright for supplying the sandwiches and cakes that were enjoyed at the event. Tara, Ross and their family (from Sherwood Park Orchard in Bunyip) are also club members and participants of the Monday night competition.

Chris would like to thank the committee and the wider membership for their kindness and friendship over several years. He says that one of the great things about being involved in a small country tennis club like Bunyip is that members often build a network of friendly relationships which continue both on and off the courts.



Chris with committee members L-R John Preston, Chris, Leonie Miller, Louise Underhill, Tyson Dennis, Vanessa Kent & Helen Ross

## JUNIOR TENNIS & COACHING

### A MESSAGE FROM CHRIS AND THE TEAM

Hi tennis families, this is just a friendly reminder that next week's sessions will be the last for 2021....oh how time flies when we're having fun on the court!

If we don't get a chance to say it in person, thank you again for your continued support. It's been one hell of a year and it's just awesome to have the kid's smiling faces back on court enjoying the sport we love.

We hope everyone enjoys the Christmas period surrounded by friends and family. We all deserve it this year!

Chris and the team at Ace Active Tennis x



## COURT RESURFACING UPDATE

Following the fantastic news that we had been successful in obtaining a \$35k capital works grant for the resurfacing and upgrade of three of our plexi pave courts, we have been busy working with Cardinia Shire Council and the contractor, Town & Country Tennis Courts.

All of the required paperwork has been submitted and we're now waiting for the official go ahead from Council for works to start. The plan is for works to commence on or around 3 January, so that there is minimum impact on court availability. The resurfacing is expected to take approximately 10 days to complete and we can't wait to see our new courts!

We are planning a grand opening event, which may include a tournament or open day to coincide with the Australian Open, so watch this space for details!



## WELCOME TO THE WORLD BABY TANNER!

Congratulations to Chris Millidonis and his wife Penni on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, Tanner Hayze Millidonis, who was born on 10 November 2021, weighing in at 7lb 1oz, a special little brother for Ayce and Joey!



## LOTTO WINNERS DRAWN

### Congratulations Ian and Leonie!

The lucky winners of our fundraising Lotto were Ian Balfour, who won the \$750 1st prize, and Leonie Miller who took 2nd prize, winning \$250.



Thank you to everyone who purchased Lotto tickets. We raised a fabulous \$1500 which will help fund our tennis court upgrade.

## MEMBER SHOUT OUT

A huge shout out and massive thanks to member Ian Balfour and his wife Linda. They were the winners of the \$750 Lotto, and very generously donated this back to the club. Ian and Linda's wishes are for the money to be used to assist our junior members, whether it be for kit or to help pay for membership or coaching for a family who may be struggling.

The committee is overwhelmed by this gesture and will think carefully about how this can be spent in conjunction with Ian and Linda.

How lucky are we to have such kind and amazing members?





# COMPETITION UPDATE

## MONDAY NIGHT CLUB COMP

The newly named "Chris Dicker 'Too Easy' Monday Night Competition" has kicked off again for the Summer, with some great, competitive matches. Louise is assisting with the running of this comp - please don't forget to let her know if you're rostered to play but are unavailable, so she can organise cover. The last match before Christmas will be on Monday 20 December, when we will be having drinks and nibbles following the matches to see out the year, so don't forget to bring along a stubbie or two!

## WGTA MID WEEK LADIES COMP

This competition runs throughout the year, and culminates with the finals and Grand Final being played at Bunyip. Congratulations to both Bunyip teams on reaching the Grand Final. On what was an extremely hot and humid day, Bunyip Purple took the victory for the second year in a row. Well done and congratulations to Bek, Sarah, Deb and Leonie!

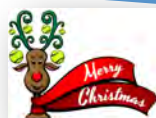


## WGTA NIGHT WEDNESDAY NIGHT SENIOR COMP

We have one team in Section 2 of the competition this Summer. It's been a strange start to the comp, with the weather resulting in 2 washouts out of the 4 matches scheduled so far. The other two matches resulted in wins! There is one match now before the Christmas break when the team takes on Tooradin on 15 December at Bunyip.

## WGTA SATURDAY COMP

It's great to see some of our older junior members competing in the senior competition.



The team of Liam Marson, Hayden Cheesewright, Breanna Tymenson and Caitlin Marson (with the occasional fill in from 'oldies' Tyson and Vanessa) is going great guns, and is so far undefeated, sitting in 3rd place in the ladder, just one point behind the top spot. Keep going team!

## BERWICK & DISTRICT

Our BDTA Rubbers 2 team is sitting pretty at the top of the ladder. Liam and Hayden have both stepped up their game this season and are looking like a force to be reckoned with. Keep going boys!

Our younger BDTA Rubbers 5 team of Dean and Rory are currently sitting 4th in the ladder. Some would say the lads are just starting to find their feet! Each week the boys are feeling more comfortable playing along side each other, which could mean an exciting second half to the season!! Go boys!

## HELP NEEDED TO SIZZLE SOME SAUSAGES ON 19 DECEMBER!

We will be running a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Bald Hill Road, Pakenham on Sunday 19 December, to raise funds towards our new courts. We are still looking for volunteers to help out on the day and/or contribute to the food, drink and other items needed to run the sizzle! If you are able to help in any way, please contact Vanessa on 0401 422 084 or Tyson on 0439 749.



## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

A friendly reminder that membership fees are now overdue. If you still haven't registered or renewed your membership for the 2021-22 membership season, please log onto the Bunyip TC website via the link below and register now.

There are a number of payment options available.

[BUNYIP TENNIS CLUB MEMBERSHIP](#)



## FUN AT GARFIELD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL!

It was great to see so many people at the Garfield Christmas Festival enjoying themselves on Friday evening, after a break last year due to COVID restrictions. The organisers did a great job in putting on the event at the Garfield Recreation Reserve. The kids were excited to see Santa, and the evening ended with an amazing fireworks display.

The tennis club had a stand at the festival where we sold raffle tickets and ran a 'Guess The Number Of Balls' competition. Thanks to the committee and club members who volunteered their time to help run the stall.



We had some great prizes, including a free 1 year club membership and a tennis hamper for the competition, plus Australian Open ground passes, a coaching voucher and a junior tennis hamper for the raffle.

There's still time left to purchase raffle tickets, with the grand draw being made on Monday 20 December at our end of year break up .



If you'd like to buy tickets, they're \$2 each or \$5 for 3. Please contact Vanessa on 0401 422 084, or you can purchase them from a committee member at the club.



## BUNYIP TC COMMITTEE

President:	Chris Dicker
Vice President:	Tyson Dennis
Secretary:	Vanessa Kent
Treasurer:	Julie Kidd
Club Coach:	Chris Millidonis
General Committee:	Leonie Miller
	John Preston
	Helen Ross
	Louise Underhill

Please, if you have any suggestions for the Club, any concerns, or would like to be involved in the running of the Club, or fund raising activities, speak to one of the committee or email us at [bunyiptc@hotmail.com](mailto:bunyiptc@hotmail.com)

## SEASONS GREETINGS!

The Bunyip TC committee and the coaching team wish friends of the club and all our members and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Enjoy the holidays and we'll see you in 2022!



