

Mt Beauty Tennis Club

AGM President's Report 2017

Hugh Skey –September 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is with pleasure that I present my last annual President's report. While I will repeat some matters, I do draw your attention to the various Newsletters that have been circulated during the year as they contain other information, much of which is still current.

I think the highlight of the year was the comprehensive refurbishment of courts 3 and 4 - substantially funded by the Council with excellent project management - and the disposal of all the old surfaces to new homes. These courts are playing well but will need regular maintenance and will be the basis for debate about the quantity of sand required for everyone to be completely satisfied – probably an unachievable outcome! We also undertook drainage improvements, but again this will remain a work in progress and require continual vigilance by those actually using the courts. Clarification of the rights and responsibilities of those groups accessing the adjacent playing field – that is, the old grass courts lying within the Club "grounds", is still to be resolved between council, school and this club.

The committee continued its sterling work, with attention to club house improvements. These entailed many hours of work by member-volunteers to whom much thanks is due. They will continue as funding and approvals allow.

I perpetually mention the perimeter fence in my reports and once again draw attention to the need for continual repairs or else its condition may become irretrievable. Replacement cost is measured in thousands of dollars.

The club's Business Plan was revised and provided to Alpine Shire Council (the owner of the land and buildings occupied by the club) so that it may understand our objectives and be the basis upon which we approach the Council for support.

Regrettably, membership numbers are a little down on last year but still "comfortable" at a total of 89 of whom 27 are under 19 years. However, the missing cohort is people in their 30's, 40's and 50's, those who should be running this club! I ask all current members to encourage others to join no matter what their age.

As for the actual playing of tennis, I can't comment much having been incapacitated for the whole year. However, I believe the social play, junior district competition (guided by Andrea Moorman) and professional coaching activities have proceeded well. I hope 2018 is also successful.

Thank you.

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President*