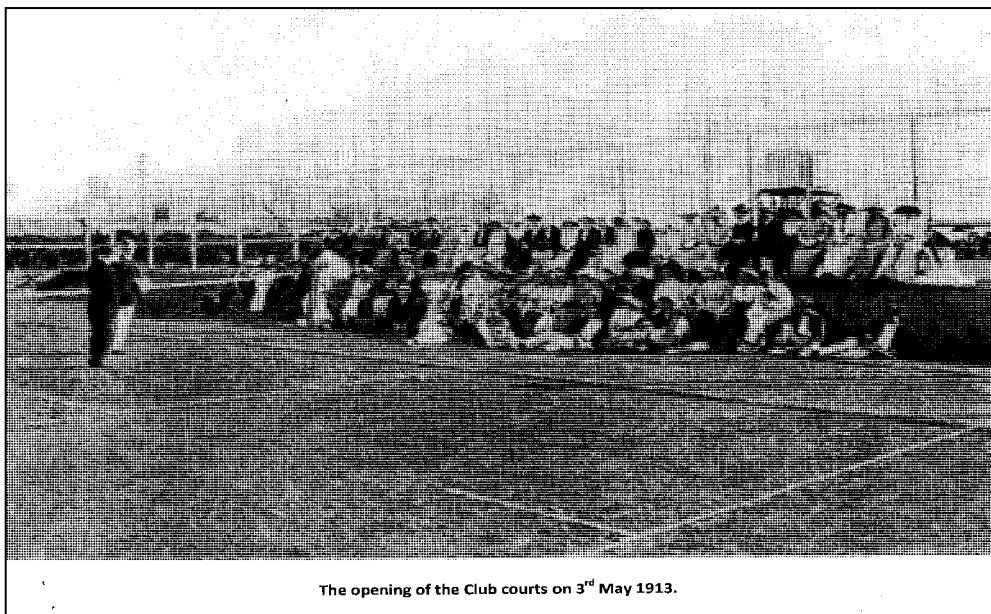




# ANNUAL REPORT 2022 - 2023

An integral part of the Vincent Community  
for 110 years



The opening of the Club courts on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1913.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S SECOND OLDEST METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY  
TENNIS CLUB CONTINUOUSLY LOCATED WHERE IT WAS FOUNDED

The North Perth Tennis Club, in all likelihood, was most probably founded on 24 November 1911, given that such an announcement to that effect was published in the West Australian of that date, announcing that there would be a General Meeting at the North Perth Town Hall for the initiating of a Tennis Club.

However, as we have a photograph of the 'official' opening of the Club on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 1913 at Farmer Street, we have historically taken that as the date when the Club commenced its life as an integral part of the North Perth community, now the City of Vincent. And as of that date, we have been continuously located at this location. Remaining an active, honoured and vibrant part of the community.

Over the years the Club has been blessed to have been graced with members, who have not just shone on the tennis court, but have achieved at the highest level in many other fields.

But, maybe more so fortunate, our members have been the beneficiaries of an unlimited number of participants who, quietly behind the scenes, have provided the fabric that makes and binds together a club into a community. We thank you all.

### **Acknowledgement of Country**

The North Perth Tennis Club acknowledges the traditional custodians throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders both past and present.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are advised that this document may contain images of people who are deceased.

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CLUB PATRON

John Carey

MLA, Member for Perth

The Club is always grateful for the exceptional support received from our patron, John Carey, MLA, Member for Perth, who seems to always find time out from his huge workload and commitments to attend our key functions, especially if cake is involved!

## 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Leading into the 2020-21 season, under the guidance of Club President Lyall Bear, the Committee set an ambitious project plan, working off the solid position established by preceding committees. There were several areas that needed addressing to add stability and address some rather tired assets. Many of these are detailed within the report, but in summary they included;

1. Re-surfacing of the hardcourts.
2. Upgrading of the worn out and expensive to maintain halogen fittings to new LED fixtures. Greatly increasing the playing experience, whilst significantly lowering running and maintenance costs.
3. Having the Clubroom floor sanded and polished.
4. Upgrading of the various outdoor areas.
5. Obtaining new shade structures.
6. Rectifying the access ramp to the lower courts.
7. Landscaping the eastern bank to the hardcourts.
8. Addressing the status of the net posts.
9. Facilitating the ability to have card payments.
10. Allowing membership payments via the web site.
11. Automated court hiring and payment via the web.
12. Addressing the licencing requirements for the running of small and larger functions.
13. Addressing the long-running issue of the Club's lease of the facility with the City of Vincent.

In planning and scoping this out, a rigorous financial plan, mostly under the authorship of Lyall, was established. Three years later, nearly all of these goals have been achieved, even through the severe impacts of Covid, which saw many sporting clubs falter financially.

It is therefore appropriate to acknowledge the efforts of that Committee and the other members who assisted, which can be highlighted through simple reflection on the projects completed, and the financial plan and the status of the Club as of 30 June 2023.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Forecast in 2020/21 for end of year 2022/23</b>	<b>Actual 2022/23 end of year</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
The forecast deficit to facilitate the capital works expenses.	-\$16,935	-\$14,940	Slightly less than forecast.
Forecast members funds. (Cash at bank)	\$29,150	\$31,144	Slightly more than forecast.

This has placed the Club on a very sound financial footing, with a significantly refreshed physical condition, as of the completion of the 2023 season. It was also wonderful to see a number of new faces on the committee for the 2022/23 season. It should also be acknowledged that this was achieved through a wonderfully open and supportive relationship with the City of Vincent, who assisted greatly, both administratively and financially. We particularly thank the Mayor, Emma Cole, and our local member, Suzanne Worner, for their ongoing attendance and support. Together with great interaction with the staff at the City of Vincent, particularly regarding finalising the new lease agreement.

## 2 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As a reasonably new member to the Club, and first year on the NPTC committee, it has been a year of discovery for me. It's been a great experience getting to know the committee, the many volunteers and all the members of the Club. We are so lucky to have such a dynamic, selfless, and fun-loving group of people at NPTC.

It's been an honour to be part of the running of the Club. Being the newby in the team, the old hands on the committee and subcommittees have still been very productive and have provided much support for another fun year of tennis and so much has been achieved in advancing the Club.

The key achievements for the year have been:

- The Club reached its 110 milestone this year. An amazing achievement for a small local club. We celebrated the event with a fun day of tennis, with teams named in honour of illustrious champions, and then the Finska showdown. Afternoon tea with Club legends and dignitaries, followed by the Club dinner.
- Installation, testing and final acceptance (by CoV) of the new LED lighting on the hardcourts. Special thanks to Brian Lloyd for working through the very demanding specifications that required high level light on one side of a wire fence, and near darkness on the other side!
- Execution of the new lease agreement with CoV. We now have a guaranteed home and certainty on costs for the next 5 years. The negotiations to reach this final state were very drawn out. Thanks to Lyall, Gary, Geoff, Mal and Michael for advising and ensuring NPTC achieved a satisfactory outcome.
- Sealing of the access path down to the hardcourts and western bank of grass courts. This minimises the wear and tear to the groundsman's equipment and also improves water drainage that currently impacts the hardcourts over winter. Our groundman is very happy.
- Improving and expanding the seating capacity and shade cover, for viewing play and children's coaching on the hardcourts and west side grass courts. A special thanks to Brian Duffecy who made and donated the seating. And the usual suspects who contributed to the paving, landscaping and shade structures.
- Development of a Sponsorship program and then signing up our new Platinum Sponsor, Paragon Property. Great work by Marco in setting this up and turning it into a reality.
- Extension of the coaching contract with PlayTennis, and continuation of our popular coach Neil Hay.
- Trial of a new electronic lock system for access to the hardcourts, that ties-in to the online court booking system. Getting this right will optimise a strong revenue source for the Club.
- Another fantastic Presentation Night function, held this year at Una Mes in Menora, with some great new winners from the younger members and recognition of a Club legend on the night. A big thank you to our social convenors (Dani & Mark) for arranging this important event on our annual calendar, at an excellent new venue.
- Another entertaining Quiz Nite, with our wonderful quizmaster Hugh McGinlay in charge, testing our knowledge and commandingly overseeing the evening. I believe this year was the largest and most profitable yet.
- A very successful Club Championship's tournament this year, with a good level of participation from all our members and continuing the changing of the guard. Thank you to the tournament captains for running this event so well.
- Continuation of the rebirth of our Club's annual golf day, with the Ray Prescott Memorial Golf Day being held at Embleton Golf Course, superbly organised by Geoff Gell.

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Thank you to all our members for actively participating in social and other tennis events throughout the year. It's great to see everyone enjoying their tennis and improving their game, during the course of the season. We have also had some wonderful new members join the Club, so thank you all and please keep playing on the hardcourts if you can, before the grass court season recommences in October. I look forward to seeing you back at the Club in due course if you are taking a winter break.

Finally, some acknowledgement of those that have contributed in many important ways to our Club this season and assisted me in my various roles and on the sub-committees:-

- The members of the operating committee: Joe Miotti (T), Michael Cornes (VP), Fran Spencer (S) and Captains: Adrian Keating, Lei Baker, Ali Colvin and Richard Hopkins
- The hardcourts LED lighting team: Gary Fitzgerald, Brian Lloyd, Geoff Gell and Malcolm Birch
- The COV lease liaison subcommittee: Gary Fitzgerald and Lyall Bear, with support from Michael Cornes, Geoff Gell and Malcolm Birch
- Social media/website and membership updates: Sheryl and Stephanie Birch
- Hardcourt booking system: Adrian Keating
- Social convenors: Dani Nockolds and Mark Beyer
- Tennis West pennant supervisor & coach liaison: Hugh McGinlay
- Grounds liaison officer: Geoff Gell (with Gary Fitz and Lyall Bear)
- Drinks purchasing/stocking: Trevor James
- The Club's Annual Report: Mal Birch
- Sponsorship Manager: Marco De Carolis

On behalf of the members, I thank you all very much for your invaluable contributions. Apologies to anyone inadvertently overlooked from this list, and who has not been recognised elsewhere in this report.

Scott Robinson - President



### Opening day for the NPTC 2022-2023 season



### 3 SECRETARY'S REPORT

The following notifications have been sent to all financial members.

#### 3.1 Calling of the 2022/23 Season Annual General Meeting

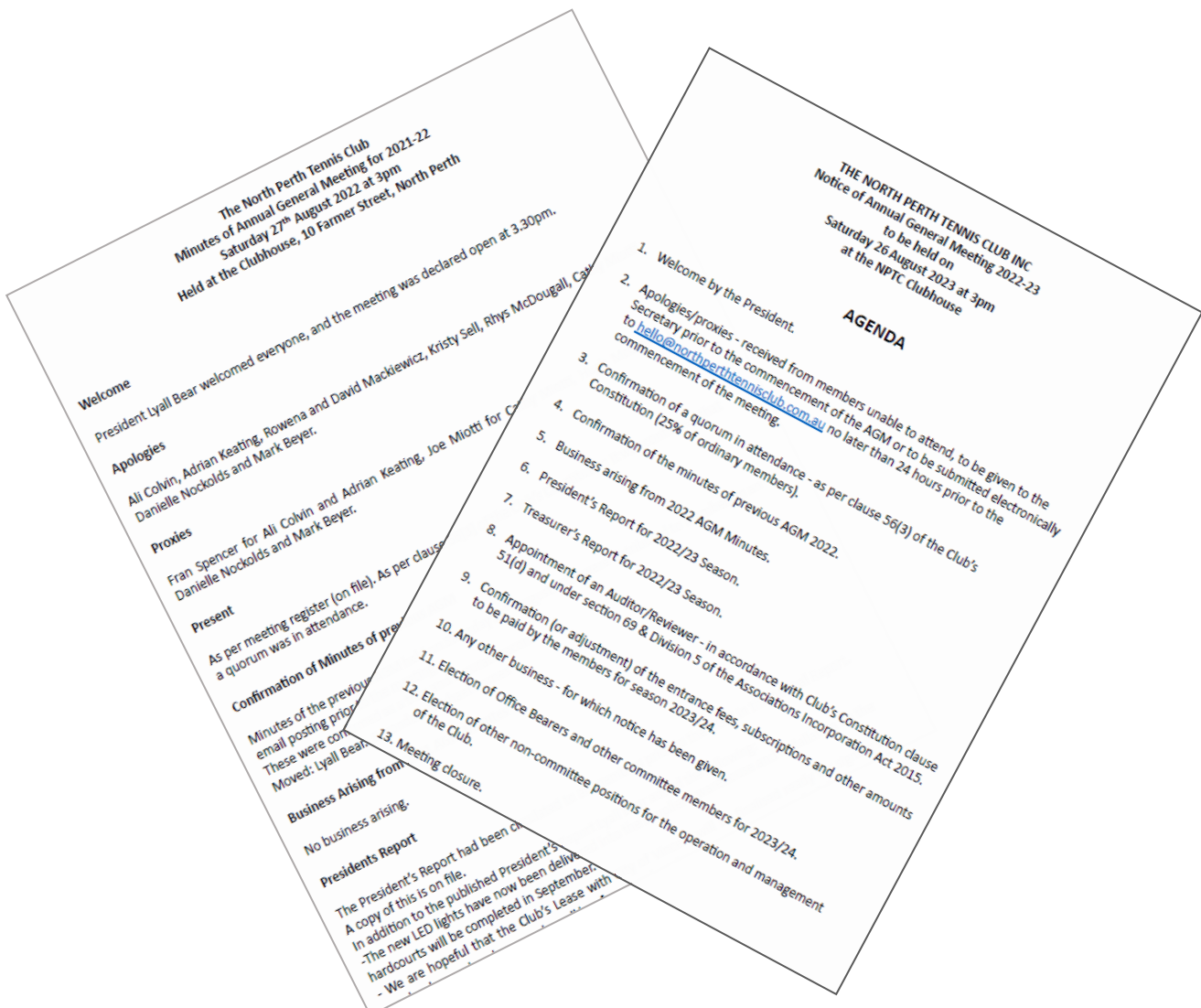
The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the North Perth Tennis Club (NPTC) 2022/23 has been called for 26 August 2023, at 3.00pm, at the NPTC Clubrooms, with notification sent out as required by the Club's Constitution, under a separate email.

#### 3.2 Agenda for the 2022/23 Season Annual General Meeting

The Agenda for Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2022/23 of the North Perth Tennis Club (NPTC) has been circulated, with notification sent out as required by the Club's Constitution, under a separate email.

#### 3.3 Minutes of the 2021/22 Season Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the AGM of the NPTC for the 2021/22 season have been forwarded to all financial members under a separate email posting prior to the 2023 AGM.



## 4 TREASURER'S REPORT

### 4.1 Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

During the 2022/23 season the Club concluded with loss of \$14,940 (includes maintenance provisions). This loss was due to capital expenses incurred from the replacement of the hardcourt lights, bituminising of the ramp and the installation of the new sails. Without these expenses and the subsequent GST refunds the Club would have made a profit of \$2,915.

- Income from membership subscriptions was \$22,876, which is slightly down to the previous year. The total number of members was 81, twenty five fewer than the previous year. This was reflected through a reduction in Family Juniors, Pennant Only players and Social members.
- Other notable income for the year was from:
  - Quiz night profit of \$6,600, which is up by about \$3,000.
  - Hardcourt hire of about \$8,500.
  - Coaching payments of \$1,800, which was down by \$1,400.
  - Drink sales profit of \$2,800.
  - Clubhouse hiring of \$1,450.
- Major operating expenses were:
  - Court maintenance \$30,500 being an increase of \$3,500 over the previous year.
  - Utility charges of \$6,150 – slightly higher to last year.
  - Tennis West affiliation and pennant fees of \$4,500.
  - Insurance policies of \$1,950.
  - Credits on the Club's Synergy accounts resulted in the Club saving \$1,037 in outgoing for electricity. At financial year end no credit remained.
  - Lease payments during the year were still at the old rate. However, with the signing of the new lease the payment will increase by about \$200 for the coming season.
- The closing balance in the Club's finances totalled \$40,808, made up of:
  - \$13,796 in the cheque account.
  - \$4,552 in an electronic transfer account.
  - \$19,672 in our Bendigo Bank term deposit.
  - \$2,080 in consumables stock.
  - \$40 in cash.
  - \$668 reimbursement from COV for bore power charges.
- Members' Funds available, after maintenance provisions of \$9,000, was a total \$31,144 at year end.

The Club is in a sound financial position. There is no debt and there are no significant capital expenses envisaged now that grass management, hardcourt lighting upgrade and resurfacing of the hardcourts has been addressed.



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North Perth Tennis Club Treasurer's Report						
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022						
Income & Expenditure Statement		For Year Ended				
Item		#	12 Mths 2023	12 Mths 2022	12 Mths 2021	12 Mths 2020
Income	Membership Subs		\$ 22,876	\$ 24,505	\$ 23,933	\$ 18,850
	Fundraising		\$ 9,478	\$ 8,506	\$ 6,534	\$ 4,240
	Court Hire		\$ 8,573	\$ 8,297	\$ 6,028	\$ 2,483
	Coaching		\$ 1,838	\$ 3,249	\$ 3,867	\$ 2,565
	Drinks		\$ 3,146	\$ 3,904	\$ 3,657	\$ 2,600
	Social Events		\$ 2,956	\$ 2,553	\$ 2,320	\$ 40
	Pennant Fees		\$ 2,665	\$ 2,655	\$ 2,287	\$ 1,805
	Grants		\$ 15,217	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Clubhouse Rental		\$ 1,450	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
	Tournament Fees		\$ 1,050	\$ 1,308	\$ 820	\$ -
	Donations		\$ 830	\$ 840	\$ 600	\$ 718
	Visitors Fees		\$ 560	\$ 410	\$ 335	\$ 390
	Other Income		\$ 12	\$ 195	\$ 36	\$ 2,239
	Interest		\$ 34	\$ 34	\$ 136	\$ 281
	Sponsorship		\$ 2,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GST (Net) Refund for Fin. Year		\$ 2,411	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Income for Year</b>			<b>\$ 75,646</b>	<b>\$ 59,706</b>	<b>\$ 51,553</b>	<b>\$ 37,711</b>
Expenses	Court Maintenance		\$ 30,583	\$ 27,116	\$ 23,559	\$ 21,715
	Electricity, Gas, Water & Bins		\$ 6,168	\$ 5,943	\$ 5,718	\$ 5,375
	Purchases - Equipment, Balls & Drinks		\$ 3,631	\$ 8,099	\$ 4,388	\$ 3,662
	Social Events & Functions		\$ 3,393	\$ 2,425	\$ 3,307	\$ 461
	TennisWest Affiliation Fees		\$ 2,552	\$ 2,552	\$ 3,059	\$ 3,547
	Pennant Team Fees		\$ 1,945	\$ 2,108	\$ 2,240	\$ 1,110
	Fundraising Costs		\$ 2,361	\$ 254	\$ 1,673	\$ 54
	Insurance		\$ 1,951	\$ 1,797	\$ 1,652	\$ 1,562
	Tournament Prizes & Engraving		\$ 972	\$ 1,073	\$ 1,328	\$ 20
	Clubhouse Cleaning		\$ 1,035	\$ 960	\$ 754	\$ 870
	Repairs & Maintenance - General		\$ 2,407	\$ 1,498	\$ 750	\$ 1,039
	Building Inspection Fees		\$ 448	\$ 433	\$ 571	\$ 313
	Hardcourt Costs & Fees (excludes major repairs)		\$ 116	\$ 536	\$ 307	\$ 28
	Lease COV (Note 1)		\$ 1,132	\$ 1,055	\$ 253	\$ 759
	General Expenditure		\$ 1,119	\$ 802	\$ 1,168	\$ 1,285
<b>Total Operating Expenses for Year</b>			<b>\$ 59,813</b>	<b>\$ 56,651</b>	<b>\$ 50,727</b>	<b>\$ 41,780</b>
<b>Operating Surplus / Deficit for Year before Abnormals</b>			<b>\$ 15,833</b>	<b>\$ 3,055</b>	<b>\$ 826</b>	<b>-\$ 4,069</b>
Less: Abnormal Non-Recurring Expense Items	Hardcourts R&M + Sealing/Works/Seating/Sails (2023)		\$ 7,288	\$ -	\$ 16,060	\$ -
	Hardcourts Light repairs + LED Installation		\$ 22,365	\$ -	\$ 3,590	\$ 2,348
	Junior Coaching - Coach Transition Cost		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,952	\$ -
<b>Total Abnormal Expenditure for Year</b>			<b>\$ 29,653</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 21,602</b>	<b>\$ 2,348</b>
<b>Total Operating/Abnormal Expenditure for Year</b>			<b>\$ 89,466</b>	<b>\$ 56,651</b>	<b>\$ 72,329</b>	<b>\$ 44,128</b>
<b>Net Income / Expenditure for Year</b>			<b>-\$ 13,820</b>	<b>\$ 3,055</b>	<b>-\$ 20,776</b>	<b>-\$ 6,417</b>
Non-Cash Items	Maintenance Provisions (Increase)/Decrease - From Prior Year		-\$ 2,000	-\$ 2,000	\$ 13,939	\$ 561
	Stock Increase - From Prior Year		\$ 880	\$ -	\$ 900	\$ -
	Synergy Account COVID Support Credits Provided		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000
<b>Total Non-Cash Items for Year</b>			<b>-\$ 1,120</b>	<b>-\$ 2,000</b>	<b>\$ 15,839</b>	<b>\$ 5,561</b>
<b>Net Surplus / Deficit for the Year</b>			<b>-\$ 14,940</b>	<b>\$ 1,055</b>	<b>-\$ 4,937</b>	<b>-\$ 856</b>
Notes	Note 1: COV Lease Payments Waived in Year		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 759	\$ 253

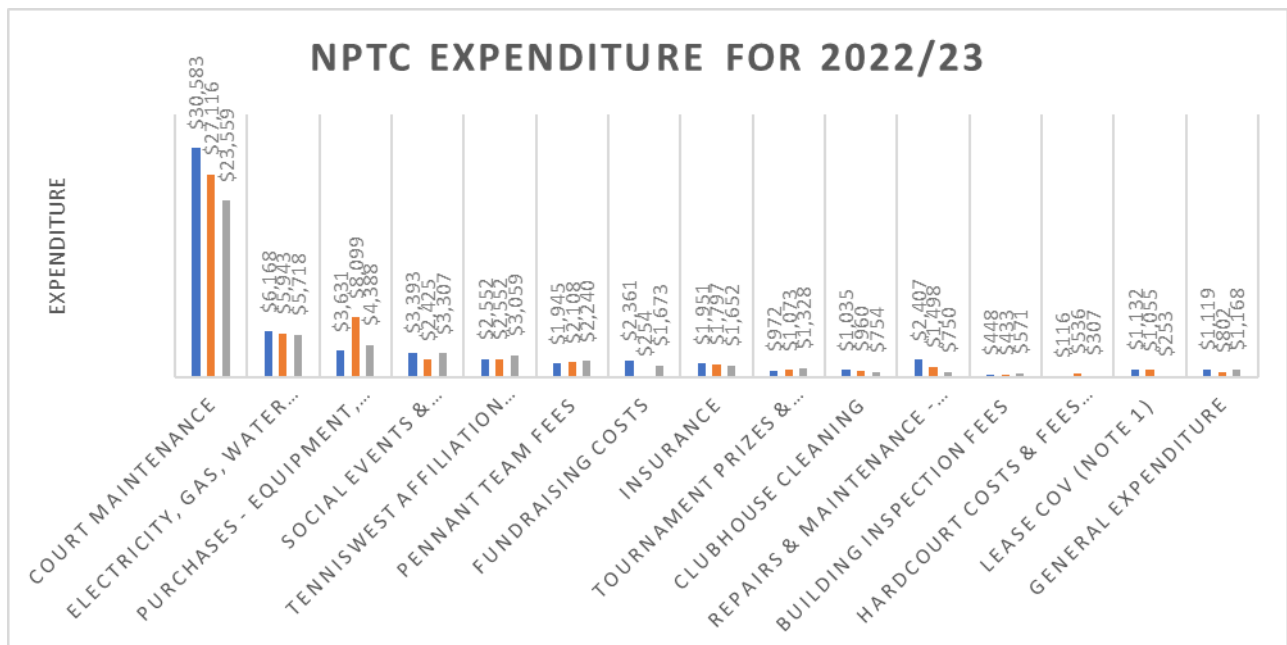
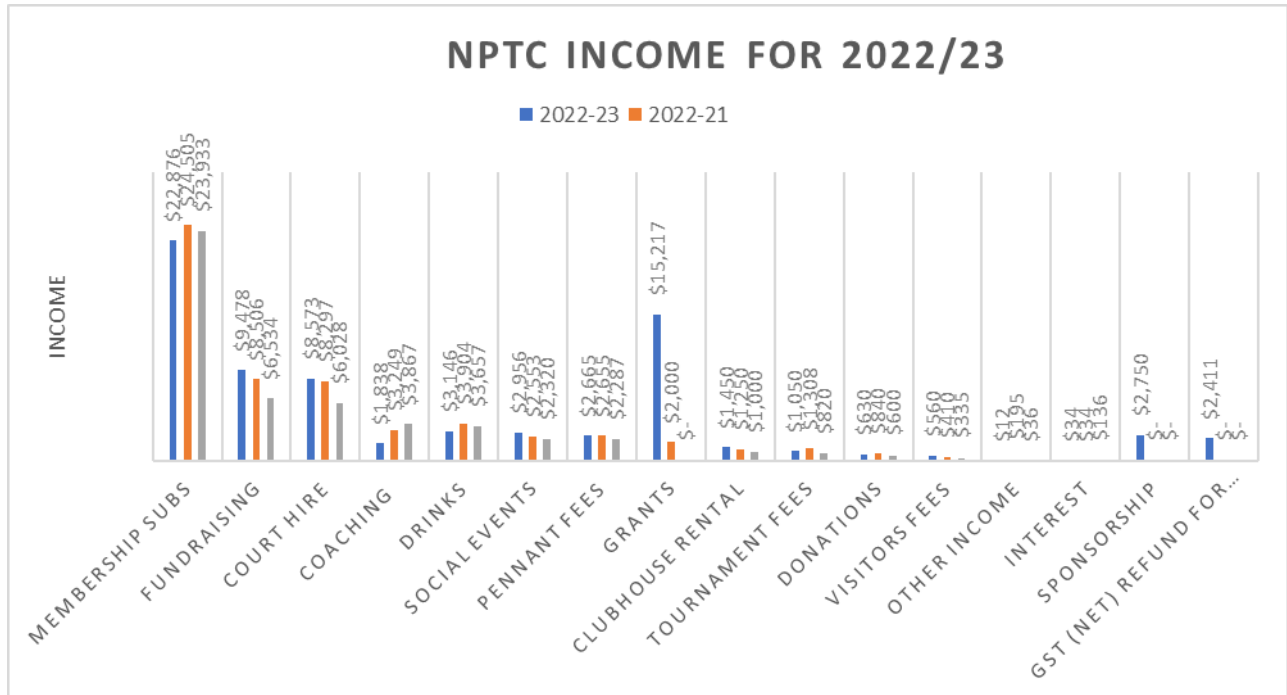
NPTC Hardcourts Income & Expenditure Statement		For Year Ended			
		12 Mths 2023	12 Mths 2022	12 Mths 2021	12 Mths 2020
Income	Court Hire Fees	\$ 8,573	\$ 8,297	\$ 6,028	\$ 2,483
	Coaching	\$ 1,838	\$ 840	\$ 1,915	\$ 2,565
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,411</b>	<b>\$ 9,137</b>	<b>\$ 7,943</b>	<b>\$ 5,048</b>
Expenses	Online Booking fees	\$ -	\$ 77	\$ 307	\$ 28
	LED Lighting Design	\$ 116	\$ 330	\$ -	\$ -
	Light Repairs	\$ -	\$ 129	\$ 3,590	\$ 2,348
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 116</b>	<b>\$ 536</b>	<b>\$ 3,897</b>	<b>\$ 2,376</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>\$ 10,295</b>	<b>\$ 8,601</b>	<b>\$ 4,046</b>	<b>\$ 2,672</b>
<b>Average Net Court Hire Fees - Monthly</b>		<b>\$ 714</b>	<b>\$ 685</b>	<b>\$ 477</b>	<b>\$ 205</b>
<b>Net Court Hire Fees % Change Year On Year</b>		<b>4%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>133%</b>	

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The bar charts highlight income and expenditure trends across the last three seasons, as well as graphically indicating the core income and expenditure centres in a clear comparison, accenting visually where the most impactful income and cost centres sit.

Significantly, they also illustrate trends that can be focused upon, such as court hire and utilities expenses, to underscore income opportunities, and where to focus on costs.

They plainly emphasise that membership subscriptions do not cover the three primary cost centres of court maintenance, utilities and general consumables. Thereby illustrating just how important fundraising, and court hire are as income sources.



## 4.2 Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023

North Perth Tennis Club Treasurer's Report For the Year Ended 30 June 2023						
Balance Sheet		As At				
		30/Jun/2023	30/Jun/2022	30/Jun/2021	30/Jun/2020	
Current Assets	Cash at Bank	\$ 38,020	\$ 50,847	\$ 46,346	\$ 65,581	
	Synergy Accounts COVID Support Credits Balance	\$ -	\$ 1,037	\$ 2,194	\$ 4,536	
	Stock (Est.) - Balls/Drinks	\$ 2,080	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 300	
	Bore power reimbursement due from CoV	\$ 668				
	Cash on Hand	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ 289	\$ -	
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$ 40,808</b>	<b>\$ 53,084</b>	<b>\$ 50,029</b>	<b>\$ 70,417</b>	
Current Liabilities	Current Liabilities - GST (2023) - Groundsman (2020)	\$ 664	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,512	
Non-Current Liabilities	Hardcourt Resurfacing Prov. (10 yrs Provisioning to 2030)	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 15,939	
	General Maintenance Provision	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
		\$ 9,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 18,939	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$ 9,664</b>	<b>\$ 7,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ 20,451</b>	
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>\$ 31,144</b>	<b>\$ 46,084</b>	<b>\$ 45,029</b>	<b>\$ 49,966</b>	
Members' Funds	Represented by					
	Opening Balance		\$ 46,084	\$ 45,029	\$ 49,966	\$ 50,822
	Annual Surplus/Deficiency		-\$ 14,940	\$ 1,055	-\$ 4,937	-\$ 856
<b>Members' Funds</b>		<b>\$ 31,144</b>	<b>\$ 46,084</b>	<b>\$ 45,029</b>	<b>\$ 49,966</b>	

## 4.3 Membership

The Club has generally, for many years maintained a steady membership of between 80 to 110 members. There was a spike during the 14/15 season, which was mostly due to an uplift in junior membership, but this was somewhat unusual, and related to a particular coaching program with one of the local schools.

A senior membership in the bandwidth (80/100) is what the Club likes to maintain, as it is appropriate to the level of facility, social play, court numbers and the weekend availability of courts for pennant competition.

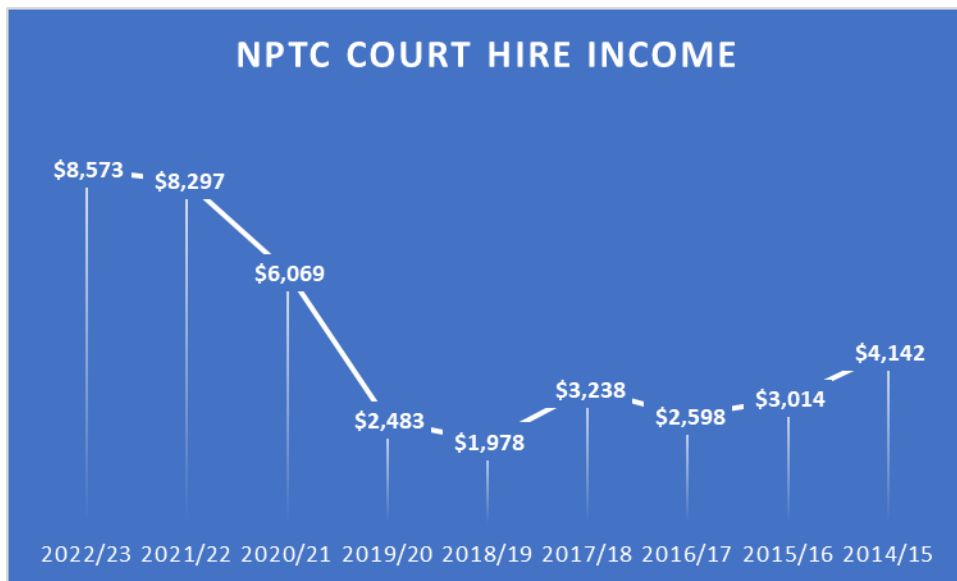


Category	22/23	21/22	20/21	19/20	18/19	17/18	16/17	15/16	14/15	13/14
Male	41	42	42	32	31	33	33	33	41	43
Female	21	23	23	22	22	21	23	19	22	21
Junior	5	7	12	7	9	24	10	9	37	18
Family Juniors	6	13	10	10	7	9	10	6	11	11
Midweek	3	3	6	7	11	9	9	14	9	8
Pennant Only	1	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Social	3	11	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>101</b>



#### 4.4 Court Hire

Court hire continues to be a growing source of income, and the recent re-surfacing and installation of new LED lighting is expected to add further to this trend. Other attractions, such as automated gate access and lighting controls are being investigated by the Club’s Development Sub Committee, to look to further enhance this and attract even more participation and hire income.



During the 2020/21 year the hardcourts were resurfaced, fully funded from the Club’s sinking fund. The Grounds Management Team who worked to see this achieved did a great job. This led to an immediate increase in the court hire response. The 2022-23 season saw the realisation of the installation of the new LED lighting. Due to disruption the hire was affected, but it is expected that this will now pick up.



## 5 CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The captains for the 2022-23 season were Lei Baker, Adrian Keating, Richard Hopkins and Ali Colvin.

It's been a terrific year for both social and competition tennis. North Perth was well represented in the Summer pennants teams, with the Sunday Junior Boys winning the grand final after dropping only one match all season, and the Monday night Fast Four women's teams winning the flag in a very evenly-matched grand final. It was good to see both grand finals supported by an enthusiastic crowd from the Club.

Saturday and Sunday social play was well-patronised throughout the summer, as well as some fiercely contested matches on a Wednesday afternoon that seemed to continue even as the sun went down.

The grass courts have been a treat, and the new lights on the hard courts have brought us up to a great standard. Hard court access is now via an electronic lock which needs a unique PIN to be entered. The PIN is generated when the courts are booked, which allows for better security and tracking the court usage. Non-members can now book the court from 60 minutes duration (previously 90 minutes was the minimum).

Adrian's fabulous computer programming of social play has made the captains' lives so much easier, and has ensured players of all levels are getting a good game. When not being used for matches, the screen scrolls messages to the community about the Club.

Sadly, there was no Vincent Cup this year - let's hope this great community event returns next year. But there were plenty of in-house competitions to keep players happy.

### 110 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

As we like to remind everyone, we are very proud to be the second oldest metropolitan Tennis Club still occupying its original grounds. Our 110th Anniversary Tournament and dinner was a great opportunity to dress up and have some fun. Thanks to Geoff Gell for his presentation on the history of the Club.

### TIN & BOTTLE TORUNAMENT

The always popular 'tin and bottle tournament' saw a great turnout in November. It's amazing how the value of a bottle of Siciliana pasta sauce goes up when there is an Italian on the court!

### FINSKA CUP

The Finska Cup was seriously threatened by rain this year, but the Club spirit was strong, and the event went ahead. Congratulations to the winning team of Narelle Duckett, Brian Lloyd, Samuel Muir and Noah Foster. After actually finishing in top spot after the tennis, Team Birch was then defeated for the title by Team Cernoch in the Finska head-to-head.

Teams were very thoughtfully named after previous Club Championship singles titles winners. It was good to see the return to the court after a number of years of one of our previous members, lining up for Team Birch, namely, Elliot!



## NPTC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the Club Championships the winners were:

### 1. Main competition:

**Men's singles**

**Felix Cornes**

*(runner up – James Concannon)*



**Ladies singles**

**Lottie Mackiewicz**

*(runner up – Rowena Mackiewicz)*

**Men's doubles**

**James Concannon & Felix Cornes**

**Ladies' doubles**

**Lottie Mackiewicz & Felicity Repacholi – Muir**

**Mixed doubles**

**Sarah Petryszyn & Felix Cornes**



### 2. Plate competition:

Men's doubles – Marco DeCarolis & Lyall Bear

Mixed doubles – Lei Baker & Brad Briggs

And Sarah Petryszyn picked up the “Most Improved Player” for the 2022-23 season. She's had a terrific year, across social and pennants play, as well as fancy dress. Congratulations!

Lastly, the captains extend their thanks to all members who assisted with organising social play and the above events throughout the season.

## 6 COMPETITION REPORT



### NPTC Pennant Summary Season 2022-23

The Club had two grand final winners in the summer season. Well done to everyone who took part in all the teams. We have two winter teams – the rain is knocking out a lot of matches, but the competition has been terrific.

#### Summer season 2022-23

Competition	Division	Captain	Position	Comments
Sunday Juniors Under 13	9	S Muir	1 <sup>st</sup>	Winners!



Summer 2022/23 Sunday Mixed 13&U

Yellow Ball Division 9 team winners.

Nick Brasier, Ryder Farrelly, Sam Muir & Myles Hayward-Janney (absent)

Monday Fast 4 Women	2	L Baker	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Winners!</b>
Saturday Men's Open	9	M Cornes	4 <sup>th</sup>	Semi finalists
Sunday Mixed Doubles	1	J Hayward	4 <sup>th</sup>	Semi finalists
Saturday Women's Open	4	R Mackiewicz	5 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday Men's Doubles	4	Brian Lloyd	8 <sup>th</sup>	

#### Winter Season 2023

Tuesday Mixed Doubles	1	R Mackiewicz		
Wednesday Men's Doubles	3	A Keating		

And better late than never, the Spring Slam Doubles Wednesday Night Men's Doubles Div 2 team finally received their 2021 championship shield.



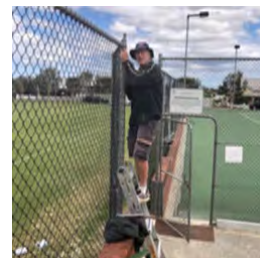
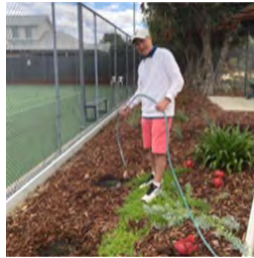
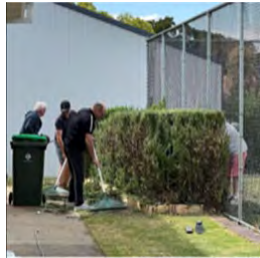
## 7 SOCIAL CONVENOR'S REPORT

### North Perth Tennis Club Social Activities throughout the 2022/23 season

Club members enjoyed multiple social events during the past season, with the 110-year anniversary celebration a highlight. Other notable events included the annual quiz night, the Christmas party and the end-of-season presentation night.

There were also the regular catch-ups on Saturday afternoons and mid-week, when Club members got together for social tennis and enjoyed a couple of drinks or a casual BBQ dinner afterwards, all commencing with opening day on the eight of October.

But everything kicked off with the pre-season Busy Bee which saw many of the Club stalwarts attending to the preparation of the grounds, surrounds and clubrooms.



The 'Tin & Bottle' Tournament in November saw a great attendance and some hot competition for some of the more prized goodies, but we won't comment on anyone in particular, least of all Marco and his battle for the bottle and its obviously valued contents.

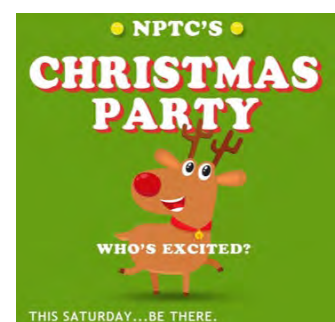
(Italian pasta sauce we believe 😊)



### Christmas Party

On Saturday 17 December, the Club had its Christmas celebration. The afternoon kicked off with social tennis, with many players taking the opportunity to dress in their best Christmas gear.

Sarah won the prize for best dressed after wearing a Christmas jumper designed for cold European winters in the middle of a hot Perth summer.





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Special mention must go to Scott with his 'mankini', which was later featured on Club Patron John Carey's Facebook page. Special thanks to John for attending, along with local councillor Suzanne Worner. Santa also made a special appearance and handed out gifts that members donated.

After the presentations, a delicious Christmas feast was enjoyed by all, with glazed ham, roast chickens and veggie bake provided by the Club and nibbles, salads and dessert provided by attendees.

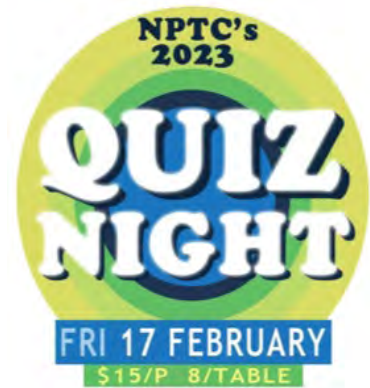


### The Annual Quiz Night

The annual quiz night was held on Friday 17 February. It was a lovely evening that allowed everyone to sit outside under the stars. There was a record attendance with more than 170 people across 24 tables.

The Club had lots of volunteers to help with set up and packing away but the committee made life easier this year by hiring the extra tables and chairs. Special mention goes to quiz master Hugh, team scoring by Sheryl, Fran and apprentice Matilda Robinson, Steph for all the great graphic design work, Trevor for organising the drinks and Mal and Ali on the bar.

Club members donated lots of prizes for the lucky dip, which was a successful money spinner. The night also featured a silent auction and door prizes. The winning team took away vouchers to attend local restaurant Una Mes, which was also the venue for the Presentation Night dinner.



### 110-year Anniversary Tournament and Dinner

On Saturday 6 May, the Club celebrated its 110-year anniversary. It was a very special occasion as Perth has only a handful of tennis clubs that can claim such a long pedigree.

It was an ominous start to the day, with persistent rain through the morning and early afternoon, but it cleared just in time for play to get underway at the scheduled time. It was great to see many Club members took the opportunity to dress in tennis clothes from their favourite era or as their favourite player.

Social tennis was followed by the annual Finska Cup. There was plenty of cheering, drinking and socialising during the competition, which was won by Sam, Noah, Narelle and Brian Lloyd.

That was followed by a tasty feast, helped by Adrian cooking tender lamb on his BBQ rotisserie, plus salad and spuds, capped off with a special anniversary cake from Glory Box. It was a cozy dinner, with everyone eating at tables inside to stay warm.

Geoff Gell gave an informative presentation on the Club's history, with a slide show depicting the Club's history.



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Special guests included long-time Club member Peggy Seeker, who started playing at North Perth in 1953 and plays to the present day.

Club Patron and local MP John Carey spoke about the Club's community spirit. He donated a hamper that was presented to best-dressed winner Jenny James, whose stylish outfit came complete with a parasol and hat. John also presented a voucher to Kristy Sell for her Andre Agassi inspired outfit. Special mentions to Trevor, Sam, Noah and Lei for their outfits.



### Presentation Night

The final social event for the season was the Presentation Night. It was held on Friday 26 May at Una Mes, a Spanish tapas restaurant and wine bar conveniently located on Walcott St in Menora.

Around 50 Club members and guests attended – a good turn-out, helped by the careful scheduling to avoid any clashes with Dockers or Eagles football matches.

There was general consensus it was a great venue, with plenty of space to socialise, tasty food from the kitchen and friendly bar service for the drinks. It was also a good setting for speeches and the presentation of awards, including the winners of the Club championships and Most Valuable Club Member - Hugh McGinlay.



The highlight of the evening was unveiling of the 'Jenny James Cup'.

In honour of her outstanding achievements, and circumstance that the existing woman's singles championship cup had no more available space on it, the Club Committee made the extremely popular decision to announce the introductory presentation of the North Perth Tennis Club's Woman's Singles Championship Trophy, to now be called the 'Jenny James Cup'.

Jenny's amazing record at the Club stands at: 16 Singles titles, 25 Woman's Doubles titles, and 32 Mixed Doubles titles, along with participation in numerous winning pennant teams.

Lottie Mackiewicz was absolutely thrilled to become the inaugural name to adorn the cup.



### The Ray Prescott Memorial Golf Day



Last year saw the return of the Golf Day to the social calendar of the Club after a 20-year absence.

The **Ray Prescott Annual Golf Day** is not only a fitting tribute to one of our much-loved past members, but also recognises Ray's significant contribution to the Club over a long period.

This year the event was held on Sunday 30 April. A little chilly at the tee-off at the Embleton Golf Course, but warming to a beautiful 23 later in the day.

There were 24 golf participants, with many memorable shots witnessed by the large gallery gathered at the number one tee.

All teams were extremely competitive, with the margin between the First and Second teams being a mere 0.3 of a shot.

Results of the day:-

**First with nett 23.5:** Joe Miotti, Narelle Duckett, Adrian Keating, Simon Mudd

**Second with nett 23.8:** Bruce Napier, Sheryl Birch, Michael Cornes

**Equal Third with nett 26.4:** David Jones, Jodi Saunders, Patrick Mudd

**Equal Third with nett 26.4:** Steve Lamb, Tanya Jones, Lucy Lamb, Kim Janney

**Fourth with nett 26.5:** Anthony Pittaway, Jacqui Hayward, Mal Birch, Steve Miotti

**Fifth with nett 28.8:** Geoff Gell, Sarah, Paul

**Sixth with nett 29.8:** Brian Lloyd, Lyall Bear, Cathy Miotti

**Longest Drive:** Kim Janney

**Closest to the Pin:** Adrian Keating

**Most Memorable Shot:** There were many memorable shots nominated, including Sheryl within 30cm of the pin on her drive; Adrian managing to hit his drive into the wire mesh, and staying there. But there was no denying that Tanya, who hit three shots into trees - some bouncing back - and finally managing to hit a tree where the ball stayed in a branch for retrieval for next years' event, was the overwhelming winner!

#### And after the Golf

Following golf, most of the participants went back to the tennis club to join the non-golfers for a sausage in a bun, a few drinks and chocolates, kindly supplied by Alison and Simon. In all, 35 people enjoyed the beautiful 23-degree conditions, sitting amongst the landscaped gardens at the rear of the Clubhouse.

A special thanks to all the contributors on the day, especially Hannah, Alison, Simon, David, Jenny, the team captains, and all the participants.

Ray would have been chuffed...



## 8 COACHING REPORT



We are pleased to retain Playtennis owner, and head coach, Rhys McDougall, Club coach Neil, and the rest of the Playtennis team as an integral part of the North Perth Tennis Club community. Head to their web site at [www.playtennis.com.au](http://www.playtennis.com.au).



Rhys, with some of his students



NPTC Coach – Neil Hay

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## Hello to the North Perth Tennis Club Membership from Rhys

### Coaching & Coaches

is excited to play its part in the regrowth of the tennis coaching program at North Perth Tennis Club. Coach Neil Hay has had some time off through illness this past year and Playtennis has filled the gaps with some quality coaches. Great to see Neil back on court again in terms 2 & 3 this year. And straight back into it giving young Isaak, perhaps an up-and-coming potential star at NPTC, some lessons. The Playtennis coaching staff are seeing some steady progress with the junior program and are confident that term 4 2023 and term 1 of 2024 will see a major increase in numbers at the Club.

### Coaching initiatives

Under coach Neil we offered a regular adult evening coaching class which continues to run through Winter.

Playtennis now coaches at **Kyilla Primary School, North Perth Primary School and St Denis Primary School** which are all local to the Club. We continue to offer club tennis programs to all our junior players at the school programs.

*Neil on court with very keen and talented student, Isaak*



**Coaching Program at North Perth TC**

Playtennis currently offers by way of online booking or direct contact:

30 min toddler tennis group

60 min children’s beginner hot shots group (Red, Orange & Green Ball)

90 min squad & technical training for pennant players

90 minute Lesson & Play

Adult coaching groups & Adult doubles coaching. We encourage more members to come along to these sessions.

Private lessons for both children and adults.

Playtennis is always open to suggestions and members are welcome to form their own groups for team coaching or just coaching with your own group.

Restriring service is also available.

**Looking Ahead**

Playtennis plans to increase its online marketing campaign leading in to Summer season and term 4 tennis with the aim to continue to grow the Club membership & pennant teams. We continue to expand on our coaching program both at local schools and at the Club.

We look forward to lots of fun on the courts in the coming year!

Happy Hitting from Playtennis.

Rhys

Please feel free to contact me anytime to discuss all things tennis.

Junior Tennis



Adult Tennis



Holiday Tennis



School Tennis



High Performance Tennis



Player Profile



## 9 CLUBHOUSE, COURTS AND SURROUNDS

### 1. COURTS AND GROUNDWORK

Extending Rob Firns' contract as our Groundsman for another three years (until 30 June 2025) prior to the commencement of last season, has ensured the Club continues to reap the rewards by providing six of the finest quality grass courts for members' and visitors' play.

Throughout the season the courts were mowed and marked twice weekly, regularly fertilised to ensure good growth, and moved regularly to avoid undue wear.

In preparation for the upcoming season, Rob, and his team, has /will undertake the following:

- Vertimow and groom the courts;
- Apply chemicals for weed and insect control; and
- Fertilise, apply water penetration agent and nutrients.

Regarding weed control, Rob has continued to strive to eradicate the oxalis weed from our courts, particularly in the bottom bay. Oxalis is a difficult weed to eradicate, but Rob has maintained consistent spraying in his endeavours since taking up the position of groundsman, trialling three different herbicides in the past few months.

For the last two seasons, Rob has undertaken the top dressing of the courts. After recent discussions with Rob, it has been decided that it would not be necessary to undertake top dressing for the upcoming season. A review will be undertaken prior to future seasons to see if it would be beneficial or necessary to undertake future top dressing.

### 2. NET POST PEGS

Over the years the Club has experienced problems with the pegs securing the net posts. This has been threefold. Firstly, the insertion and extraction of the pins has always been a difficult process as the average length is 51cms. Removing the posts could be likened to *wrestling a crocodile!* The second concern relates to the lack of traction achieved by some of the pegs, causing the net posts to lift out of the ground with a consequential drop in the net height. The final problem relates to puncturing the reticulation lines running through our courts.

Rob Firns has expressed concern that every season, when moving the courts, one or several of the reticulation lines have been punctured by the pegs - resulting in a considerable amount of work and a disruption to the watering program. This is mainly due to the fact that the lines are shallow and the net pegs are excessively long.

Obviously, we could sink the reticulation line lower, but this would involve a fair bit of work. Rob has suggested we try the screw in net pegs, which he has used at other clubs. These come in two lengths - 45cms and 60cms. Obviously, the shorter peg would be the ideal choice so as to avoid puncturing the reticulation line, but we would need to ensure it has enough traction to stop the net posts lifting out of the ground. We will test the pegs during the preseason and make a decision based on our findings.

As a further precaution, to minimise the problem of the pegs puncturing the reticulation lines, the lines will be clearly marked at both ends of each court.

### 3. NETS, NET WEIGHTS AND STRAPS

An audit of the condition of all nets, net weights and straps will be undertaken prior to the commencement of the season to see what is required by way of repairs and replacement.

#### 4. SURROUNDS

##### **Maintaining the Clubhouse, Old Croquet Rink and Clubhouse Surrounds**

A well-attended Busy Bee was again undertaken prior to the opening of our 2022/23 season, with members undertaking cleaning, painting, gardening and pruning.

With the Club relinquishing the old croquet rink - which was landscape by the City of Vincent prior to last season - under its new lease, this area is now maintained by the City. The main grassed area has a considerable amount of weed affecting its growth and appearance. The City will undertake eradication of those weeds in September.

The areas which still require the Club's management under our lease are the Clubhouse surrounds and the embankment to the east of the hard courts. Club members were involved in mulching and enhancing the embankment prior to last season and continue to mow and maintain the Clubhouse surrounds.

##### **Tripping of Power to Clubhouse and Reticulation**

The tripping of the power to the Clubhouse and reticulation has been a major concern for a number of years. There have been countless hours spent trying to diagnose the problem. Eventually there was a breakthrough last season, with the City of Vincent through their electricians, identifying the problem as a power overload on the power board. The power board has now been upgraded and reconfigured, and the problem appears to be overcome.

##### **Enhancing the Viewing Area to the East of the Hard Courts**

For some time now various committees have looked at upgrading the viewing area to the east of the hard courts. Last season the Club undertook a major upgrade - improving the seating capacity, replacing the paving with more attractive slabs, and installing shade sails immediately over the platform area, and to the southern side, where additional seating has also been installed, replacing the old garden bed. All the work, other than the installation of the shade sails, was undertaken by Club members.

A special thanks to Lyall Bear for donating the replacement slabs, Brian Duffecy for meticulously constructing the fantastic two-tiered seating, and Gary Fitzgerald for organising the shade sails.



### Resurfacing the Service Road

Another project undertaken during the season was the resurfacing of the service roadway. The old roadway had never been a sealed surface, and basically comprised of loose blue metal and road base. This created two problems. Firstly, despite the best endeavours of trying to prevent the deposit of residue from the roadway washing onto our hard courts with the installation of barriers, it remained an issue causing some deterioration to the courts' surface. The second problem was that the loose blue metal was causing damage to Rob Firns' mowers and other machinery. The resurfacing was undertaken in January by contractors, Jackson Asphaltting.

### 5. LED LIGHTING FOR OUR HARD COURTS

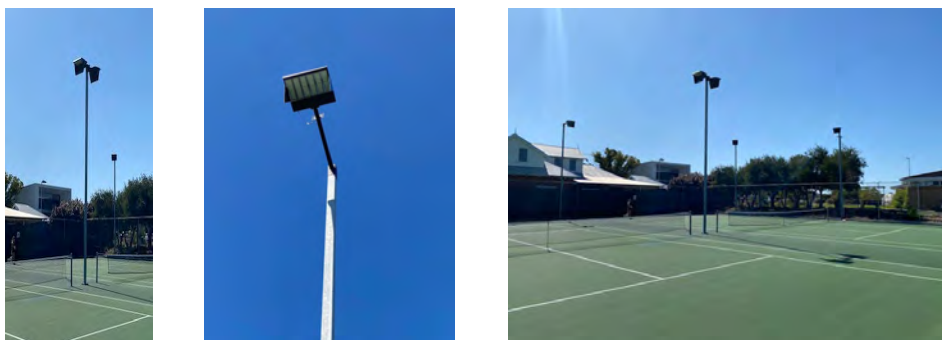
Having received the Grant to design and install the LED lights to the hard courts it seemed a fairly simple process to complete the project. However, there were a few challenges including:

1. a four-month lead time for the supply of the 10 LED lights,
2. subcontractor delays for the installation and
3. a last-minute requirement by the City of Vincent for a special completion certificate, impacting the timing of payments.

The lights were commissioned October 2022. Thank you to the pennant players and hirers of the courts who had to put up with the delays and disruption.

A special thanks to Brian Lloyd who provided significant expertise in the design review, provided design enhancements to get the best outcome, installation oversight and the completion certificate that was neither envisaged nor budgeted for.

The Committee wishes to **highlight** the extensive effort put in by the project team who oversaw the successful grant application, the design, approvals and installation of the new lights. This consisted of Lyall Bear, Brian Lloyd, Gary Fitzgerald (Team Leader), Geoff Gell and Malcolm Birch. Gary dedicated a huge amount of time during the finalisation of the design with Brian, ensuring that the Australian Standards were met, and then also with management of the installation and commissioning, which threw up more than a few challenges.



### 6 ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

Although there is always something else to consider in order to enhance our Clubhouse, surrounds and facilities, the Club has undertaken significant improvements over the 2021/22 and 2022/23 seasons. Undoubtedly the Committee will have other projects for future consideration.

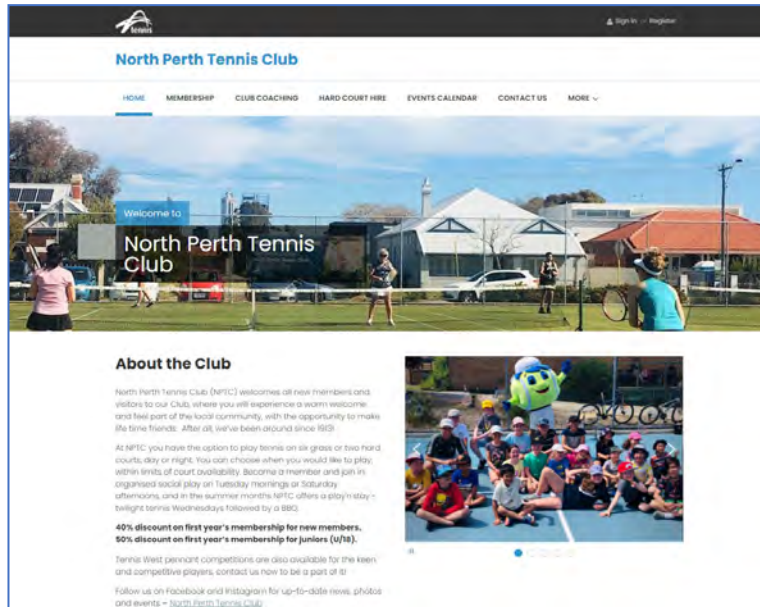
One low-cost consideration is to enhance the garden border at the northern end of Court 1. Currently the border is a makeshift barrier constructed of fast wall bricks and is an unsightly distraction for visitors and members at the main entrance to the Club.



## 10 WEB AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The North Perth Tennis Club Website presence remains among the best out there.

Please continue to jump on board and have a look. The more views we get, the higher our profile becomes when people search 'tennis'. This will lead to great benefits when people are looking for somewhere to play or hire a court.



And in the same vein, Tennis Australia continue to say the same about the Club's Instagram presence, which they think is fantastic and consistently like ❤️ what is posted.



Last season, NTPC Instagram initiated the 'Outstanding Achievement' series for current, past and associated members who have made significant accomplishments in other sports and the arts. These were the initial profiles. More on the way as we delve into the archives.



Many thanks to Sheryl and Stephanie Birch for maintaining our great Web and Instagram profiles.

As our patron, the indefatigable John Carey has said, 'If it's not on Insta, it hasn't happened'.

## 11 TECHNO CORNER

### Hard Court Access

Access to the hard courts has migrated to an electronic lock (the igloohome lock <https://www.igloohome.co/products/padlock> ) which requires a unique 9-digit PIN to be entered to the padlock to access the courts. The lock is integrated with the Clubspark booking system so that a unique PIN is generated when the courts are booked, which allows better security and tracking of court usage.

Members have access to a permanent 4-digit code which can be entered at any time to allow access to the courts, although booking through the Clubspark booking system is preferred to avoid any potential booking clashes. The same lock allows access to both the hardcourt keys as well as the lights.

In previous years we have had significant issues with non-members booking the hardcourts. We permit the community to select a time in 30 minutes intervals (5pm,5:30pm etc) but with a minimum of 90 minutes booking. However, many non-members have tried to book for 60 minutes which results in a credit card charge but a failed booking. The credit card charge is reversed in about 3 days but we receive many complaints and phone calls about charges to credit cards without the hardcourt booking going through.

We have brought this to the attention of Tennis West and met with a technical advisor this year, who understands the problem is at their end but to date, they has been unable to fix the issue. To help resolve this issue we have now allowed non-members to book the hardcourts for a minimum of 60 minutes. At the same time, we have changed our pricing scheme (from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023) to bring the hourly charges in line with other nearby clubs providing similar services to the community.

### Social and Tournament Playing Management

The TV screen used for setting up social play has now been expanded to have a 24/7 rolling display, advertising the Club, events and sponsors. This was particularly useful during the anniversary celebration of the Club, which allowed photographs from Geoff Gell's detailed historical report from the Club's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary to be displayed in the weeks prior to the event, allowing the local community and visitors to appreciate the impact the Club has had over its 110 years of operation.

During the Quiz night this year, a 2<sup>nd</sup> (mobile) screen, which was donated to the Club, was used to help with the real-time update of scores, taking some of the pressure off the judges as teams rushed to check their overall position on the leader board.

**There will continue to be evolving requirements on the IT and media fronts, so any member that has a special skill or interest is encouraged to let the committee know that they may be able to assist and help spread the workload.**

## 12 PROGRAM OF PROPOSED WORKS

Continually through its Club Development Sub Committee, the Club oversees an ongoing works program, which forms the basis of the mandate for the executive committee, who review it and set priorities and then make approvals for items to be pursued, instigated or deferred.

The program of projects set at the beginning of the 2021/22 season with a timeframe of two years has resulted in the following outcomes

Proposed Projects at the NPTC 2021-2023				
	Project	Work Description	Target Date	Status
1	Automated court hire and booking	Converting to the Tennis West system.	2021	Instigated.
2	Upgrade to LED lighting - hard courts.	Replace lamps to LED, Poles and wiring are okay as existing.	Sep 22	Grant successful. Installed early 2023
3	Bar and Liquor Licence.	Establish a bar suitable for achieving a Club Restricted Liquor Licence.	Dec-21	Special function license and conditions on display at the NPTC. No full license required.
4	Disabled Toilet.	Under consideration.	TBA	Under consideration.
5	Toilet upgrades (Ladies x 2).	Upgrade.	TBA	Under consideration.
6	Timber Flooring.	Sand and seal.	2022	Completed.
7	Upgrade outdoor area.	Undercover replacement/wind and sun protection, furniture, general amenity.	2022	Completed.
8	Shade extension.	Extend the shade west of the clubhouse	2022/23	Completed.
9	Bitumise ramp.	Ramp down to the hard courts	2022/23	Completed.
10	Landscape the eastern bank to the hard courts.	1. Concrete kerb to base of the fence.	2021/22	Done.
		2. Plant out the bank.	2022/23	Completed by City of Vincent and members.
11	Replace net posts.	Aluminium rather than steel	2022	Considered and not implemented due to considered lack of cost/benefit. Existing posts repaired and painted.
12	Card payment facility.	Provide card payment for special functions	2022	Instigated.
13	Automated hard court access and lighting controls.	Allow automated court access and lights to activate for booking time.	TBA	Under investigation for feasibility and costs.
14	Automated social tennis software.	For automated social play set creation.	2021	Instigated.
15	Licensing requirements for small and larger functions.	Licensing requirements for service of alcohol.	2021/22	Instigated with very clear management requirements and associated Responsible Service of Alcohol guidelines advertised in the Clubhouse.

Colour coding:	Under consideration
	Committed for implementation
	Completed
	Considered for implementation

## 13 NPTC HONOUR BOARD 2022/23 SEASON

### **MOST VALUABLE MEMBER AWARD**

**(This award is not made every year – it is assessed on special merit for outstanding volunteer contributions by a member)**

## **Hugh McGinlay**

At the Club's Presentation Evening held on 26 May 2023 the Most Valuable Club Member was awarded to Hugh McGinlay. Hugh has been an extremely hard working and dedicated member of the Club since joining in 1995. He has served on committees in various roles, including:-

Vice President in the 2006/07 and 2007/08 seasons;

Captain in the 2000/01 and 2004/05 seasons;

Social Co-ordinator in the 1997/08 season.



In the 2005/06 season, the Club came up with the strategy of undertaking the grounds work of the grass courts on a voluntary basis within its' membership. Hugh was an integral part of that strategy - fronting up every Saturday morning, marking the courts in order for the members to play in the social and pennant competitions.

Around 2006 Hugh, in collaboration with Stephen Gilmartin, launched the Club's most successful annual fundraiser/social event - The North Perth Tennis Club Quiz Night. For the years that followed, Hugh has always been an integral part of the event, not only being involved in setting the questions, but also being the Quiz Master extraordinaire on most occasions.

Since the inception around 2006, the Annual Quiz Night has grown from strength to strength, not only with an increase in participation, but also by bringing much needed funds into the Club. This year raising an incredible \$6660, which will go a long way towards subsidising a number of recent Club improvements, including the hardcourts' LED lighting, bituminising the access road to the grass courts, new shade sails and a new bench on the viewing platform.

The continued success of the event is largely due to the hard work of the various social committees over the years, of which Hugh has been an important part, not only providing leadership, but also taking a very hands-on approach with the roles he has undertaken.

Around 2011 Hugh took on the very important role as Pennant Co-ordinator and Tennis West Representative. These positions involve a considerable amount of work - attending meetings at Tennis West, accepting team nominations and co-ordinating all matters involving the pennant teams. The pennant competition has been a critical component of the success of our Club - not only by providing tennis to members at a competitive level, but also in the area of player development, for both senior and junior members.

Since taking on the role of Pennant Co-ordinator, Hugh has continually looked to ways to expand the number of opportunities provided to members by the Club for play in the Summer, Winter and Spring competitions.

At the commencement of the 2020/21 season, it became necessary for the Club to appoint a new coach. Hugh once again stepped up, involving himself in the process of the recruitment and appointment of the Club's current coach. Since that appointment, Hugh has continued to closely liaise with the coach in order to provide the most appropriate coaching programs tailored for all our members and in order to achieve critical junior development.

With the unwavering commitment Hugh has provided to the Club over many years, it was extremely pleasing that his hard work and significant achievements on behalf of the Club were acknowledged by the Committee this season, with the award of the Most Valuable Club Member.

**Congratulations Hugh!** A well-deserved award!

## 14 SPONSORSHIP

This year the committee created a sponsorship subcommittee to investigate ways of increasing revenue at the Club through embracing sponsorship. Marco De Carolis took on the role as Sponsorship Coordinator and soon cranked out a 3-tiered sponsorship package, which was endorsed by the committee.

Marco then hit the streets spruiking the Club's slick sponsorship compilation and, within a very short time, he had signed up a new sponsor to our top-level Platinum sponsorship package.

Great work, Marco!

NPTC is thrilled to welcome **Paragon Property** as our inaugural **Platinum Sponsor**.

Paragon Property is a locally owned and operated real estate agent located on Fitzgerald St, North Perth. Theo and Nik from Paragon are keen to support the Club and get to know our members. Theo, Nic and Stacey attended our 110th Anniversary function, as well as our end of season social night and look forward to attending more functions in the new tennis season.



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**Paragon's office at 427 Fitzgerald Street,  
North Perth**

**SO, IF YOU ARE THINKING OF BUYING, SELLING, RENTING, OR ANYTHING REAL ESTATE, PLEASE  
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