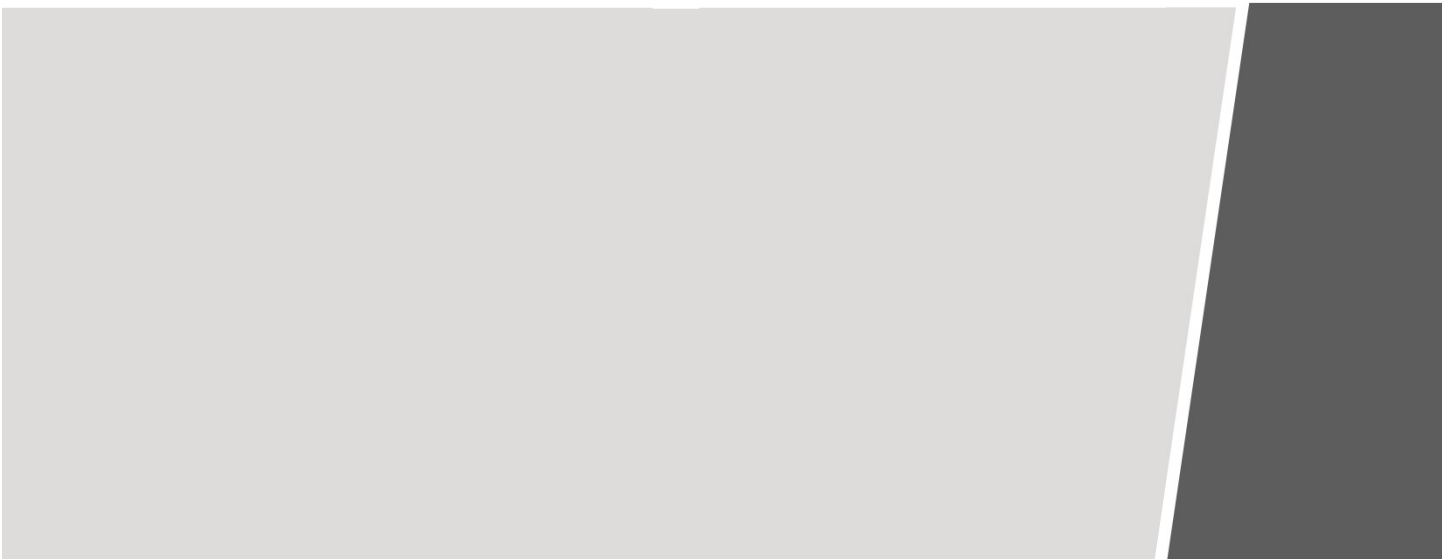




2021 Annual Report (Feb 2020 - Jan 2021)



President's Report



2020 was the year of Covid 19. It came, it created major disruptions to all our lives and Katherine Tennis Club was no different. But we bounced back after lockdown and ended up having a surprisingly good year!

We started 2020 by adding a new program – Saturday morning Hotshots Junior coaching led by Michael Jazyschyn which was an exciting compliment to our Tuesday arvo Juniors practice. Halfway into Term 1, Covid restrictions hit and on March 22 the club suspended all programs. This included cancelling the 2020 Katherine Open which we hold every May.

By May, Covid restrictions begin to relax but it still took a few weeks for our programs to resume and slowly, slowly the club came back to life. The interruption did have an effect though and it took some time for numbers to return.

By Term 3, Michael and I had completed our (first ever!) term of Hotshots coaching and the Term 3 program drew even more juniors. Michelle, Shayne and Kylie did a great job keeping Tuesday arvo practice going in Term 3 and Sunday Social Tennis numbers were quietly growing.

In August the club held a tournament – UTR Singles Challenge - that attracted two dozen players from Darwin. Then in September we added another new event to our calendar – our first club mini-comp which saw 20 local juniors and senior players come together for a day of fun competition.

By the end of 2020, the club had a similar amount of members and activity as 2019 - a great effort considering the massive interruption to year due to Covid. Credit again goes to the committee and volunteers for keeping our club going and, in particular, fostering a supportive and welcoming atmosphere which is something I'm particularly proud of. A productive 2020 set a foundation for the club to grow in 2021 which has certainly happened!

Please read on for more details on how 2020 went (noting that our tennis club years runs from February to January each year). Thanks again for your support and happy hitting!

Greg Dickson,
Club president

Juniors

Back in 2019, we made a small start to bringing junior programs back with Tuesday Afternoon practice running all year thanks to some of our great volunteers.

Then in 2020, we took the next step and introduced Hotshots coaching on Saturday mornings. This was the first time in years that Katherine Tennis Club was able to offer lessons. Led by Michael Jazyschyn and supported by Greg Dickson, we had 12 juniors register for the first 6-week program. In Term 3, our second 6-week program grew to 14 juniors.

Meanwhile, Tuesday afternoon practice continued too, thanks in particular to Shayne Cox, Michelle Lawrence, Michael Jazyschyn and Kylie Cowan for their volunteer efforts.

We saw some great improvement in our juniors over the year. Unfortunately with Covid and tournament cancellations, development and tournament opportunities were limited. In September though, our junior got a taste of competitive tennis at our local mini-comp with 11 juniors competing.

Despite Covid interrupting the year, overall, we saw some great development in juniors and introducing Saturday Morning Hotshots coaching provided juniors with more opportunities to improve their tennis. This set a great foundation for further growth in the future.



Michael with Red Ball juniors at Saturday morning Hotshots



Seniors

For adults, our main program in 2020 was again weekly social tennis under lights. In 2020, social tennis changed from a Tuesday program to Sunday evening. With the change, plus Covid, numbers were sluggish, averaging only about 8 for the first half of the year but picking up to around 12-14 each week by the end of the year.

Again, with Covid, opportunities for Senior players were more limited with no Katherine Open and other tournaments cancelled. However, we still had a number of players participate in UTR events in August/September. In Katherine, Kyle Booker, Ryle Cenabre, Greg Dickson and Lewis Lampton competed alongside our top junior Michael Jazyschyn. Greg, Lewis as well as Tom Robinson and Tori McRae competed in Darwin UTR events. In January 2021, Greg and Lewis also competed in a tournament in Hobart that is part of the GLTA International circuit of events.

We said goodbye to some awesome regulars in 2020 who moved on from Katherine. Matt Stott had been a big help to the club in 2019 and moved back to Brisbane. Simone Cavallaro, Jamie Burden, Tori McRae and Tom Robinson all made Sunday night social lots of fun too and are missed.

Committee and volunteers

As a volunteer-run club, the Katherine Tennis Club wouldn't exist without its committee and volunteers. While a long-term goal of the Katherine Tennis Club is to work with Tennis NT to host a coach/manager at the club, recruiting someone to the position is historically difficult. This means our club is usually self-reliant, depending on the committee and volunteers to deliver programs and ensure Katherine has a home for tennis. A big thank you to those who served on the committee this year, especially the outgoing committee members:

2020/2021 committee

Greg Dickson– President (since 2019)

Nic Brindell – Vice President (since 2019)

Ryle Cenabre – Treasurer (incoming July 2020)

Karin Spain – ordinary committee member (incoming July 2020)

Lewis Lampton – ordinary committee member (for a few years now!)

Michelle Lawrence – ordinary committee member (incoming July 2020)

vacancy – Secretary

In addition to the committee, Katherine Tennis Club's volunteers are vital to the club being able to provide tennis for the Katherine community. We are indebted to many people for time and efforts in supporting the club in various ways. In 2020, this included: Michael Jazyschyn, Shayne Cox, Kylie Cowan, Michelle Lawrence and Kyle Booker who set up a restringing service for the club which is a great addition to the club.

Each year for the Tennis NT Awards night, the committee and volunteers select a Clubperson of the Year which went to Greg Dickson in 2020.



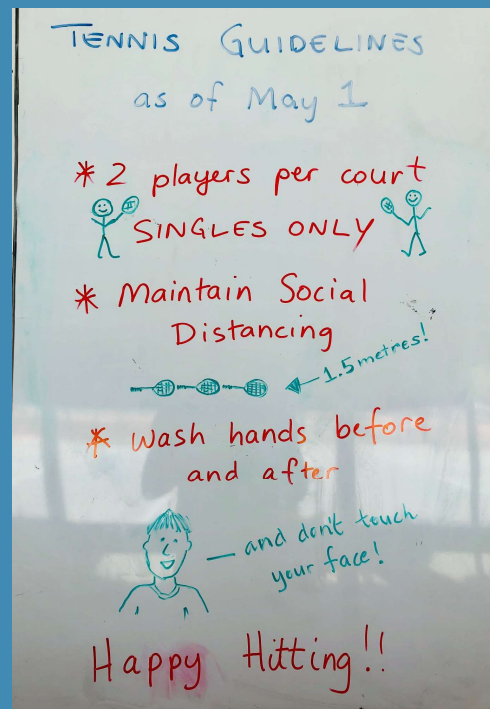
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Tennis NT Awards night

Our year in numbers

No annual report is complete without some numbers and statistics, so here's a sample:



	2018 (as of 31/1/19)	2019 (as of 31/1/20)	2020 (as of 31/1/21)	2021 (in progress - as of 23/6/21)
Members	25	42	41	78
Income	\$7,174.75	\$10,867.95	\$10,181.95	
Profit/loss	-\$4,821.03	\$2,284.49	\$1,398.11	
People who entered the Katherine Open	117	97	Cancelled	89
People who like our Facebook page	363	389	523	572
Average juniors at Tuesday practice	Not held	8-10	8-10	10
Average juniors at Saturday Hotshots	Not held	Not held	10-14	20
Average seniors at social tennis	6	8-10	10-12	18

Tournaments and competitions

UTR Tournament Series

In an ordinary year, the highlight on the Katherine Tennis Club's calendar is the Katherine Open, held every May. With Covid, the 2020 Katherine Open was cancelled. After restrictions were eased, Tennis NT organised a new tournament series, called UTR events (UTR = Universal Tennis Rating) with several events in Darwin and one in Katherine.

The **Katherine Tennis Club UTR singles challenge** was held on August 1-3 with 30 players, including two dozen visiting players from Darwin. It was great to have competition tennis back at the club and see the club busy. Local players joined in too, with special mention to Kyle Booker who won his division. Winners were:

- Men's Open Singles – Peter Politis
- Women's Open Singles – Emily Webb
- Division 3 final – Kyle Booker def Rafael Fulmanski 6-3 6-2
- Division 4 winner – Alexander Lee
- Green Ball winner – Erin Willoughby

Several Katherine Tennis Club members also travelled to Darwin to play in Darwin UTR events: Greg Dickson, Lewis Lampton, Tori McRae and Tom Robinson all made the trip up the highway with a highlight being Tom Robinson winning his division (Div 4) at the Tennis World Darwin UTR Singles Challenge.



Tournaments and competitions

Club mini-comp

Locally, we ran our own mini-comp on September 26 with 20 local players taking part. This was a new venture for the club, with the aim of (a) bringing junior and senior players together and (b) giving juniors and club players a first-taste of tournament or competition tennis. The day was a hit with a great morning of tennis. Full results here: [Katherine Tennis Club September 2020 minicomp | All Tournaments – Tennis Australia](#)



GLTA World Tour

In January 2021, Greg Dickson and Lewis Lampton travelled to Hobart to play the Hobart Out Tennis Tournament as part of the GLTA World Tour, held at the Hobart International Tennis Centre. Lewis in particular had a great run, reaching the final of the B Grade singles. Full results here: [GLTA - Hobart Out Tennis Tournament 2021 - Events \(tournamentsoftware.com\)](#)



Individual achievements

Although we are a small club, it is great to note local players achieving on the state, national and even international level. Achievements of Katherine Tennis Club members in 2020 include:

Kyle Booker

- Katherine UTR Singles Challenger – Division 3 winner

Greg Dickson

- 2020 Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) High Performance Official Program (HPOP) participant
- Chair Umpire – UTR Pro Tennis Tour events in Brisbane (August 2020, December 2020)
- Awarded Level A Chair Umpire from Tennis Australia (October 2020)
- Katherine Tennis Club clubperson of the year

Lewis Lampton

- Finalist - Tennis World Darwin UTR Singles Challenge – Division 4
- Finalist – Hobart Out Tennis GLTA – B Grade singles

Thomas Robinson

- Winner - Tennis World Darwin UTR Singles Challenge – Division 4

Winners at our September club mini-comp:

- Senior Singles A – Michael Jazyschyn
- Senior Singles B – Andrew Jazyschyn
- Green Ball – David Jazyschyn
- Orange Ball – Sienna Lee
- Red Ball – Molly Proudlock



NTIS High Performance Official Program 2020