

Mt Beauty Tennis Club

AGM President's Report 2015

Hugh Skey –September 2015

It is with pleasure that I report on the progress of our club for the past year.

Firstly, I must say that this progress is predominantly due to the efforts of all the committee members in their various capacities of secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor and competition coordination. So, I extend my thanks to each of them on behalf of our membership.

In the year just past, we reduced our membership fees considerably following a change to the cost of affiliation with tennis Victoria. It seems that this has enabled the retention of adult members and a sizeable increase in the number of juniors, many of whom receive professional coaching – a service not available to many in rural Victoria. At my last count there were 59 juniors and 84 adult members. Happily we also added to our list of life members in recognition of their service to this club, as reported in the recent newsletter.

A significant amount of maintenance was carried out including to the playground, the fences, the nets on courts 3 & 4, the seats and the potable water supply. Some of you may have noticed that the street-side gutter has been fixed and we have a replacement door for installation. Alpine shire council met the costs of the water supply and building repair, consistent with their role as the title holder and our landlord. The incandescent electrical junction box was replaced. Court-side signage has been refreshed and updated.

Our business plan was amended and submitted to council for their information. That plan drew upon the various recreational development plans prepared by council, which we fully expect will evolve over time. Thus our plan will be amended each year and members' input is always encouraged via communication with the committee.

I now turn to the actual playing of tennis. 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, but resuming recently for the 2015 – 2016 season. Several juniors had a great time on court at the Australian open under the guidance of our coach Geoff Hollow. Club shirts have been provided for juniors adding a degree of professionalism to their appearance on court. It's particularly pleasing to report that junior membership is high enough for Mount Beauty to again enter several teams in the Kiewa & Talgarno District Tennis Association and there will be competitive play here on a regular basis. This can be attributed to the efforts of the coordinator and the coach. It is also

expected that interaction between the Bright and Mount Beauty clubs will increase.

I hope that I have covered everything to a greater or lesser degree.

In concluding I will make one plea. It is that the committee needs input on behalf of our junior players so that their development and interest in tennis is maintained. This can be done by parents becoming committee members or simply be willing to provide ideas and feedback informally. A committee comprised substantially of older adults cannot be expected to have the necessary insights and initiative. So please participate.

Thank you.

*Hugh skey
President*