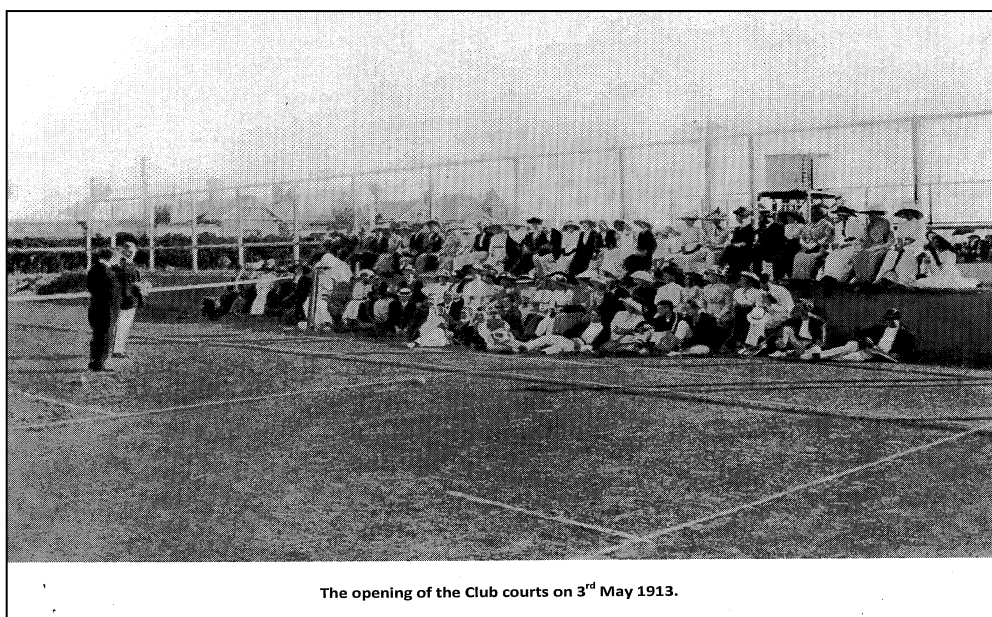




ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022

**An integral part of the Vincent Community
for 109 years**



The opening of the Club courts on 3rd 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 3rd 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 contains images of people who are deceased.

Table of Contents

1	PRESIDENT’S REPORT	4
2	SECRETARY’S REPORT.....	6
	2.1 Calling of the 2021/22 Season Annual General Meeting	6
	2.2 Agenda for the 2021/22 Season Annual General Meeting.....	6
	2.3 Minutes of the 2020/21 Season Annual General Meeting	6
3	TREASURER’S REPORT	7
	3.1 Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 30 June 2022.....	7
	3.2 Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2022	9
	3.3 Membership	11
	3.4 Court Hire.....	12
4	CAPTAIN’S REPORT	13
5	COMPETITION REPORT.....	16
6	SOCIAL CONVENOR’S REPORT	17
7	COACHING REPORT.....	19
8	CLUBHOUSE, COURTS AND SURROUNDS	21
9	WEB AND SOCIAL MEDIA.....	23
10	PROGRAM OF PROPOSED WORKS	24
11	NPTC HONOUR BOARD 2021/22 SEASON	25
12	VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS 2022	26



NPTC PATRON

John Carey

MLA, Member for Perth

1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been very pleasing to have served the members for another season of tennis, in which there were further positive changes and progress achieved on many fronts, by your wonderful operating committee, ably supported by several sub-committees and volunteers. Also, we are blessed to have some amazing donor members (and our Patron) in our Club. These donations support the Club in many ways, helping to enhance our functions, events and facilities. So, a special thanks to all our donors.

The key achievements for the year have been:

- Appointment of a brilliant new coach, Neil Hay, to represent our Club on behalf of Playtennis (Rhys McDougall).
- A successful submission and approval of our Club Night Lights Program Grant application, for the installation of LED lighting on the hardcourts.
- The purchase of a high-quality Club ball machine, using a unique donation funding model, that was generously led by Richard Hopkins and well supported by many of our members.
- The development, implementation, modification and installation of the “Game On” software and TV setup by Adrian Keating, for running social play match draws.
- The polishing and sealing of the clubhouse floorboards funded by the City of Vincent (“COV”);
- Internal repainting of the Clubhouse by the COV.
- LED Lighting subcommittee attendances with lighting quotes, technical compliance reviews, and ultimately selecting and ordering the most suitable high quality LED lights and installation. At the time of writing, it is hoped that the lighting will be installed by late August or early September.
- On-going negotiations with the COV regarding our new lease agreement, with the initial draft being received in April and an updated version (after our initial feedback) received in June. We are hopeful of having the final lease agreement complete and signed by September this year.
- Implementation of an electronic payment system (Square) for the Club, with Adrian Keating leading this project.
- Providing the COV with significant feedback and contributions on their Woodville Reserve Landscaping project covering the former croquet rink and space adjacent to that, together with the carpark area to the east of our grass courts. The landscaping project will have been completed by the time our AGM is held, with a community planting day held on 22 July, so you can now see the completed results from that project.
- Renewing our contract with Rob Finn’s company for the grass courts maintenance for a further three years to 2025. We have been delighted with the improvements to the courts that Rob has achieved in the first two years – giving us the number 1 courts in Perth.
- Hosting the Vincent Cup in January this year, with high quality tennis between Leederville, Loton Park and North Perth tennis clubs. Leederville won the Cup, just pipping us on the day. Thank you to all our members that admirably represented the Club this year, together with all the other Club volunteers involved with hosting the running of the event.
- Another wonderful Presentation Night function, held this year at The Cabin in Mt Hawthorn, with some great new winners from the younger members of our Club being recognised on the night. A big thank you to our social convenors (Kristy and Felicity) for arranging this important event on our annual calendar, at a terrific venue.
- Some very useful workshops have been organised by Tennis West throughout the year, covering diverse topics, including getting the most out of the ClubSpark program (we have implemented the membership & booking modules), implementation of initiatives for Junior Club members and the club volunteers’ night, to name just a few.
- Our members have participated in not only the normal summer season pennants competitions, but also embraced some of the new format hard court competitions that Tennis West is now offering in autumn and winter. Our teams have again performed very well and in the right spirit of the game this season, so thank you to all of our pennant players.

- Another very profitable and entertaining Quiz Nite, with our wonderful quizmaster Hugh McGinlay in charge, testing our knowledge and commandingly overseeing the evening.
- A very successful Club Championship's tournament this year, with a high level of participation from all our members. Thank you to the tournament captains for running this event so well.
- Resumption of our Club's annual golf day after perhaps 20 years, with the inaugural Ray Prescott Memorial Golf Day being held at Embleton Golf course, superbly organised by Geoff Gell, with a special honour board now in place in the clubhouse.

We still have some key projects to further progress at the Club, including:

- ❖ Sealing the access road down to the hardcourts and western bank of grass courts. This will assist in minimising the wear and tear to the groundsman's equipment and also improve water drainage that currently impacts the hardcourts over winter.
- ❖ Improving and expanding the seating capacity and shade cover, for viewing play and children's coaching on the hardcourts and west side grass courts.
- ❖ Exploring the opportunity to enclose and improve the northern side area outside the Clubhouse, with the COV.

Thank you to all our members for actively participating in social and other tennis events throughout the year. I always find it very satisfying 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 subcommittees:-

- The members of the operating committee: Joe Miotti (T), Brenden Kelly (VP), Fran Spencer (S) and Captains: Gary Fitzgerald, Adrian Keating, Lei Baker, Michael Cornes
- The hardcourts LED subcommittee: Gary Fitzgerald, Mal Birch, Brian Lloyd
- The COV lease liaison subcommittee: Gary Fitzgerald, Mal Birch and Geoff Gell
- Social media/website and membership updates: Sheryl and Stephanie Birch
- Hardcourt booking system: Adrian Keating
- Social convenors: Kristy Sell and Felicity Repacholi-Muir
- Tennis West pennant supervisor & coach liaison: Hugh McGinlay
- Grounds liaison officer: Geoff Gell
- Drinks purchasing/stocking: Trevor James
- The Club's Annual Report: Mal Birch

On behalf of the members, I thank you all very much for your invaluable contributions. I sincerely apologise to anyone I have inadvertently overlooked from this list, who I have not already recognised elsewhere in this report. To conclude, I repeat something I shared with social members during the season, which one of our members had noted from some recent global sports research.

Active tennis players were confirmed as adding the most longevity to their life expectancy, out of all sports – adding more than nine (9) years! So please keep playing and enjoying the many aspects of the game. **Play Tennis - Live Longer.** I am pleased to say we have a number of active 80-year-old players in our membership, who still hit a nice ball and enjoy the social aspects, every Tuesday at the Club.

2 SECRETARY'S REPORT

The following notifications have been sent to all financial members.

2.1 Calling of the 2021/22 Season Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the North Perth Tennis Club (NPTC) 2021/22 has been called for 27 August 2022, at 3.00pm, at the NPTC Clubrooms, with notification sent out as required by the Club's Constitution, under a separate email.

2.2 Agenda for the 2021/22 Season Annual General Meeting

The Agenda for Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2021/22 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.

2.3 Minutes of the 2020/21 Season Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the AGM of the NPTC for the 2020/21 season have been forwarded to all financial members under a separate email posting prior to the 2022 AGM.



The quality of the grass courts has risen to a new level, bringing out the best.

3 TREASURER'S REPORT

3.1 Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

During the 2021/22 season the Club concluded with a net income of \$3,055 (before maintenance provisions) which included a grant of \$2,000 received in late June 2022, which was a welcome bonus during a difficult year. Appreciation to the City of Vincent Liaison Sub-Committee for procuring that late addition to the Club's finances.

- Income from membership subscriptions was \$24,505, very similar to the previous year. The total number of members was 106, being just five fewer than the previous year. This was reflected through a reduction in Junior, Midweek and Social members, but was offset by an increase in Family Junior and Pennant Only memberships.
- Other notable income for the year was from:
 - Quiz night profit of \$3,750
 - Hardcourt hire of nearly \$8,300, being an increase of \$2,300 on the previous year
 - Coaching payments of \$3,250, which was up by \$1,250
 - Drink sales profit of \$2,800
 - Clubhouse hiring of \$1,250
- Major operating expenses were:
 - Court maintenance \$27,000 - which was an increase of \$2,000 over the previous year
 - Utility charges of \$5,943 - very similar to the previous year
 - Tennis West affiliation and pennant fees of \$4,660
 - Insurance policies of \$1,800
- COVID-19 credits on the Club's Synergy accounts resulted in the Club saving \$1,157 in outgoings for electricity. At financial year end there remains a credit on the electricity account of \$1,037, which will assist cashflow for the 2022/23 year.
- Current lease payments are still at the old rate and have not been increased to the new rate (an additional expense of about \$1,550 pa will occur once the new COV lease is implemented).
- The closing balance in the Club's finances totalled \$52,047, made up of:
 - \$30,773 in the cheque account
 - \$436 in an electronic transfer account
 - \$19,638 in our Bendigo Bank term deposit
 - \$1,200 in consumables stock
- Members' Funds available, after maintenance provisions of \$7,000, total \$46,084 at year end.
- There is a commitment by the Club to co-funding the LED lighting replacement and upgrade for the hardcourts, which will be incurred when the installation is completed. The Club's capital contribution will be approximately \$10,000, which has been budgeted for and is set aside within the Club's funds.

North Perth Tennis Club – Annual Report – 2021/22 Season

North Perth Tennis Club Treasurer's Report				
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022				
Income & Expenditure Statement		For Year Ended		
		12 Mths	12 Mths	12 Mths
Item		2022	2021	2020
Income	Membership Subs	\$24,505	\$23,933	\$18,850
	Fundraising - includes Ball Machine donations \$3,708 - 21/22	\$8,506	\$6,534	\$4,240
	Court Hire	\$8,297	\$6,028	\$2,483
	Coaching	\$3,249	\$3,867	\$2,565
	Drinks	\$3,904	\$3,657	\$2,600
	Social Events	\$2,553	\$2,320	\$40
	Pennant Fees	\$2,655	\$2,287	\$1,805
	Grants	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
	Clubhouse Rental	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$1,500
	Tournament Fees	\$1,308	\$820	\$0
	Donations	\$840	\$600	\$718
	Visitors Fees	\$410	\$335	\$390
	Other Income	\$195	\$36	\$2,239
	Interest	\$34	\$136	\$281
Total Income for Year		\$59,706	\$51,553	\$37,711
Expenses	Court Maintenance	\$27,116	\$23,559	\$21,715
	Electricity, Gas, Water & Bins	\$5,943	\$5,718	\$5,375
	Purchases - Ball Machine \$3,600, Equipment, Balls & Drinks	\$8,099	\$4,388	\$3,662
	Social Events & Functions	\$2,425	\$3,307	\$461
	TennisWest Affiliation Fees	\$2,552	\$3,059	\$3,547
	Pennant Team Fees	\$2,108	\$2,240	\$1,110
	Fundraising Costs	\$254	\$1,673	\$54
	Insurance	\$1,797	\$1,652	\$1,562
	Tournament Prizes & Engraving	\$1,073	\$1,328	\$20
	Clubhouse Cleaning	\$960	\$754	\$870
	Repairs & Maintenance - General	\$1,498	\$750	\$1,039
	Building Inspection Fees	\$433	\$571	\$313
	Hardcourt Costs & Fees (excludes major repairs)	\$536	\$307	\$28
	Lease COV (Note 1)	\$1,055	\$253	\$759
	General Expenditure	\$802	\$1,168	\$1,265
Total Operating Expenses for Year		\$56,651	\$50,727	\$41,780
Operating Surplus / Deficit for Year before Abnormals		\$3,055	\$826	-\$4,069
Less: Abnormal Non-Recurring Expense Items	Hardcourts Resurfacing Costs	\$0	\$16,060	\$0
	Hardcourts Light Repairs	\$0	\$3,590	\$2,348
	Junior Coaching - Coach Transition Cost	\$0	\$1,952	\$0
	Total Abnormal Expenditure for Year	\$0	\$21,602	\$2,348
Total Operating/Abnormal Expenditure for Year		\$56,651	\$72,329	\$44,128
Net Income / Expenditure for Year		\$3,055	-\$20,776	-\$6,417
Non-Cash Items	Maintenance Provisions (Increase)/Decrease - From Prior Year	-\$2,000	\$13,939	\$561
	Stock Increase - From Prior Year	\$0	\$900	\$0
	Synergy Account COVID Support Credits Provided	\$0	\$1,000	\$5,000
	Total Non-Cash Items for Year	-\$2,000	\$15,839	\$5,561
Net Surplus / Deficit for the Year		\$1,055	-\$4,937	-\$856
Notes	Note 1: COV Lease Payments Waived in Year	\$0	\$759	\$253

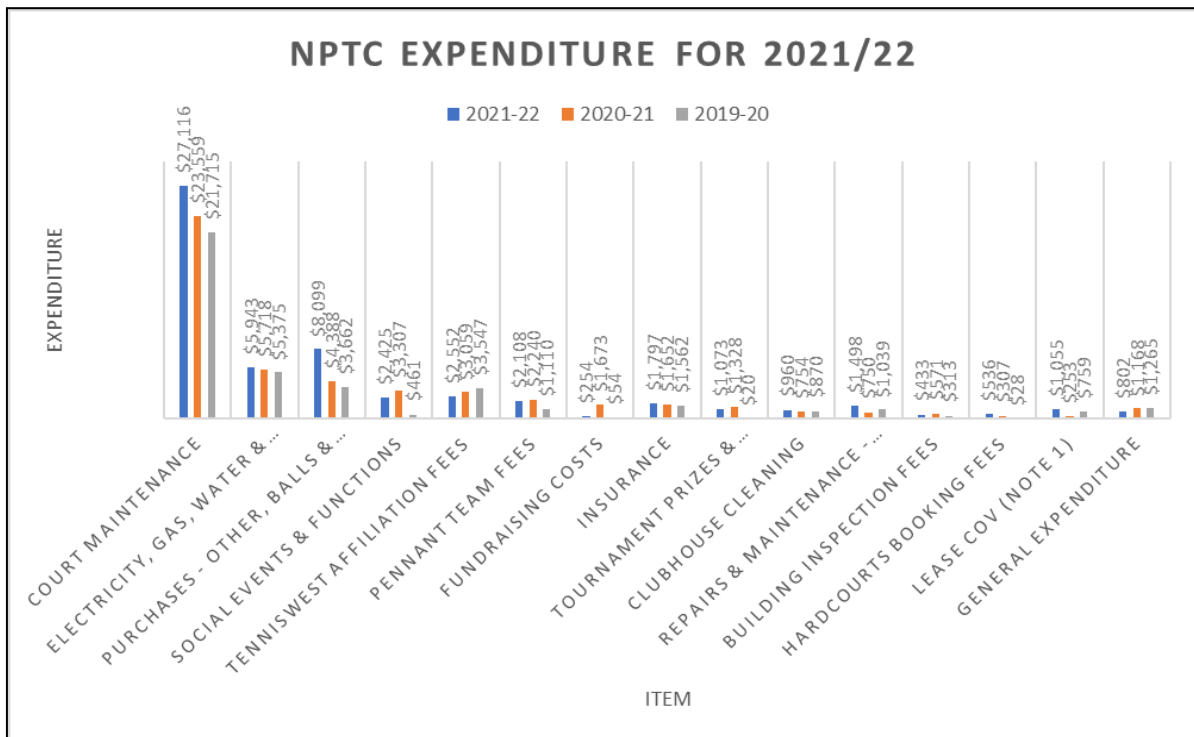
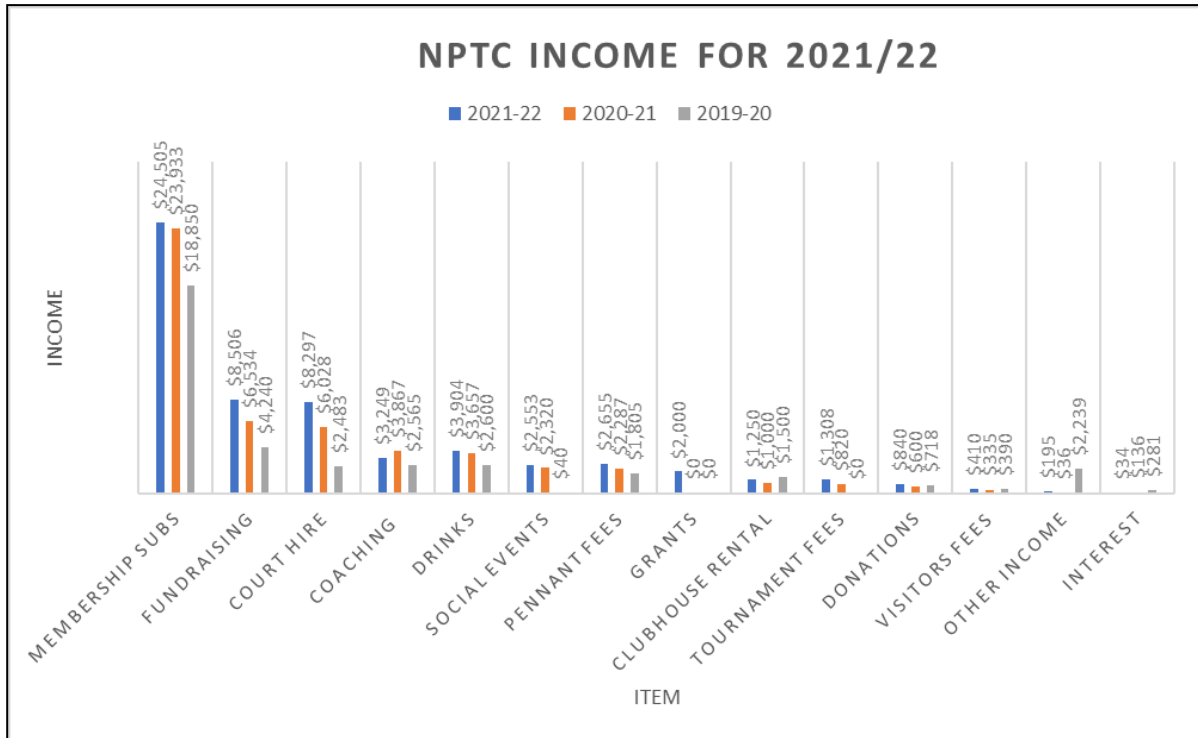
NPTC Hardcourts		For Year Ended		
Income & Expenditure Statement		12 Mths	12 Mths	12 Mths
		2021	2021	2020
Income	Court Hire Fees	\$8,297	\$6,028	\$2,483
	Coaching	\$840	\$1,915	\$2,565
	Total	\$9,137	\$7,943	\$5,048
Expenses	Online Booking fees	\$77	\$307	\$28
	LED Lighting Design	\$330	\$0	\$0
	Light Repairs	\$129	\$3,590	\$2,348
	Total	\$536	\$3,897	\$2,376
Net Income		\$8,601	\$4,046	\$2,672
Average Net Court Hire Fees - Monthly		\$685	\$477	\$205
Net Court Hire Fees % Change Year On Year		44%	133%	

North Perth Tennis Club – Annual Report – 2021/22 Season

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.



3.2 Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2022

North Perth Tennis Club Treasurer's Report For the Year Ended 30 June 2022				
Balance Sheet		As At		
		30/Jun/2022	30/Jun/2021	30/Jun/2020
Current Assets	Cash at Bank	\$50,847	\$46,346	\$65,581
	Synergy Accounts COVID Support Credits Balance	\$1,037	\$2,194	\$4,536
	Stock (Est.) - Balls/Drinks	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$300
	Cash on Hand	\$0	\$289	\$0
	Total Assets	\$53,084	\$50,029	\$70,417
Current Liabilities	Other Creditor - Groundsman	\$0	\$0	\$1,512
Non-Current Liabilities	Hardcourt Resurfacing Prov. (10 Yrs Provisioning to 2030)	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$15,939
	General Maintenance Provision	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
		\$7,000	\$5,000	\$18,939
Total Liabilities		\$7,000	\$5,000	\$20,451
	Net Assets	\$46,084	\$45,029	\$49,966
Members' Funds				
	Represented by			
Members' Funds	Opening Balance	\$45,029	\$49,966	\$50,822
	Annual Surplus/Deficiency	\$1,055	-\$4,937	-\$856
	Members' Funds	\$46,084	\$45,029	\$49,966



Plenty of smiles at this season's presentation evening, with some new faces amongst the winners, including one that just seems to keep on appearing - year in, year out.

3.3 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 exceptional, 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.

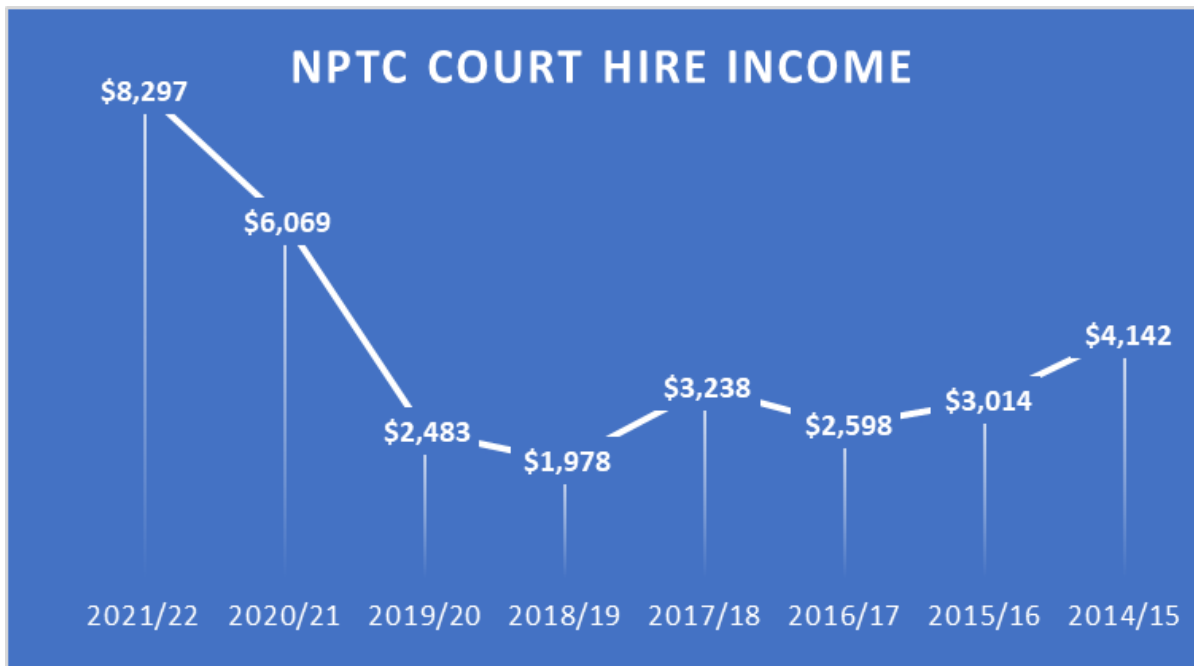
NPTC Membership Position				
		2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
Member Category	Male	42	42	38
	Female	23	23	22
	Junior	7	12	7
	Family Juniors	13	10	10
	Midweek	3	6	7
	Pennant Only	7	0	0
	Social	11	18	0
Total		106	111	84



3.4 Court Hire

Court hire continues to be a growing source of income, and the recent re-surfacing, to soon be followed by the 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.

The estimated number of non-member court hirers from ClubSpark bookings is 462 across the 2021/22 season. Adrian has prepared some detailed information on the hiring participation for the committee to consider in planning for future marketing opportunities.



During the preceding 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.

Next up is the light-fitting replacement program.



4 CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The captains for the 2021-22 season were Gary Fitzgerald, Lei Baker, Adrian Keating and Michael Cornes.

Unfortunately, there was some disruption throughout the season due to the impact of COVID-19, particularly to the annual Club Championships, but generally, social play on Saturday afternoons, and to a lesser extent, on Wednesday late afternoons, was well attended and the summer pennants season proceeded smoothly. There was further improvement in the playing surface of the grass courts and consensus is that they're now of pennants standard. Of course, the challenge will be to maintain that with a view to steady improvement of the surface.

As a result of Adrian's technical wizardry, programming of Saturday social tennis entered the digital age, with the introduction of an automated doubles pairing system. After ironing out of some initial wrinkles, by and large members seemed very satisfied with its operation.

For the Vincent Cup, Adrian also created a super spreadsheet for allocating games and courts. This catered for the complexities of only three teams this year and the constant changes to teams during the afternoon.

In addition to social play, the captains organised, or some of them were involved in the organisation of, a few competitions throughout the season, all of which were well subscribed and proved very successful:

1. Tin & Bottle tournament in November 2021;



2. Social Self-handicap Doubles comp in December 2021;

3. Vincent Cup in January 2022;



4. Club Championships held over two weekends in late March and early April 2022; and

5. "Finska Cup" team doubles event in May 2022.

In the Club Championships the winners were:

1. Main competition:

Men's singles

Trevor James

(runner up – James Concannon)



Ladies singles

Lottie Mackiewicz

(runner up – Rowena Mackiewicz)

Men's doubles

Trevor James & Steve Miotti



Ladies doubles

Lottie Mackiewicz & Felicity Repacholi – Muir

Mixed doubles

Jenny James & Trevor James



2. Plate competition:

Men's singles – Anthony Marchesin



Ladies singles – Lei Baker



Men's doubles – Michael & Felix Cornes



Mixed doubles – Susan & Patrick Mudd



We had a dead heat for Most Improved Player this season – Lottie Mack and Noah Foster couldn't be separated and were joint recipients of the award.

Due to the generosity of many Club members, we ran a very successful "crowd funding" campaign to purchase a ball machine for free use of members and this has been in operation since April. Thanks to Adrian's efforts, an on-line booking system for use of the machine was set up and tweaked and now seems to be working smoothly.

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



5 COMPETITION REPORT

NPTC Pennant Summary Season 2021 -22



Summer Season

Competition	Division	Captain	Position	Comments
Sat Men's Open	10	M Cornes	6 th	
Sat Women's Open	4	A Colvin	5 th	
Mon Women Fast 4	1	F Repacholi- Muir	5 th	
Wed Men's doubles	4	B Kelly	7 th	
Wed Men's singles/doubles	1	N Schmitt	Runners up	Minor Premiers
Juniors U/13	12	Samuel Muir	5th	

Spring Slam 2021

Sun Mixed Doubles	1	A Colvin	4 th	
Sun Men's Doubles	1	A Keating	4 th	
Wed Men's Doubles	2	B Kelly	1 st	Champions !!

Winter 2022 season so far

Mixed Doubles	2	A Colvin	3 rd
Mens Doubles		B Kelly	5 th
Boys Under 13	5	S Muir	2 nd

6 SOCIAL CONVENOR'S REPORT

North Perth Tennis Club Social Activities throughout the 2021/22 season

There were a few challenges with various health restrictions to work through during the season, however they didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the members. Key organised social events during the season were the Open Day, Christmas party, Vincent Cup, Quiz Night, the Ray Prescott Annual Golf Day, Finska Cup and the end of season presentation evening. Saturday afternoon social tennis drinks and the Wednesday evening social hit and dinner continued to pull in strong numbers of like-minded players who enjoy the atmosphere.

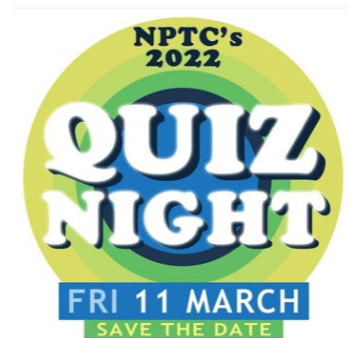


A self-handicap doubles tennis tournament with members decked out in festive gear kicked off the NPTC Christmas Party. Santa was unable to get a G2G pass this year and donations to Anglicare were collected. Members yet again excelled at their catering skills, with all enjoying a lovely meal and drinks on the back lawn. Thanks to John Carey (Club patron) and deputy Mayor of City of Vincent, Susan Gontaszewski for joining us for the afternoon.



North Perth hosted the 2022 Vincent Cup Event in January. Leederville (121 games) walked away triumphant winners, with North Perth (107 games) close on their heels, followed by Loton Park (69 games). Local Councillor Suzanne Worner presented the Vincent Cup to Leederville. Dinner and drinks were enjoyed on the back lawn, finishing off the successful event.

The Quiz Night was the major fundraiser for the Club during the year. The on again, off again nature of the health restrictions nearly put an end to the Quiz Night Under the Stars, but thankfully the event was able to go ahead. Punters arrived, masked up for the battle of the brains. Quiz master Hugh did a sterling job once again, the lucky dip fundraiser was well received and the competitive nature of some of the crowd came to the fore (Go Dolly!).



Great to see a big turn out from young and not so young with all finding something they thought they knew lots about and laughing with each other when sometimes it didn't quite work out that way. Lots of money was raised for the Club (particularly thanks to the new cashless payment system at the bar) and it was a great opportunity for members to relax and to introduce other community members to the social aspects that the Club offers.

The Club Championships while not an organised social event, yet again brought lots of people together over the two weekends they were run to bond over watching entertaining tennis, munching on toasties, sampling the energy boosting baked offerings, icing the odd injury, sharing a post-match drink, egging on some long held and emerging rivalries and celebrating with the eventual winners.

The Finska Cup was once again a fun day – this year the democracy sausage Election Day Finska Cup found members donned in many colours to represent their favourite (or perhaps not-so-favourite)

political party. Not sure the respective political parties would have claimed some of the outfits as part of the party uniforms, but it made for an entertaining afternoon. Turns out you shouldn't look to the Finska Cup results to predict the eventual winners of the election.

To wrap up the season, the Presentation Night was held at the Cabin Bar in Mount Hawthorn at the end of May. Drinks, canapes, presentation to Geoff Gell of a WA Volunteers Service Award – 30 Years and trophies to the successful Club championship winners. Fantastic to see some of our younger members taking out awards and giving the more experienced members a run for their money. A great wrap up to another successful season of tennis.

The Ray Prescott Memorial Golf Day

This season, on May 15, we saw the return of the NPTC Annual Golf Day to the Social Calendar. It had been some twenty years since the event had been held.



In the past it was organised by various members, but what used to be an annual event, was very much the pet project of one of our much-loved past members - Ray Prescott. Naming the revived event, The Ray Prescott Memorial Golf Day was deemed a fitting tribute to Ray, recognising his significant participation and contribution to the Club over many years.

Members threw their tennis racquets aside and picked up their golf clubs for a stroll around the fairways at the Embleton Golf Course. Lots of fun, along with some frustration, was had on the course and then continued at the Club afterwards for a sausage sizzle. Individual bragging rights went to Tim Bull - longest drive and closest to the pin.

The results for the day were:

First with nett 23.1:	Steve Spice, Patrick Mudd, Gary Fitzgerald, Steve Miotti
Second with nett 23.2:	Trevor James, Jacqui Hayward, Richard Hopkins, Joe Miotti
Third with nett 24.8:	Brian Lloyd, Sheryl Birch, Mal Birch
Fourth with nett 25.3:	Dave Bull, Tanya Jones, David Jones
Fifth with nett 26.1:	Tim Bull, Narelle Duckett, Simon Mudd, Michael Cornes
Sixth with nett 29.1:	Geoff Gell, Cathy Miotti, Lyall Bear, Colin Harris
Longest Drive:	Tim Bull
Closest to the Pin:	Tim Bull
Most Memorable Shot, with a chip in from the fairway on the second hole:	Jacqui Hayward

A perpetual shield was presented to the inaugural winning team at the Club's Presentation Evening on Saturday 28 May.

7 COACHING REPORT



The Club is very pleased to maintain its coaching agreement in place with PlayTennis, which led to them appointing Neil Hay, now our senior coach at the NPTC.

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.



Rhys, with some of his students



NPTC Coach – Neil Hay

Please feel free to contact Rhys:

or Neil:




Rhys McDougall Director
mobile 0401 873 440
email rhys@playtennis.com.au
web www.playtennis.com.au
post PO Box 529 Dianella WA 6059

0457 536 188

Hello to the North Perth Tennis Club Membership from Rhys

Coaching & Coaches

 playtennis is excited to play it's part in the regrowth of the tennis coaching program at North Perth Tennis Club. Coach Neil Hay has taken the coaching reigns at the club and we are seeing some progress albeit slow at this stage.

Coaching initiatives

This year we have set up our coaching programs at a number of local schools and are hopeful that with time we can convert these students to come and play at the North Perth TC.

PlayTennis set up a Club open day with the support of Tennis West and some of the Club members. The session did attract some new junior players down to the Club and we are hopeful this will inspire some younger players to get down to the club during the summer season.

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.

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 and 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.

Restraining service is also available.

Looking Ahead

Playtennis plans to get involved with more local schools in term 4 and continue to grow the Club membership & pennant teams through building a robust coaching program both at local schools and at the club.

Happy hitting one and all,

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



8 CLUBHOUSE, COURTS AND SURROUNDS

A well-attended busy bee was again undertaken prior to the opening of our 2021/22 season.



1. CLUBHOUSE

This year there was significant improvement in the look of the Clubhouse with several improvements, repairs and maintenance being undertaken. These included:

- Internal painting of the Clubhouse by the City of Vincent completed prior to NPTC hosting the Vincent Cup,
- Floor sanding and sealing of the Club House floors by City of Vincent,
- Painting of the changeroom floors to the men's and ladies' facilities,
- Installation of lighting on the pathway from the Clubhouse to the carpark (east) and
- Replacement of a vanity basin and general repairs to the ladies' toilet

2. COURTS

Court Groundskeeping

In his second full season as Groundsman at the Club, Rob Firms continued to improve the standard of our courts. This was achieved notwithstanding Perth faced one of the hottest summers on record - with 13 days 40C or over.

Apart from maintaining the very high quality of the courts presented for play every week — particularly in the firmness and line quality - Rob carried out an audit of the sprinklers, many being the originals installed over 20 years ago. In that process, twelve sprinklers were replaced and others were adjusted to ensure our courts received full water coverage and eliminating a number of previously persistent dry patches.

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 either, or will, undertake the following:

- Vertimow and groom the courts;
- Apply chemicals for weed and insect control, fertilise, apply water penetration agent and nutrients; and
- Top dress the courts, which will not only ensure a level playing surface, but also dilute the soft organic matter (thatch and mat) that accumulates in the profile of the courts.

The retention of Rob Firms as our Groundsman was a priority for the Committee this season, with his previous agreement expiring on 30 June 2022. He has signed an agreement for the next three seasons.

General Maintenance

Maintenance of our hardcourt water sweepers was undertaken this year.

Two nets were replaced this year and net weights repaired. An audit of the condition of all the nets, including of the 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.

3. SURROUNDS

Maintaining the Old Croquet Rink and Clubhouse Surrounds

As has been the case in previous seasons, volunteers continued to mow and water the old croquet rink and the Clubhouse surrounds. With the Club agreeing to relinquish the old croquet rink (with conditions), under a proposed new lease however, the area has now been landscaped by the City of Vincent and will be maintained by the City.

The City of Vincent Woodville Reserve Landscape Plan, endorsed by the Club, has seen a significant improvement to the outlook for the Club from Farmer Street. The City also completed the landscaping to the embankment to the east of the hard courts. The large commercial bin has been relocated to a less sightly position. Club members were involved in the planting of “800” trees and shrubs on Friday 22 July.

The mowing of the Clubhouse surrounds remained our responsibility, and will continue so in the new lease. This task by our volunteers to mow this area was made significantly easier with the donation to the Club, by Lyall Bear, of a functioning well maintained mower. What a difference!!!

A change by the City of Vincent rubbish collection service has seen the waste in the 240 litre household bins (yellow, green and red) not being collected. The Club entered into a commercial arrangement for the supply and collection of a large bin to service primarily the grass court clippings and Club general waste.

The “containers for change” bin collection service continues with the bin located outside the Clubhouse.

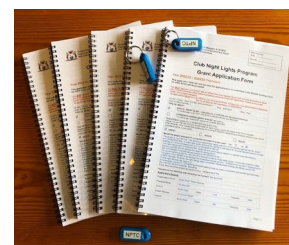
Hard Court Lighting

After the failure of a light to the hardcourts, both this light and the “dull” light to the north was replaced at substantial cost. A lighting level survey indicated the lux readings are well below the required levels and that the “metal halide” lights have reached their useful life. These lights are also costly to run and expensive to maintain.

At the July 2021 Committee meeting it was decided to submit a grant application under the “Club Nights Light Program”, to upgrade the lighting to LED. The NPTC contribution was likely to be approximately \$10,000 as our 33% contribution.

A huge amount of work, time and commitment went into the submission by the subcommittee made up of Gary Fitzgerald, Brian Lloyd, Lyall Bear, Geoff Gell and Mal Birch. As members have been advised, the application was successful, and work will commence very soon.

This major upgrade, following last year’s resurfacing program, is expected to result in a significant increase in the level of public court hiring.



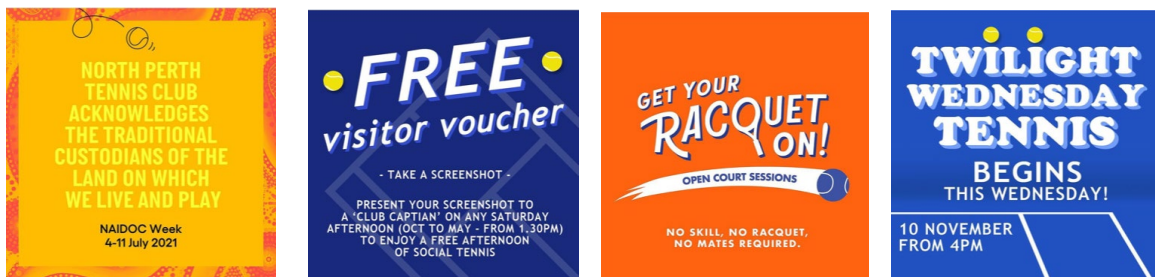
9 WEB AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Tennis West has commented that the North Perth Tennis Club Website is one of 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.



Similarly, Tennis Australia have also remarked the same about the Club's Instagram presence, they think it's fantastic and consistently ❤️ what is posted.



This season, NPTC Instagram initiated an 'Outstanding Achievement' series for current, past and associated members who have made significant accomplishments in other sports and the arts.



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'.

10 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.

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. Install Sept 2022
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	Under consideration.
8	Shade extension.	Extend the shade west of the clubhouse	2022	Committed for implementation.
9	Bitumise ramp.	Ramp down to the hard courts	2022	Committed for implementation.
10	Landscape the eastern bank to the hard courts.	1. Concrete kerb to base of the fence.	2021	Done.
		2. Plant out the bank.	2022	Completed by City of Vincent and members.
11	Replace net posts.	Aluminium rather than steel	2022	Considered and not implemented.
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.

Colour coding:	Under consideration
	Committed for implementation
	Completed
	Considered and not implemented



11 NPTC HONOUR BOARD 2021/22 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)



Adrian Keating

Adrian started off by putting his hand up to volunteer for one of the vacant captain positions on the management committee at last year's AGM and has really made his mark in that role and on the committee.

To list some of his contributions to the Club during the season just ended:-

- Adrian invested significant time and IT skills into the development of the social play software he called "*Game On*", which incorporated numerous operational algorithms. He listened to all the feedback on his initial beta version(s) and then proceeded to refine and revamp the software with numerous iterations being rolled out. This resulted in the software in its current version which performs very well. The amount of time this tool has and will save the captains in making up matches for each round of social tennis – whilst providing for good competitive matches for all levels of players that are present on the day, is just fantastic.
- Adrian then pulled out his handyman toolkit to mount a TV screen on the southern glass wall of the clubhouse, so that the *Game On* matches could be easily viewed from outside and for other information to be displayed too, including tennis & football games. In these COVID times it was another wonderful initiative by Adrian, meaning our members could gather safely outside, but still get all the information they need on tennis matches for the next round of play.
- Implemented the new Hardcourt Court Booking module from Tennis West's ClubSpark package and became the hardcourts booking liaison person for the Club, which included sorting booking issues that arose from time to time.
- Brought in and set up the new "pay wave" EFT facility (Square) for most Club purchase transactions including membership, drinks and special function payments - in an easy and simple process, making the Treasurer's job a little easier too.
- Developed a super spreadsheet for the running of the Vincent Cup. This accommodated the complexities of running 3 teams this year, scoring and the constant changes to teams during the day.
- Developed a clear "*Understanding of Social Tennis*" for the NPTC website. Adrian formatted this in both in text and comic styles, giving it a modern and fun look.
- Undertaken a 'playing host' in the 'Get Your Racquet On' Tennis Australia initiative in 2020 and been a friendly, encouraging ambassador for the Club with new players visiting the Club throughout the past year too.
- And of course, this was on top of his normal captain duties for the Club and on the management committee.

12 WA VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS 2022

Western Australian Volunteer Service Award - 30 Years

The following is an extract from the letter that the Club received from the Department of Communities upon the recognition and bestowing upon Geoff Gell his award for thirty years of volunteer service to the North Perth Tennis Club.

The WA Volunteer Service Awards program recognises Western Australian volunteers who have provided 25 years or more of voluntary service to a single organisation - a remarkable accomplishment.

It is the State Government's great honour to thank you and your volunteers for the incredible contribution to the Western Australian community and to acknowledge the significant efforts of Western Australia's volunteers through this Awards program.

WA Volunteer Service Awards Recognition Certificates and Pins have been distributed either directly to you, as the nominating organisation, or provided directly to your volunteers. The certificate is signed by the Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Volunteering, in acknowledgment of the outstanding dedication and contribution to the volunteering community.

This year's deserving volunteers will be recognised and celebrated in a special and unique way. We are excited to showcase a WA Volunteer Service Awards Recognition Video we have been busy compiling, which highlights both volunteers and nominating organisations for their dedicated service. The Recognition Video will be released online from Monday 16 May 2022, at the commencement of National Volunteer Week.

You will be able to access the video from the below link:

www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-communities/wa-volunteer-service-awards

Geoff was included within the Department's video honouring the 2022 year recipients.

