

Mt Beauty Tennis Club

AGM President's Report 2021

Gill Harrowfield – September 2021

The last 12 months has continued to be very challenging for all sporting clubs in Victoria, including the Mt Beauty Tennis Club. We have, once again, experienced closures and disruptions to our usual mode of operating. Competition, coaching and social tennis have all had to adapt to changing rules and conditions. However, Covid-19 has brought some benefits. Our court hire has increased and we have received some assistance from sporting grants.

The Club has 105 members of all ages; a number which has not changed significantly over the last few years. The challenge is to increase our membership over the coming years. This is not primarily for financial reasons but to introduce more of our local population to the joys and benefits of playing tennis, both competitively and socially. The Club has groups participating in social tennis on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and on Wednesday evenings during the warmer weather. Coaching is available, as is participation in the Kiewa and Talgarno District Competition.

The Club Championships were held in April. Thanks to Mish Forrer and Andrea Moorman for organising this very successful event.

The Club is financially secure so we are in the fortunate position of being able to maintain fees at present rates for the next 12 months.

The courts are generally in good condition although some lumps and bumps have appeared on Courts 1 & 2 during the last year. The committee is seeking advice on the cause of the problem and also on possible solutions. Poor drainage has also been an issue as the courts have flooded during periods of heavy rainfall. The Shire has been approached to solve this problem. Thanks to Ivan Mock for diverting the downpipe next to the entrance to Court 1. This has alleviated the flooding problem in this area. Thanks also to the Shire for replacing a large area of concrete between the Clubhouse and Court 1. Not only has this improved the appearance of this area, it has also made it safer.

The large tree within the grounds of the court continues to present problems. However, this year, we have been fortunate to have had assistance from the Neighbourhood Centre. I would like to thank the gardening group from the centre who have done a wonderful job in clearing the leaves from the areas surrounding the courts throughout the autumn period.

Our club will soon have a new website which will, once again, enable members to renew their membership online. Instructions on this will be issued shortly. Thanks to Geoff Hollow and Andrew Robertson for all their work in the development of this website.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the committee for their work over the last 12 months; the smooth running of our club is dependent on this small group of dedicated volunteers. In particular, I would like to thank Linda Carter who is retiring from the position of Membership Officer. Linda has done a wonderful job in a very difficult year. There are still positions available for the 2021/2022 committee so

please consider putting forward your name. We would love to be joined by some new faces.

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President

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