



East Camberwell Tennis Club Inc (A0000771N)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2021/22

Introduction

I am pleased to say that East Camberwell remains in extremely good health. At the end of the financial year we had 550 registered members, holding our position as the largest tennis club by membership in the City of Boroondara. David Close has more than 200 players involved in the coaching program and our competitions teams have retained strong participation. The club's financial position also remains strong with net assets of \$380,878 and cash reserves of \$74,283. This enables us to invest in the future of the club with confidence.

Committee

The committee have done an outstanding job as the club has transitioned from the pandemic back to normalised conditions. There are a few special acknowledgements this year. Geoff Plummer is retiring from the committee after several decades of service, including more than 10 years as Club President. He leaves an enormous legacy. Peter Beer also steps off the committee this year. I'd like to thank Peter for his contribution – he has led the implementation of significant club infrastructure, including Book A Court and integration with a new Tennis Australia website. Finally, thank you to Helen Bell's contribution over many years, particularly her dedicated handling of new member enquiries. The committee is extremely pleased to acknowledge Helen's contribution by awarding her Life Membership.

Competitions & Social tennis

There are currently more than 180 members representing East Camberwell in club competition. Teams play across different associations, including more than 20 BDNTA night teams, more than 10 ERT junior teams, 7 ERT Summer senior teams and 4 Pennant teams this year. Congratulations to all teams who made finals throughout the year and in particular to the Intruders (Monday OS1), Casual Set (Tuesday OS8), and Toddlers (Wednesday OS5) who won BDNTA grand finals.

Pleasingly, we have also seen a renewed interest in organised social competition. There are up to 30 players participating in a new Sunday afternoon social hit each week. The continuing support of our members enables the club to thrive and allows the committee to continue investing in the club, as we look forward to an exciting future.

In late 2021, the club committee worked closely with Boroondara Council and Tennis Victoria to install the Book A Court system. The system enables members to book courts in advance, as well as allowing paid bookings for non-members, further opening the club to the surrounding community. Throughout 2022, approximately 50 bookings were made by members every week, and a further 30 bookings received from non-members, translating to

almost 200 people using the courts for social hits every week (outside of competition and coaching). This participation information further strengthens East Camberwell's position as an incredibly valuable community asset.

Club Championships

Due to the pandemic, this year the club ran both 2021 and 2022 East Camberwell Club Championships. Congratulations to Alek Harper (2021 Open Champion), Nick Reid (2022 Open Champion), and Ia Zozrashvili (Ladies' Champion). It was pleasing to see such a strong turnout for the event with 37 men entering across singles and doubles, whilst 9 women entered the singles & double. It was particularly pleasing to see our female members participate in stronger numbers this year.

Results from both events were:

- 2021 Open singles final: Alek Harper defeated Jet Capasso
- 2021 Open doubles final: Patrick Deery & Edwin Lau defeated Jet Capasso & Brad Leitch
- 2022 Open singles final: Nick Reid defeated Alek Harper
- 2022 Open doubles final: Nick Reid & Will Stamper defeated Alek Harper & Zac Stathis
- 2022 Ladies singles final: Ia Zozrashvili defeated Sue Albert
- 2022 Ladies doubles final: Ia Zozrashvili & Sally Mayne defeat Sue Albert & Sarah Beaton
- 2022 Boys champion: Hudson Close
- 2022 Girls champion: Maddie McDonald

Capital Works

The club continues to invest in the facility to deliver a high quality playing and spectating environment. The committee's priority is to ensure the courts, clubhouse and grounds are continually improved so that members and visitors enjoy using the facility and ultimately so that the club's reputation is enhanced.

New court fences

The club built new fencing around courts 1-6 to replace sagging and unsightly fencing. The project was completely self-funded. The perimeter fencing at the entrance to the club will be replaced as part of the 2023 capital works detailed in the club's masterplan.

Landscaping & seating

As a result of the fence upgrade, re-planting around the courts and the clubhouse is required, as well as new viewing areas for courts 4-6. A landscaping plan has been developed will be shared with council to address these needs. Works will be undertaken in 2023, as part of the masterplan to develop the club's amenities and visual appearance.

Court redevelopment

The synthetic surface on Courts 7 & 8 has now reached the end of its useful life, having been installed in 2007. Maintenance work was required to repair the baseline of Court 7 earlier this year, to ensure it remained fit for play. The committee is now developing a plan to redevelop Courts 7 & 8 which will be shared with Camberwell High School, Boroondara Council and Tennis Victoria.



Finally, I would like to thank the numerous people involved in helping run the day-to-day operations of the club. Our volunteers continue to be the lifeblood of the club, helping maintain our courts, coordinate competition teams and social tennis, as well as ensuring the club environment remains enjoyable, welcoming and considerate of the many needs of our members and all who use the facility.

I look forward to another successful year in 2023.

Yours sincerely

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