



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2017/2018

This report covers the period 1 July 17 to 30 June 18. It is my fifth report to the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

With the foundation of the Club in 1928, this is perhaps the 90th AGM. The minutes of the 1973 AGM record that meeting as number 45.

The Club is affiliated with Tennis ACT. Committee members attended a number of their meetings. Membership and communication with members is managed through Mytennis, an initiative of Tennis Australia.

We were saddened during the year with the loss of long term member/committee member Sue Boag (Strang) on 18 June 2018. Sue played at the courts for nearly 70 years. She was Treasurer for four years to 2017. Another member, Graham Hedgecoe also passed away in June 2018.

I want to thank the Committee for their work and support during the year. The Club is fortunate to have such a committed group to run the Club: Sue Willis as Vice President for her initiative and strong support; Peter Willis as Secretary for recording our meetings during the year; Ann Poole as Treasurer for managing our financial affairs; Andrew Chalklen for looking after our membership details through Mytennis; Anthony Johnston for his work with pennant teams and Michael Poole for his initiative and support for our IT systems.

Small Clubs like ours cannot flourish without a dedicated Committee.

In addition to the Committee, I would like to acknowledge the work carried out around the courts by Matt Dwyer; Lesley Banson for allowing our court booking sheets to be displayed in her porch; Keith Croft for his assistance with maintenance issues and Ian Warden for enhancing and maintaining the garden in front of the club house.

In August 17, a developer of an apartment complex in Civic approached the club with a request to photograph the courts for inclusion in one of their brochures to market the Civic/Braddon/Reid precinct which included the tennis club.

From a maintenance and infrastructure viewpoint, 17/18 has been another year of improvements. The major project was to replace the cracked concrete at the front of the club house. Beautiful Canberra red bricks were laid. A skirt of bricks around the gazebo was also added. Many positive comments have been received. The ACT Government funded part of this project as the cracking was caused by tree roots.

A wooden fence was erected in November 17 at the rear of the club house to screen the trash pack. With some minor brickwork, the outside BBQ is now more attractive.

The Committee continues to strive to make the Club an attractive place to play and enjoy tennis.

Membership is strong with nearly 200 members as at 30 June 18 compared with 198 the previous year and 204 in 15/16. During the year the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science in Civic continued to hire courts during their lunch time break.

The Club entered teams in the Monday night unisex competition as well as the Thursday night competition.

Although considerable funds have been spent in recent years, (courts, fences, plumbing and roof) our financial position is sound. Annual fees were increased from 1 July 17 to ensure viability going forward.

The Club has an account with the Commonwealth Bank and uses a cheque account with Combiz to manage income and expenditure. Thanks so much to Ann Poole as Treasurer. The Club also has term deposits with Beyond Bank. Our accounts continue to be audited by Ian Hollow of Charter Group Accounting.

Six meetings were conducted during the year. All meetings were well attended by Committee members.

The Club tennis coach, Robbie Menzano and his team from Tennis Canberra continue to coach. They coach both juniors and seniors on Wednesday afternoon/evening. Cardio tennis remains popular with the more active club members.

During the year the Club held a number of Community tennis days which were well attended. The Christmas party in November 17 was popular with members and Reid residents.

With the Club turning 90 in August 2018, planning arrangements commenced for a dinner at the Mercure Hotel on Limestone Avenue, Ainslie.

Discussions were held with the ACT Government to remove tree roots from the top court and to install a tree root barrier.

With the strong support of the Committee, the Club is in a sound position for the foreseeable future. I am sure you will agree that the facilities and surrounds of the Reid Tennis Club continue to be enticing for members and their guests.

Terry Walker
President
25 October 2018