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Greenvale Tennis Club's Newsletter

December 2023

Welcome...

Dear Greenvale Tennis Club members, families and volunteers, and to our Guccione Tennis Coaching families.

It's the end of another year and last week we held our annual general meeting. At the meeting all committee members stepped down and the new committee was elected and formed for the next twelve months. This was a great opportunity for members to attend and elect themselves or others into the new organisational structure. The following people were elected in to their positions:-

Liz Tektonopoulos	President
David Cooper	Vice President
Lisa Grant	Secretary
Jim Tektonopoulos	Treasurer
Memberships	Jessica Muscat
Sponsorships	Vacant
Events Manager	Vacant
Social Media Coordinator	Vacant
Grounds Maintenance	Peter Murphy
Canteen Manager	Vacant
Merchandise Coordinator	Vacant
Junior Comp Delegate	Chris Guccione
Junior Comp Delegate 2nd	Vacant
Night Comp Delegate	Jessica Muscat
Ladies Comp Delegate	Fil Meneghetti
Social Tennis Coordinator	Keanu Pouao

Most positions held within the club's structure are voluntary. Currently all our executive committee volunteer their time in addition to their full-time paid employment.

While many of our vacant positions are currently being performed by our executive committee, this cannot be sustainable long term. To avoid burn out, we need more volunteers to join our team. You will be very supported in your roles. Please see the Club's organisation structure on the last page of the Newsletter for your info and contact us via email if you are interested.

Finally, please connect with us on [Facebook](#) and/or [Instagram](#) to keep up to date with all the latest Club news.



Liz Tektonopolous
President

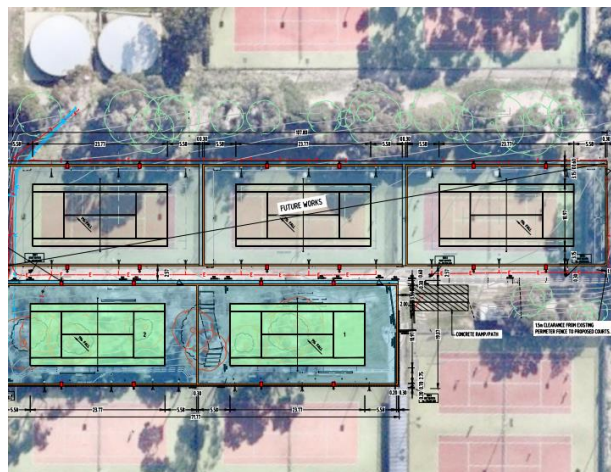


Facility Update

In November the executive committee signed off on the architectural drawings for the new pavilion. Renovations to our existing clubhouse will commence in 2024. There will be some disruptions so please follow updates on social media and look out for emails and notices informing our community of any changes to access.

Hume City Council have also provided us with funding to build two new tennis courts which will be located on the same level as courts 5, 6 and 7. Works to remove the trees and the installation of a retaining wall will commence at some stage in 2024. More information will follow in the coming months.

Our upgrade to LED lighting is still in discussion with Council. We are hoping that upgrades to 6 of our existing courts will be completed in the new year.



Competition Uniforms

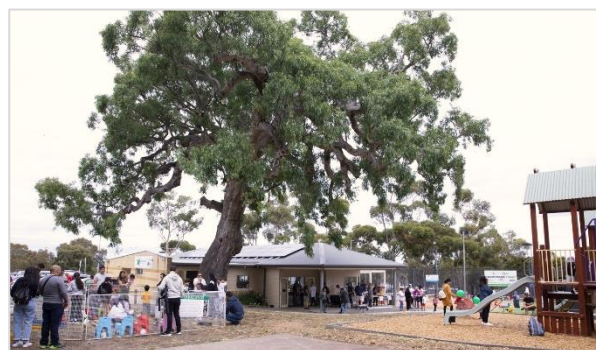
While not compulsory, it's great to see our juniors looking professional in our club uniform! Last chance to order a playing top with your nickname on the back is Monday 18th December. Please try on samples inside the clubhouse to ensure you order the correct size.

Playing tops without a nickname can be purchased via our website or at the canteen at any time, as well as hoodies, jackets, caps, etc. We do keep a small surplus of stock in our storeroom to purchase throughout the year.



Community Open Day 2024

Next year our Open Day will be held on Sunday 4th February so please save the date. Free entertainment will commence from 11am including face painting, animal farm, tennis and hot shots, speed serve competition, etc. This event is always a huge one so please come along and help support your club.



Lost Property

Lost property is located in the blue wheelie bin in the foyer. Any unclaimed lost property will be sent to charity at the end of this year.

Game On Recycling

Thank you to those who discarded their used tennis balls in the bin provided outside the clubhouse. We collected two large boxes which were returned to the recycling centre.

Unfortunately, this pilot program did not receive ongoing funding so there will be no further opportunities for us to recycle our tennis balls through Game On Recycling.

Our Big Christmas Bash

If you have not sent an RSVP to our email, then please do so. This will help us cater for Santa gifts and the pancake breakfast.

This is our last event of the year and will be a full 2 hours packed with face painting, breakfast, colouring in, games, tennis, and team presentations. 2024 team announcements will also take place on the day.

We have not had anyone to be our Santa this year, so unfortunately the kids may be disappointed to see me sitting in the jolly man's red chair to hand out gifts. But if you know someone willing to volunteer as Santa, please contact us.

Thank you!

Thanks to our Platinum Sponsors this year, Greenvale Animal Hospital. Nicole and the team are a great support to our club with both their kids playing in the competition, and we in turn love to support them also. And thanks to all our other sponsors for the year including Paul, our favourite local sparky at PKV electrical, Richard and the team at Chemist Warehouse Greenvale, and Matty the butcher at Meatland Greenvale. If your business would like to support our club in 2024, please contact us for sponsorship options.

Another year that our dedicated volunteers have gone above and beyond to make our tennis club the best grassroots sporting club in Greenvale. But a special mention to Lisa Grant who not only works full time and juggles the mum role, but manages her secretary position at the club and, in the absence of a Social Media Coordinator and an Events Coordinator, manages to pull off some amazing events and update our social media page on a regular basis. But as she has stepped down from both these roles, we are keen to find some new and enthusiastic volunteers to help me out. So please let me know if you'd like to join our team. Nevertheless, we are extremely grateful to have Lisa on board and on behalf of our tennis community, thank you Lisa!

And thanks to David, Jim, Jess, Keanu, and all the volunteers who've helped out at our club at events and working bees throughout the year. Your extra hands make a world of difference so thank you.

To our coaching partners, Guccione Tennis Coaching. Thank you Chris, Dianne, Anthony, and all your coaching staff on being out there in the heat, drizzle, and everything in between. We value our friendship and the love of delivering tennis to our wonderful community and we form a great partnership. Looking forward to an even bigger and more successful 2024.

From me, it's an honour being elected again as President once again and I hope to continue advocating for better facilities and more opportunities so that we can enjoy our wonderful sport. Greenvale Tennis Club has a long history, and I'm proud that we're all a part of it.

Merry Christmas to everyone and have a safe and happy New Year.

Greenvale Tennis Club's Organisation Structure

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
4 meetings per year minimum
- NON-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
2 meetings per year minimum
- GENERAL COMMITTEE**
0 meetings per year (note: can be a non-member)

