

## **Mt Beauty Tennis Club**

# **AGM President's Report 2016**

*Hugh Skey –September 2016*

I am pleased to report that the club had another acceptably successful year, again attributable to the efforts of the committee and its officers, the coach, competition coordinators and their assistants. Appreciation is also extended to the newsletter editor and to those who help keep the club house tidy while their children play tennis.

On the practical front:

- We had more sanding and grooming done on courts 1 & 2, and I'm pleased to add that momentum towards replacement of courts 3 & 4 is excellent so far with council making the running. There are no promises but replacement might occur in January 2017.
- You will notice the modifications to the kitchen area, aided by a council grant, the replacement of the street door and some interior wall panels. These activities involved tradesmen but substantially work was done voluntarily.
- I forget when it actually happened, but we do now have a reliable and clean water supply.
- Inevitably with old premises, things keep breaking – like taps and fences – and always have to be fixed. Impromptu voluntary work is appreciated by any willing member provided it does not breach any law or bye-law and the committee is informed if it's a new activity.
- A major task was the replacement of the model rules for an incorporated association with a document more closely aligned with the functions of this tennis club. Hopefully we have made it more workable. I'd like to point out that every member who is 15 years of age or more on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 has the right to vote. In case you're wondering about voting at this meeting, I will point out that membership is deemed to continue for a period after 30<sup>th</sup> September.
- Mixed news applies to the play area, where council consider the slide to be non-compliant from a safety perspective. However they do understand our need for play equipment and their obligation to provide a replacement.
- We were also pleased to renegotiate our contract with the professional coach, Geoff Hollow, who provides a vital service particularly to junior players, including non-members who may hopefully take up the sport more consistently in the future.
- Lastly, we maintained our inexpensive annual membership fee structure of \$40 for adults and \$10 for the rest except for juniors under 6 years and life members. The good news is that they're the same in 2016/17.

While i am necessarily focussed on the business aspects of the club, i recognise that our primary aim is to play tennis. So a mention here is desirable!

- Social play continued more or less throughout the year. Seniors gathered on Tuesday and Friday mornings and ladies on Thursday mornings. The Wednesday night mixed competition was conducted over summer concluding in May.
- The weather has not been kind recently summer players are ready to go as from tonight.
- I think I'm right in saying that some juniors went to the Australian open again under the guidance of our coach Geoff Hollow and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I again wish them success in the regional competition this season.

i apologise if I've omitted something of significance or someone's contribution. I plead that, at this time of the year, I'm focussed on the membership renewals and the intricacies of the 'my-tennis' database – still a can of worms.

In concluding i will repeat a previous plea. It is that the committee needs input on behalf of our junior players so that their development and interest in tennis is maintained. We need parents to become committee members and to learn club business. A committee comprised substantially of older adults cannot be expected to have the necessary insights and initiative. I think I'm on safe ground in saying that several current committee members will not be available for 2017-18.

*Thank you.*

*Hugh skey  
President*