

# **Mt Beauty Tennis Club**

## **AGM President's Report 2020**

*Andrew Robertson – September 2020*

Much of this year has been quite different and difficult due to the health crisis.

Throughout the year committee meetings have been held, via Zoom, where we have regularly monitored the requirements of the Health Department and the advices from Tennis Victoria regarding options for continuing with play, albeit in a limited fashion. Periodic update emails to all members have been sent when the situation has changed and notices and other controls have been put in place at the clubhouse.

However, the Tennis Club membership is steady with over 100 members, although actual playing has been substantially affected by the health crisis.

Financially the club remains in good health with funds in term deposits and outgoings being carefully managed, although deposit rates continue to fall each time a term renewal becomes due.

Interestingly, in part due to limitations on personal exercise, there has been an increase in the number of casual players using the courts, within the posted rules and guidelines, resulting in a healthy income from court rental fees.

Most of our recent major works were completed last year, however, we have been able to get Alpine Shire to review the size of the plane tree in the front garden, and have had excess branches removed, to help reduce the impact of leaves falling on the courts in autumn. Metal gutter guard was installed in the gutter above the toilet area and that should also help to minimize blockage and overflows.

At this AGM, all Committee positions will again become vacant, and elections held to fill them.

I would like to especially recognize and thank Hugh Skey, our membership officer, who retired from the committee during the year. Hugh assumed this role in 2011 and then also took on the position of President in 2014, for three years. A huge contribution to the club. Linda Carter, from whom Hugh took on the membership role, has again agreed to undertake this position and has been receiving assistance from Hugh as she takes on the role.

Membership renewals this year are being done a bit differently, in part due to Tennis Victoria preparing to change their on-line system. Linda, supported by Hugh, has commenced to manage the renewal process that started at the beginning of September. A number of members have already renewed, so that is a good start.

As in 2019, members who haven't renewed and paid 2020/21 fees by year's end, meaning that they will not have Tennis Victoria insurance coverage, will be asked to cease playing until fees are paid.

Finally, I would like to thank the whole Committee for their hard work during the year. The Committee is strong, with good representation and most meetings have been well attended, enabling business matters to progress smoothly. All Committee members continue to have a *Working with Children Certificate* as part of our commitment to ensure a safe environment for younger members.

We are always open to members joining the Committee, and there will be some new vacancies at this AGM, so please consider whether you could assist by becoming a Committee member.

*Andrew Robertson*  
*President.*