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MIDLAND LAWN TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 29 JULY | 10.30 AM @ MIDLAND SPORTS COMPLEX

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### PRESIDENTS REPORT 2023

On reflection, a year of positive change for MLTC, where the committee have worked exceptionally hard to try and turn around the club. Starting with sorting out the finer details of no City of Swan management at the Midland Sports Complex, negotiations commenced around changes to our License to accommodate the changes to management. With a new strategy to rest and prepare the front courts early, the season kicked off with a great turn out for the open day, matched with great attendance at our Friday Junior Tennis Club opening. The front courts came up fabulous for the opening of the season and is a strategy the club is trying again this year. This means year-round use of our grass courts, providing members with as much use of our facilities across the year as possible.

Tennis West pennant competition saw the return of State League tennis to MLTC, with a joint venture with Blue Gum Park Tennis Club bringing together some of the state's up and coming talent under the guidance of Cameron Fenner. In addition to State League and a combined Midland-Blue Gum Div 1 team, MLTC entered 2 Men's Open teams (Div 6, Div 8), a ladies Southern Suburban Midweek team and 6 junior teams. MLTC hosted two State League home matches at the club, with good attendance from members to see top level tennis on our beautiful grass courts. While the State League team just missed out on finals, our Men's Div 6 team won their Grand Final, adding to a winning Spring Slam pennant shield from our first ever team in this mixed competition, and a number of our junior teams making finals. Our ladies midweek finished runner up as did the Junior Green Ball Div 2 team. One of our juniors, Nathaniel Sanderson was also successful as MVP in Div 2 – a great achievement. Congratulations to all who took part in pennant competition.

Our social tennis continues to attract a regular number of players both Wednesday and Saturday, with a small number of new faces during the year. While our Junior Club started with great numbers, unfortunately this was not maintained over the year, and needs to be reinvigorated once more. After membership numbers dropping to the lowest ever over the past couple of years, it has been great to see a turn around this year. Total membership numbers were up to 105 – 61 adult and 44 junior. As per our Treasurer's report, this increase contributed to the club breaking even financially after a couple of years struggling. Negotiations with Tennis West and City of Swan to provide some relief on their charges helped as well, along with higher income from the Hills Grand Slams, and lower expenditure. A solid financial performance for the year, and while it will take a few years to get strongly back into the black, this year has been a great start.

Following on from the success of the previous year, the Senior Club Championships were again held over a number of weekends to try and attract as many participants as possible. With lots of new faces, there was some great tennis, and some new names crowned as club champions in the various events. Unfortunately, there were

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insufficient entries to hold our Junior Club Championships this year. A small, casual presentation afternoon saw the winners of club champs and pennants presented with their prizes and shields. The senior club “Golden Racquet” award for outstanding contribution to the club was made to Tom Chambers, and the junior club “Golden Racquet” for outstanding contribution to our juniors was made to Arif Arianto.

The Hills Grand Slam events were again strongly supported by our members. Thanks again to Mandy Campbell and John Ferguson for the enormous effort organising and running these events. They continue to provide such enjoyment for those that take part as well as much needed income for the club.

Thanks to organisers of our many tennis and non-tennis events that bring together our club members – from Pilates, to the Cancer Council “biggest morning tea”; Christmas Lunch and new initiatives such as “Tennis and Tipples” we appreciate all of our volunteers who help make this such a great club.

It has been my privilege to once again step into the role of President of this wonderful tennis club. I appreciate the support of all of our members, but especially our committee. The committee has been incredibly busy this year, driving forward our club, and making changes that will help make us a sustainable and viable operation for years to come. Negotiations are in progress with the City of Swan to take over management of the hard courts, and utilise bookings to help drive membership numbers. This will also allow us to invest in re-surfacing, and at some point, upgrading the lights. We have also worked with Tennis West to assess the health of our club, and leverage their support in delivering against our strategic plan. We have been successful in securing a Platinum Sponsor for the upcoming year and want to welcome Bendigo Community Bank Bullsbrook-Ellenbrook and thank them for their support of our club. I hope this is the start of a long and successful relationship. The club is always looking for support from sponsors – we have a number of options – if you have a business or know someone with a business that would like to partner with us, please reach out to the committee. The committee have also made a number of difficult decisions this year, in the best interests of our club, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each member of our committee for their dedication and support. From attending monthly meetings to manage the club’s operations, to helping out with our Junior pennants on a Sunday morning, your committee of volunteers have worked incredibly hard for all of our members this year. With special thanks to those committee members who will not be re-nominating this year, thank you again for your hard work in helping our club run so smoothly.

Lee Pearson

MLTC President 22-23

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## 2023 Life Membership Nomination

This year, the Committee would like to recognise the significant contribution of one of our members with nomination for Life Membership of the MLTC.

Our nominee has done so much for the club over many years, as well as for the broader tennis community.

1. Running the Hills Grand Slam events from 2006 – 2023 which is a major fundraiser and social event for the club. This involves much organisation; players, matches, catering, prizes, the list goes on. Even this year, although she didn't play, due to shoulder surgery, she was still there running the event.
2. Running other tournaments and events such as club championships
3. Over the years, instigating a variety of other activities to bring 'life' to the club including our Mystery Tournaments and the Friday night family tennis/bowls nights. Constantly thinking of activities to help MLTC raise money and its profile. Currently, a Jr Hills Grand Slam is being planned.
4. Taking on the role of Vice President for a number of years supporting John Ferguson and myself. That includes attending Tennis West events and workshops as well as Tennis Australia's "Get your Racquet On" program. Such a willing person, always has much to contribute, is a great back-up for any President and when at the club on Wednesdays, addresses the morning tea gathering with any club news/events on the agenda.
5. After recent shoulder surgery, still came on Wednesdays to help Tom organise the sets.
6. Always willing to approach and have conversations with COS, Chris (groundsman), Gianni, when he was Centre Manager, as well as Tennis West.
7. Not only involved with social tennis but pennants as well, representing our club.

It is with great pleasure, that I nominate for Life Membership of the MLTC, Mandy Campbell.

Can I please have someone to second?