



# NEWSLETTER

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## COVID - 19 – Sale Tennis Club Response



On 2 August, the Victorian State Government announced Stage 3 Restrictions for Regional Victoria. As a result, tennis can only continue in a very limited form.

The directions of the Victorian Government for Regional Victoria in relation to tennis are:

- All indoor facilities must close – this includes all indoor courts and clubhouses. (Toilets may remain open if indoors)
- Community competition must be cancelled until further notice.
- Outdoor courts may remain open for the following:
  - ❖ Outdoor tennis is permitted for two people.
  - ❖ Doubles is permitted only with people from the same household.
- Tennis lessons are permitted with a limit of two participants, in addition to the coach.
- Outdoor tennis facilities can host up to 10 players at a time subject to 1.5 metres distancing requirements.
- All other programs and activity must cease until further notice.
- Tennis equipment must not be shared. Equipment that must be shared such as drag bags need to be disinfected after each use.
- A register of participant details that enter the facility must be maintained.
- Participants 12 years and older must wear a face covering, unless an exemption applies. If you are doing strenuous physical exercise, including playing tennis, you do not need to wear a face covering but you must carry one with you.

### *Are You OK?*

We understand this is a difficult time for everyone but it is important that we all respect the new restrictions for our own health and the health and safety of the wider community.

However we are aware of the challenges of keeping our energy levels up as COVID goes from a sprint to a marathon and are sure many of you feel likewise. While the media headlines are focused on case numbers and community transmissions, we shouldn't forget the hidden toll this pandemic is having on the collective health in our communities. It is more important than ever to look out for ourselves and each other, and as a Club, we will continue to explore ways to make sure we're playing our part and providing as much support as possible.

This involves ensuring we provide the maximum opportunity for members, and the general tennis community, to get on court and enjoy their tennis. That is why we were so keen to restart our Tuesday and Thursday Night Pennants and were really encouraged with the 8 teams on Tuesday and 11 on Thursday. These were great numbers given the pandemic environment and the cancellation of so many other sports. Well done to our night co-ordinators for their efforts in rounding up so many tennis tragics and putting the teams together.

We only managed a few rounds, observing strict COVID protocols, but the joy of the players of being able to return to court was obvious. The camaraderie between the players, both old and new, was just the tonic that was needed after months of restrictions and a seeming never ending cycle of bad news. While our resumption was somewhat short lived it was fantastic to have a "last hurrah" before we moved back into Stage 3 restrictions.

Hot Shots also returned with a bang at the start of Term 3 with 22 budding tennis stars attending our last Saturday morning Hot Shots session with Anthony, and his enthusiastic assistant, former Club Champion, Masami Goold. We haven't seen that many Hot Shots children in many seasons and their enthusiasm has to be seen to be believed. Add to this mix another 24 children that were playing a challenge series on Saturday mornings and the Club was abuzz.

Unfortunately the Stage 3 COVID restrictions have temporarily put paid to Hot Shots and the junior challenge series. Hot Shots will return as soon as the restrictions are lifted and juniors can safely get back on court.

During the layoff we have used the time to plan for the return of Cardio Tennis after an absence of nearly 12 months. For those that have not ever done a Cardio Tennis session it is a fun, sociable group fitness class set on a tennis court. Open to people of all ages and abilities it is supported by fantastic music soundtrack and run by qualified instructors who get players to hit lots of tennis balls during the class and deliver a great cardio workout at the same time. Cardio Tennis will return as soon as the Stage 3 restrictions are eased. Follow us on Facebook to look out for the return of Cardio.

With the Stage 3 restrictions for tennis only allowing 10 people at an outdoor venue, and singles play only, we have been exploring options for people to get a regular game of tennis. Our Communications Manager, Andy Pate, has done a great job to set up a booking process in TeamApp for those wanting to play some singles each Wednesday and Thursday night. Initially for players in our night pennant teams, it has quickly expanded to be much more inclusive, with players from throughout the Club now enjoying the freedom of being able to play a competitive sport in a safe environment. If you feel like a game of singles sign up to TeamApp and reserve a spot.

We are still going ahead with team selection for WGTA Saturday Pennant for both juniors and seniors. The scheduled start date is October 3 for seniors and October 10 for juniors.

On a much broader community support role Sale Tennis Club participated in a research project lead by Kiera Staley, Research Fellow & Evaluation Project Manager, Centre for Sport and Social Impact at La Trobe University to help better understand the challenges sports clubs faced as they return to play and competition post COVID-19. The project involved a Concept Mapping activity followed by a brainstorming of the challenges and prioritisation of recovery strategies. We hope our input helps sports clubs around Australia as they grapple with a multitude of issues as we all emerge from our COVID induced hibernation.

The financial management of our Club has been a major focus for our General Committee over the past 6 months as our revenue has virtually ceased while our expenses such as rates, insurance, maintenance and redevelopment costs continue on.

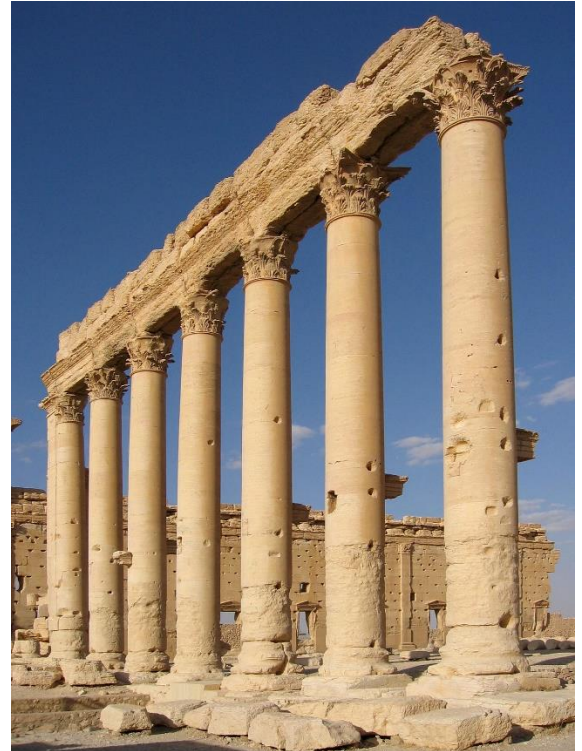
However we are most fortunate on several fronts. Our long time Club Curator and Life Member, Bruce Carter, has been donating much of his time since the COVID crisis started. Our courts still need to be maintained so that they are in good condition for when we are able to return. We have seized the opportunity to rebuild the baselines on our Showcourts 1 and 2 so that they are ready for the coming WGTA season. 6 weeks of COVID lockdown is the ideal time to do this rebuild. On behalf of our entire membership we wish to thank Bruce for his generosity and ongoing commitment to our Club. It is much appreciated.

We have also been fortunate to have received several small government grants in the past few months and this has helped keep us stay solvent in the short term. There may come a time when we will be forced to ask our members for some help but this has been averted in the short term.

## Coach's Column

Week 1, Term 3 started with lots of energy and intensity on court. We went back to Sale Tennis Club, after an unfortunate break, with group lessons, privates, squads, Hot Shots and Tuesday group/squads with Isaac and myself. Three and a half weeks later we were back to operating under restrictions, which resulted in privates, or family groups at my home court for the remainder of the term. Thanks to all the parents and kids who have continued to train hard and display effort and commitment on court each week, especially with the windy weather.

To give ourselves the best chance for a successful summer pennant season, we need to get on court and hit as many balls as possible. If you're struggling for a hitting partner, grab a few balls and hit some serves, or hit some volleys or half volleys against a brick wall. I used to hit against a brick wall for hours on end as a junior, all the repetition adds up and improves your touch and reflexes.



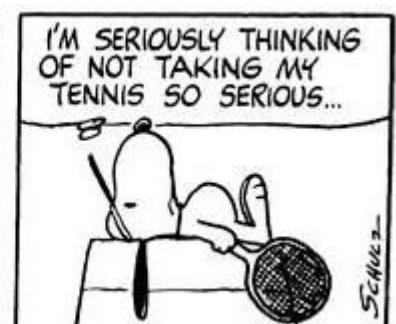
I will contact all parents regarding Term 4 coaching, during the Term 3 school holidays. We will most likely keep the same rough schedule for Term 4, as we did for the first few weeks of Term 3.

Please start making sure that you have the correct equipment necessary for summer pennant. That includes: freshly strung racquet, new over grip, drink bottle, hat, towel, tennis shoes and preferably clay court shoes because of Sale TC's surface. Just remember, if you have clay court shoes, do not wear them on hardcourt (every club other than Sale and Maffra). Looking forward to an exciting Term 4 at Sale Tennis Club: fingers crossed.

For coaching content and other highlights, please follow [sale\\_tennis\\_academy](#) on Instagram.

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## Life Members Day – October 11

Our **16<sup>th</sup> Life Members Day** will be held on **Sunday, October 11**. Please note that this is a major change from tradition that has been necessary due to COVID. If necessary we might still need to move the date again, subject to the DHHS Restrictions relaxing. This is a special day for our Club each year and we will not give it up easily.

Life Members Day is one of the best days on our annual calendar. The day is a celebration of the contribution to our Club of all members, and especially Life Members, who have been recognised for their outstanding contribution. Each year we welcome back to the Club the extended Flint and Best families to celebrate their lifelong association with Sale Tennis Club. Absolutely everyone is welcome, current members, former members, children, family, friends, new players and anybody else. If you have a pulse you are welcome!!

Our Club has only 21 Life Members awarded over its 70 year history. These Life Members are: **“Nellie” Munn, Keith Prestney, Don Schuback, Lorraine McHattie, Keith Best, Monica Best, Moyra Maher, Helen Gerrand, Shirley McFarlane, Gary Schuback, James Maher, Bruce Carter, Jan Saville, Ian Flint, Robin Lowe, Mike Riley, Chris Deschepper, Murray Fitzclarence, Karen Deschepper, Karen Pollett and Debbie Krusic**. It would be hard to measure the contribution this group has made on the Sale Tennis Club and many are continuing to make an outstanding ongoing contribution. Our very first office bearers in 1951, WF McLoghlin, W Gay and C Fogg, could not possibly have imagined what our Club would grow to and how good our facilities would become - eventually.

The men on Life Members Day will play for the **Ian Flint Memorial Trophy**. In 2019 Mark DiPietro had a day out and claimed the trophy after a wonderful day of competitive tennis.

The ladies on Life Members Day play for the **Keith Best Memorial Trophy**. Keith would be delighted to think of the next generation of tennis players helping celebrate our Club and vying for the trophy named in his honour. Last year Lisa Fuessel got on the Club honour board after a great afternoon of tennis saw her finish on top.

The juniors on Life Members play for the **Monica Best Memorial Trophy**. Monica was the “Queen of the Kids” on Saturday mornings for over a generation and the Monica Best spoon was a treasure that is still cherished by many of our former players. In 2019 Lucy Best backed up her 2018 triumph by saluting again along with Sen Gould, also a previous winner.

The day's activities commence from 11.30am with lunch followed by 3 sets of tennis from around 1.00 pm for the more enthusiastic and a relaxing drink or a cup of tea for the less energetic. At the end of the tennis we will have afternoon tea, presentation of trophies and the traditional raffle. The whole day is **free**, there will be a spinning wheel, a raffle and many other prizes.

If you can help out on the day with a salad, a raffle prize, on the BBQ or in serving lunch and cleaning up please let us know at [theelms82@outlook.com](mailto:theelms82@outlook.com) or call Robin 0418 514 788.

## Redevelopment Update

In our last newsletter we indicated that the technical report on what went wrong with our court surface was due at the end of July. Unfortunately, for various reasons, the report is still not yet available. A preliminary report will likely be available next week with the final report still subject to material sampling and analysis. We understand that this is very frustrating for everybody. However we remain absolutely committed to getting a successful outcome and will continue to work hard to ensure we get it.

## Junior Report

### Wellington Gippsland Tennis Association – Season Starts Saturday October 10

With spring now upon us it is time to get excited by the playing opportunities coming up. Subject to the lifting of the DHHS Stage 3 Restrictions, the WGTA season for juniors is due to commence on Saturday October 10. Kurt Best and Anthony Zafiris are already working hard to recruit and grade our juniors.

Names for Summer Junior Pennant need to be in by September 11 for team selection. Grab a sign up form from the Club, or find it on Facebook or simply message Kurt on 0409 962 104.

Summer Pennant for juniors will commence October 10<sup>th</sup>. We will also be seeking parents to assist with team management and other duties during the pennant season. Please put your hand up if you are able to help out.

### Junior Tennis Returned to Sale Tennis Club - Briefly



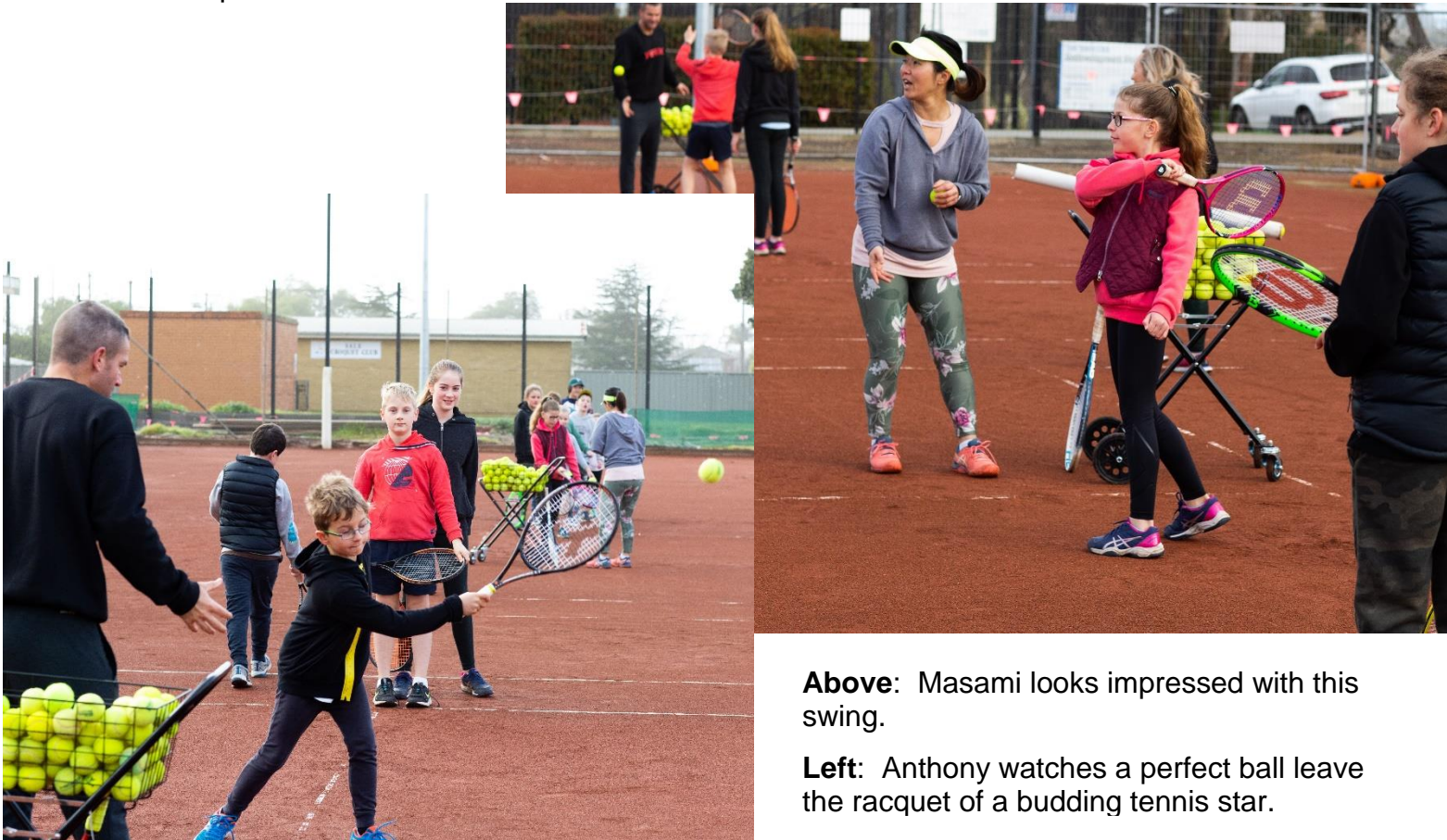
Anthony Zafiris takes the Hot Shots kids through their paces while Masami Gould works hard with her group as well.

The first period of isolation was challenging, but in the end there was some good news. Junior tennis returned to Sale Tennis Club, briefly. At the start of Term 3 Sale Tennis Club is ran 2 separate junior programs each Saturday morning, Hot Shots and a junior challenge tournament.

Hot Shots is tennis for primary school aged children. It is a program designed to help every child, no matter their age or ability, jump in and start playing tennis. Tennis Hot Shots is played on smaller courts with modified equipment, including lighter racquets, lower nets and low compression balls that don't bounce too high. Sale Tennis Club coach Anthony Zafiris runs the Saturday morning Hot Shots sessions.

Anthony is an elite Tennis Australia coach and helps guide the children through all stages of their tennis development. Tennis Hot Shots is not only heaps of fun, it's also a great way to encourage children to maintain an active lifestyle. Apart from skills like agility, flexibility and speed, the program will help children learn important social skills, making lots of friends along the way.

Hot Shots will return as soon as Lockdown Version 2 is relaxed. To get your child involved in Tennis Hot Shots phone Anthony on 0403 724 796 or just come down to Sale Tennis Club in Stephenson Park at 9.00 am on a Saturday morning. The program runs for 45 minutes and costs \$8 per child.



**Above:** Masami looks impressed with this swing.

**Left:** Anthony watches a perfect ball leave the racquet of a budding tennis star.

### **Tennis Victoria UTR Series – Friday October 2**

Sale Tennis Club has applied to host a Tennis Victoria Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) Series event during the September school holidays. UTR is the most accurate global rating system used by the world's premier tennis academies, clubs, colleges, high schools and tournaments. UTR is the best way to measure yourself against all other players regardless of their age or level and promotes fair and competitive play across the tennis world. All players, regardless of age, gender, geography or skill level, are rated on the same scale between 1.00 and 16.50 based on actual match results.

- For each match, the algorithm calculates a match rating and a match weight for each player.
- A player's UTR is the weighted average of up to 30 of their most recent match ratings.
- Only matches within the last 12 months count toward a player's UTR.
- After one match result, you receive a projected UTR (P). After approximately five matches, the rating becomes reliable.
- Your UTR continues to update as more matches are added.

The aim of the Victorian UTR Series is to give juniors in regional areas some singles match play as, unfortunately, no Australian Ranking tournaments will be held before 31 December 2020. The UTR series offers one of the only tournaments available beyond club events and attempts to ensure that all players are playing matches against players of similar ability. This will be integral in the improvement of the player pathway in Victoria, where players of all levels and ability will be able to have an enjoyable match experience.

We have targeted **Friday October 2** as UTR Series day at Sale. We will of course need to await the directives from DHHS and Sport and Rec Victoria on how any changes apply to tennis and for further information regarding the number of players at the venue etc. can be advised.

### **Tennis Victoria's Regional Team Events**

Tennis Victoria's Regional Team Events provide players with an opportunity to represent their local Country Tennis Region. For information on how to get involved contact Anthony Zafiris or Kurt Best. Event dates are all in the **Calendar of Events**. Further information is available at: <http://www.tennis.com.au/vic/players/tournaments-and-events/events/regional-team-events>

All events have been suspended since March due to COVID but they will be back bigger and better when restrictions lift and we can all safely move about the State again. Sale Tennis Club is delighted to have been selected to host the 2021 Bradtke Luczac Cup for 15 & Under Boys and Girls. The event will run from **31 July to 1 August, 2021**. It would be fantastic to have some Sale Tennis Club players in the East Gippsland Team and even better if they brought home the Cup.

The full event schedule is available at the end of this newsletter. For more information on any part of our junior tennis programs and especially the Regional Teams Events please contact Anthony on 0403 724 796.

### **Saturday Summer Pennant – Seniors**

Sale Tennis Club is now recruiting for the coming Wellington Gippsland Tennis Association summer pennant. Despite the current COVID-19 Stage 3 restrictions the Club is hoping that tennis will still be able to start in October. Senior tennis is due to commence on Saturday October 3.

Planning for the coming season is proceeding on the basis that the COVID restrictions will allow pennant to commence on time. We are planning to field teams in all 3 senior WGTA sections in the coming season. With teams in every section the Club is able to offer players of every standard and ability a place in a team where they will feel welcome and competitive.

Sale Tennis Club President said "There is excitement in the senior ranks with the likelihood that Bairnsdale Tennis Club will enter teams in the WGTA competition this season. With Briagolong fielding a senior team last year this will be the second new club to join the Association senior ranks in the last 2 years and will add some genuine diversity to the draw. It is a great Saturday afternoon of competitive tennis which caters for players of all standards and features a unique social atmosphere."

We are very keen to try to get some additional teams this season to give us an even better spread across all standards. This would be great for the social side of Saturday pennant and be a welcome addition to our Club. If you have any personal requests please speak to Club Captain, Tim Dunnett. For all enquires please contact Tim on 0425 802 908.



**Sale Central Storage** return for season 2020/21 as the sponsor of the **Sale Tennis Club Player and Team of the Year**. Get your name on the Saturday Pennant list for your chance to win the Sale Tennis Club Player and Team of the Year.



## Sale Tennis Club Apparel Range

We may not be able to compete at the moment but when we can you will want to look your best. We are pleased to report that we have made some important additions to our Sale Tennis Club apparel range. We have added a jacket, a unisex hoodie and a cap to the existing polo, T-shirt and singlet.

Payless Promotions has assisted us to introduce a new range of tennis gear for **both juniors and seniors**. The first deliveries of uniforms has already arrived and look very smart indeed.

Payless Promotions have established an E-Store to allow club members to order the new clothing items on line. Below are pictures of the items available:



**Left: Polo - \$27.50**  
**Right: T-shirt - \$22.00**



**Left: Singlet Top - \$18.70**  
**Right: Track Jacket - \$65.00**



**Left: Hoodie - \$50.00**  
**Right: Cap - \$16.50**



We are keen to see as many players in Sale Tennis Club colours as possible. The garments will come complete with the Sale Tennis Club logo and can be personalised with your own name at extra cost.

There is an example of some of the new tops on display in the Clubhouse to see and feel. If you would like to try on any of the items before you order just drop down to Payless Promotions at 1/11 Foster Street, Sale and they will have samples that you can try before you order.

To place your order go to: <https://paylesspromotions.com.au/> and then click on the Client Store LOGIN in the top right corner of the screen and enter the login code **saleten\_2020** If you have any issues please phone Payless Promotions on 1300 658 610 and they will be happy to give you a hand.

We look forward to our members wearing their new uniforms with pride.

## Out & About

### Sale Croquet Club Share our Defibrillator

Sale Tennis Club has provided the Sale Croquet Club with access to our defibrillator. Our defib machine is kept in our clubhouse in case of medical emergency and providing the croquet club with access means that their members and guests have access to the best available medical technology to assist in an emergency. Co-operation between tenants at Stephenson Park is a significant priority for our Club.

### Wellington Shire Community Managed Facilities Strategy 2020-2025

Lisa Lyndon, Coordinator Community Committees from Wellington Shire and her team, have been working over the past 18 months on research, consultation, Councilor workshops and drafting the Community Managed Facilities Strategy. Many committees and volunteers, including Sale Tennis Club, gave up considerable time to contribute to the strategy.

That input and feedback was vital in giving the strategy the strength and evidence it needed to become a reality. There was a significant response to the consultation process which included:

- Committees survey and face to face drop in sessions with committees
- Online Q & A sessions
- Written submissions
- Focus group sessions
- Public surveys

The purpose of the Community Managed Facilities Strategy 2020-2025 is to guide Council in supporting volunteers, and the facilities they operate, to meet the needs of our community. The Strategy will allow Council to provide this support in a more transparent and equitable way across the whole of the Shire.

Successful delivery of the strategy will lead to:

1. Facilities that meet the needs of current and future populations.
2. Facilities that help support positive health and wellbeing outcomes.
3. The ability for volunteer committees of management to manage, maintain and govern community facilities to agreed standards and feel supported by Council in fulfilling this role.

Community Managed Facilities Strategy 2020-2025 was formally approved by Council on July 7. Councilor Beth Ripper spoke at the Council meeting about the importance of our community facilities and the volunteers that manage them and thanked the community and committees for their contribution to the strategy.

The net result for Sale Tennis Club is an increase in the support we receive from Council to support our volunteers to maintain and develop our facility, a great result all round. Well done to Lisa and her team and a big "Thank you" from all of the Community Committees involved.

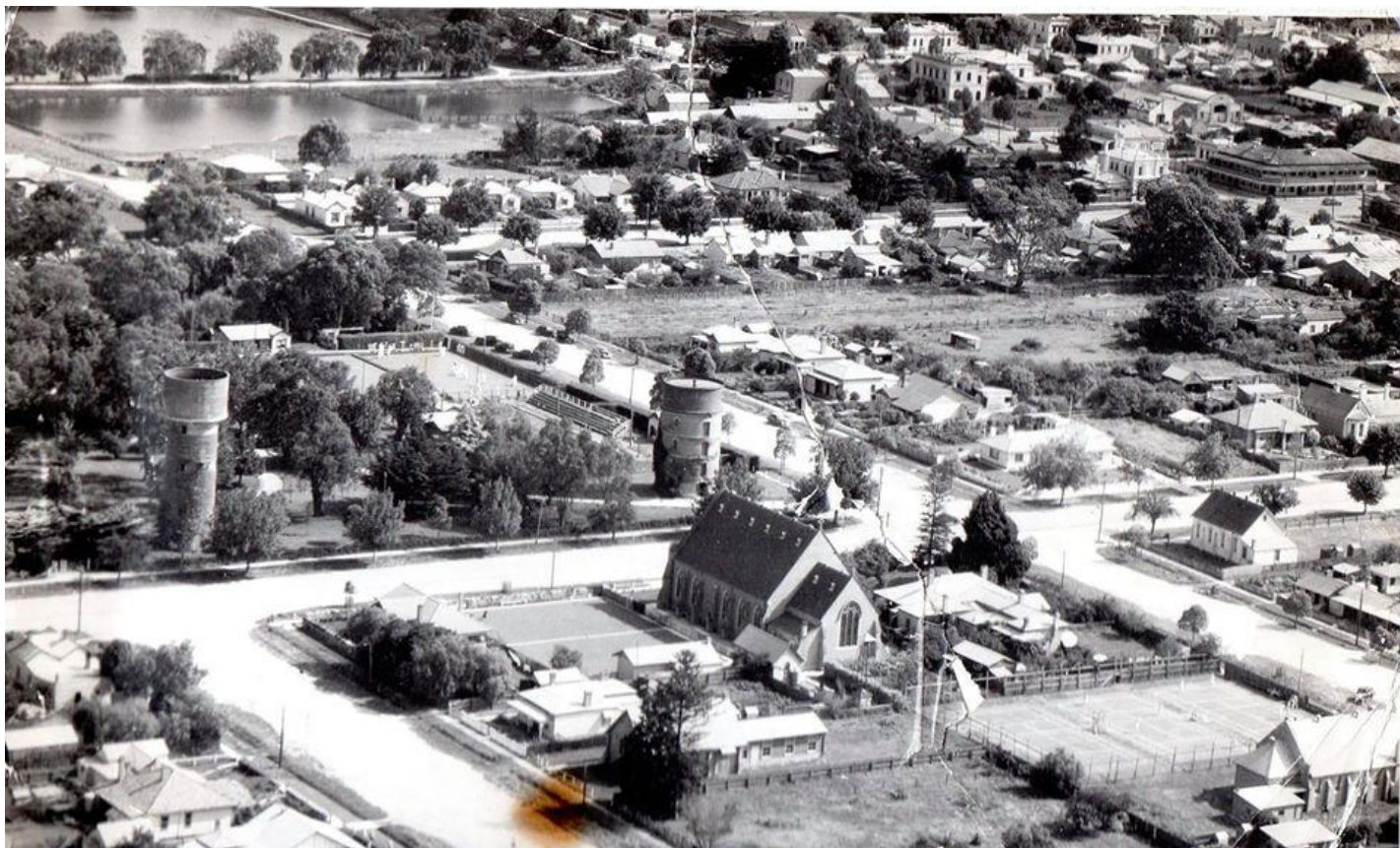
### Sign Up to Team App

Want to be kept up to date with events at Sale Tennis Club? Download **Team App** on any iPhone or Android device and then search for Sale Tennis Club and request to join. Team App is a hub for our club's information and communication needs, sending instant notifications to members' smartphone or tablet. Team App allows us to send news, create events, upload photos and videos, and publish newsletters and much more. All content is sent securely and privately to members and allows us to keep in touch in a non-invasive way. Sign up today and you will get confirmation of your membership and start being kept in touch.



## History Never Repeats

Do you have any old photos of Sale Tennis Club events or players? The older the better, especially if we can identify the players' names. Andy Pate, our Communications Guru, is looking to feature some of our cherished early history in photos on our Club website and your old photo albums might just be full of photographic gold. If you do have some photos, old or new, and are happy to share them please contact Andy on 0475 962 044 or [saletennisclub@outlook.com](mailto:saletennisclub@outlook.com)



To whet your appetite here is one from the Gippsland Times archives from 60 years ago showing the first Sale Tennis Club courts in Marley Street (bottom right), complete with players on court. (Sorry we can't quite identify any of them.) STC moved to the current site in 1971.

While we are delving back in history we have one of our Club President in 1978 as part of the winning Alberton West team in the Won Wron and District Tennis Association A Grade Final. OK control your laughter, this was the 1970's. (For the record Won Wron is a district just north of Yarram, our Presidents home town and, to be fair, at least it was the winners shield.)



ALBERTON WEST PINK, 1978

L to R: Sue Lowe, Geoff Houchen, Dawn Brabham, John Speed, Jenny Houchen and Robin Lowe

## Gippsland Smart Futures Series: Community Energy for Sporting Clubs

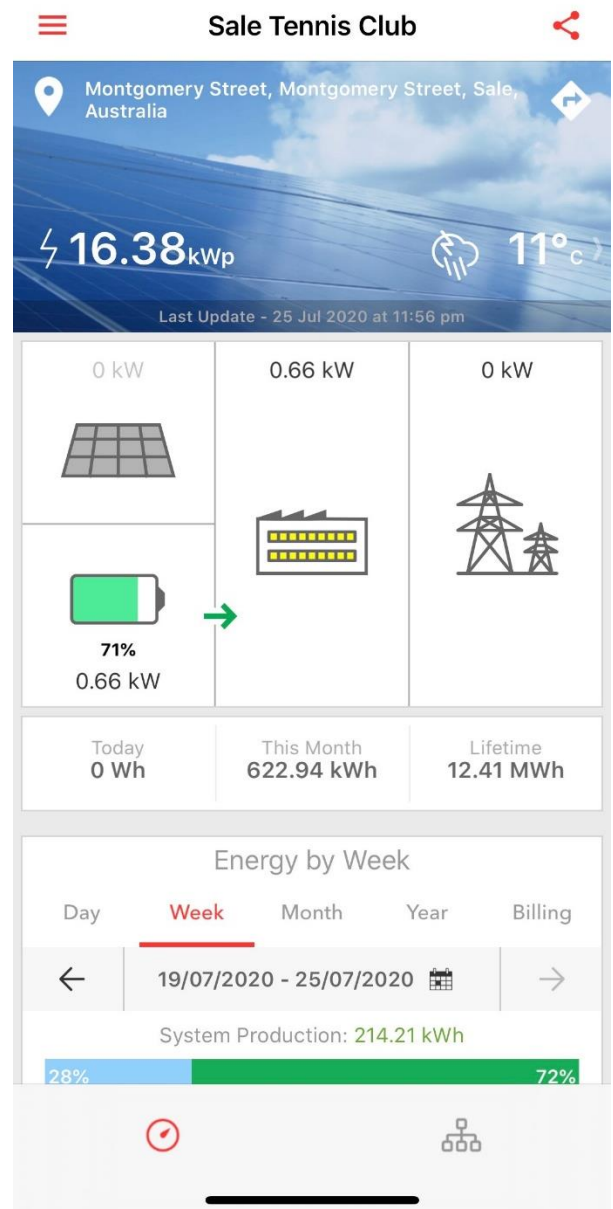
An increasing number of sporting facilities are considering their environmental footprint and turning to a variety of renewable energy options that also reduce their electricity bills.

Sale Tennis Club President Robin Lowe was a panellist for the *Gippsland Smart Futures Series: Community Energy for Sporting Clubs*. Initially scheduled to be a live seminar before the impact of COVID-19, the Gippsland Smart Futures Series became a webinar and was hosted by our own Jo Rule, Sustainability Officer for the Wellington Shire, and looked at three different projects in three very different local sporting venues, their solutions and the community benefits that have resulted from embracing this technology.

The webinar went live throughout Australia on July 1, 2020 and has also been posted online as an enduring community resource.

Robin presented on the solar power and battery storage initiative installed at Sale Tennis Club last year with details on how we planned and implemented the system and the outcomes.

Our solar initiative has been an outstanding success with our electricity costs reduced to zero over the summer months and to just \$45 on our last bill. Since it was installed our solar and battery system has produced nearly 15MWh of electricity, which at our peak price of .4631 cents per kWh represents a saving of nearly \$7,000 over 12 months and in the process we saved nearly 5,000 kg of greenhouse gasses.



The webinar is now permanently online as a community resource and is available at: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/PRG5GJJkmm51F/> Even if you don't want to learn about community energy projects you could use it to help you get to sleep.

## Energy Efficient Communities Program - Community Energy Efficiency and Solar Grants 2020

In a convenient segway Sale Tennis Club has been successful in the Energy Efficient Communities Program that assists community organisations to improve energy efficiency practices and technologies, and to better manage energy consumption to reduce their power bills. The program is administered by the Federal Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources.

The objectives of the program are to:

- reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- improve energy efficiency practices
- increase the uptake of energy efficient technologies.

The intended outcomes of the program are:

- energy savings and reduced power bills for community organisations
- emissions reductions.

We will use the grant funds to:

- Install LED lighting to the whole of the original part of our clubhouse
- Upgrade our security lighting
- Install LED court lighting to Courts 15 and 16
- Further reduce our energy consumption and carbon emissions with an energy neutral outcome our end objective.

Look out for the upgrades over the coming months complements of the Australian Government.

### Rob Tatterson – Makes a Clean Sweep

Our volunteer groundsman, Rob Tatterson, has been taking care of our lawns and grounds for the past year and they are looking magnificent. (Imagine how good they will look once we finalise the court construction phase and can finish the landscaping.)



“Tatt” has kindly volunteered his time to take over the Clubhouse cleaning as well. This is a big job and we encourage all of our users to make sure we do not make his job any more difficult for him. Please wash your dishes *and put them away*, clean the benches and pick up the rubbish and leave the place looking presentable when you depart. It is not hard to ensure that we leave our clubhouse and grounds in a good state so that Tatt can get on with his tasks. Volunteers to assist with these essential ongoing jobs are more precious than gold. Please treat them accordingly.

If you see Tatt going about his volunteer duties please say “Hello” and be sure to slip in a quick “Thank you” as well. He very much deserves it.

**Left:** “Tatt” with his trusty red mower on the job at the Club – and fully COVID compliant.

## Baxter Pearce and Aden Best Return as Ballkids for AO 2021

*It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good.* COVID-19 has been brutal on our community and for sport at almost all levels. Australian Open 2020 was fortunately completed pre-COVID and Baxter Pearce and Aden Best were an integral part of the event. Ball kid trails for AO 2021 were set for March at the exact time when the first round of COVID restrictions were introduced. The trials were promptly cancelled while AO considered their options.

The good news is the final decision was to reappoint the entire 2020 ball kid crew for 2021, and this includes Baxter and Aden. This worked out well for Aden as he was maximum age for his maiden AO ball kid stint in 2020 and would not have been eligible for 2021. Now he is already packing his bags in anticipation of another fantastic AO. We wish Baxter and Aden all the best for their AO experience in 2021 and look forward to their stories in a future newsletter.



## Working Bee – Friday October 2



We understand that everybody is busy but if you can spare an hour or two on **Friday October 2 from 4:00 pm** for a working bee it would be greatly appreciated. We realise that not everyone can attend at this time but we hope that as many people as possible will be there to share the tasks.

There are a lot of things that need to be done around the Club with the WGTA pennant due to start in October. Unfortunately our membership fees do not cover anywhere near the full cost to maintain our facility and what we don't get done ourselves we have to pay someone else to do for us. Arrive at any time from 4:00 pm, help with some jobs and enjoy the feeling of a job well done in making a contribution to your Club.

Please make the effort to attend. We hope to see you there.

*(Please note: This date has been set based on the expectation of the relaxing of Stage 3 COVID restrictions. If restrictions are not lifted we will need to reschedule. We will update via Facebook if need be.)*

## **Wellington Shire Community Infrastructure Plan**

Sale Tennis Club has provided a comprehensive response to the Wellington Shire Community Infrastructure Plan. Wellington Shire is developing a Community Infrastructure Plan and is undertaking research to understand the need for community buildings and places in Wellington.

Council wants to know what community buildings and places are used by the community to participate in activities like meetings, events and functions, exercise, community arts and culture, training, social recreation or hobbies and community education such as short courses.

The feedback will be used to understand the importance of buildings and places that support community activities and include town halls, aquatic, leisure and sporting facilities, early years facilities, youth spaces, parks and public open space, libraries, neighbourhood houses, community centres, cultural facilities and senior citizens centres.

Not surprisingly we emphasised the importance of Stephenson Park to the Sale community. We eagerly await the study findings due out later this year.

## **Responsible Service of Alcohol Training**

Sale Tennis Club has a policy of sponsoring its members and their immediate family to complete Responsible Service of Alcohol training. It is one of the ways that we ensure that we live and breathe our Level 3 *Good Sports* accreditation. Over the last decade we have had 115 people obtain their RSA through this program. Many of these were younger members who have used their RSA to obtain casual hospitality jobs. Indirectly we may even have helped to earn several university degrees. Some of our juniors have even gone on to hospitality careers, managing cafes and bars.

Importantly a large proportion of our membership base now has a real appreciation of the “*responsible service of alcohol*” and this reflects in our high expectations of how we all conduct ourselves when alcohol is being served at our Club. We should never forget we are all role models to our younger members and each other.

RSA training covers topics including:

- \* Alcohol and the law
- \* Underage drinking
- \* Alcohol facts
- \* Refusing service
- \* Legal responsibilities
- \* Alcohol effects & concerns
- \* Fines and signs
- \* Duty of care

RSA training is coordinated by the Good Sports program and the Club pays the \$70 fee on behalf of members and their immediate family. Good Sports has a course coming up at Gippsland Regional Sports Centre in the next 4 to 6 weeks, depending on COVID restrictions. Dates will be confirmed as soon as the Stage 3 restrictions are relaxed. If you are a Sale Tennis Club member and would like to complete RSA training please register your interest with Robin Lowe at [theelms82@outlook.com](mailto:theelms82@outlook.com)

RSA certificates issued in Victoria do not expire as such, however licensees and members manning the bar who are subject to mandatory RSA requirements will need to complete an online refresher course every three years. 3 years after your RSA certificate is issued, the RSA number on the certificate becomes obsolete, and so it is important to refresh your RSA before that 3 year period elapses. The refresher course can be found at:

[https://liquor.vcglr.vic.gov.au/rsa\\_refresher/StudentLogin.aspx?ReturnUrl=/rsa\\_refresher/Student/RsaRefresherCourses.aspx](https://liquor.vcglr.vic.gov.au/rsa_refresher/StudentLogin.aspx?ReturnUrl=/rsa_refresher/Student/RsaRefresherCourses.aspx)



## Quote

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." – Coretta Scott King.

## Calendar of Events

- September 24 - 27 2020 Sale Junior Tournament - *Cancelled*
- October 2 Tennis Victoria UTR Series – Sale Tennis Club
- October 2 Working Bee – Sale Tennis Club – from 4.00 pm
- October 3 WGTA Saturday Pennant to resume – Seniors
- October 10 WGTA Saturday Pennant to resume – Juniors
- October 11 16<sup>th</sup> Life Members Day – Sale Tennis Club
- October 24 - 25 John Fitzgerald Cup – 13/U Boys – Cobram LTC
- October 24 - 25 Judy Dalton Cup – 13/U Girls – Mt Prospect Creswick TA
- November 15 WGTA Championships – Sale Tennis Club
- November 29 Sale Tennis Club 68<sup>th</sup> Club Championships
- December 5 - 6 Alicia Molik Cup – 11/U Girls – Kooyong LTC
- January 8 – 10 Inter-regional Country Championships – Warnambool LTC
- February 13 -14 Minter McNamee Cup – 17/U Boys & Girls - TBC
- February 14 – 19 Country Week Tennis – Swan Hill LTC
- February 27 – 28 Pat Cash Cup – 12, 14, 16 & 18/U Boys & Girls – Wodonga TC
- April 10 – 11 Wayne Arthurs Cup – 10/U Boys & Girls – Kooyong Lawn TC
- May 14 – 16 Tennis Seniors Tournament – Sale Tennis Club
- June 12 – 14 Queens Birthday Junior Tournament – Sale Tennis Club
- July 31 – Aug 1 Bradke Luzcac Cup–15/U Boys & Girls – **Sale Tennis Club**
- July 31 – Aug 1 Frank Sedgman Cup - /U Boys & Girls – Traralgon TA
- October 30 – 31 Judy Dalton Cup – 13/U Girls – Portland Lawn TC
- October 30 – 31 John Fitzgerald Cup – 13/U Boys – Castlemaine Lawn TC
- December 4 – 5 Alicia Molik Cup – 12/U Boys & Girls – Kooyong Lawn TC

## Have You Heard the News?

Do you have any news that you would like to include in the next newsletter? Just let us know at [theelms82@outlook.com](mailto:theelms82@outlook.com) or phone Robin on 0418 514 788 and remember a picture tells a thousand words so be sure to send in a photo.

## Email Addresses

If you have not yet provided your email address, or have changed your email address, please advise us immediately at [theelms82@outlook.com](mailto:theelms82@outlook.com) and please tell your friends to do the same. (If you no longer wish to receive our newsletter just reply with "Unsubscribe" as the topic.)

Look us up at: [play.tennis.com.au/saletennisclub](http://play.tennis.com.au/saletennisclub) or  
<https://www.facebook.com/saletennisclub>

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# 2021 Tennis Victoria Regional Team Events



Tennis Victoria's Regional Team Events provide players with an opportunity to represent their local Metropolitan Association or Country Tennis Region. For more information on how to get involved contact your Country Tennis Region or Metropolitan Association.

Visit <https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/players/tournaments-and-events/events/regional-team-events> for more details.

## INTER-REGIONAL COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

12/u up to Seniors 35+  
Location: Warrnambool Lawn TC (Grass)  
8 - 10 January 2021

## MINTER MCNAMEE CUP

17/u – 2 boys and 2 girls per team  
Location: TBC  
TBC 13-14 February 2021

## BRADTKE LUCZAK CUP

15/u – 2 boys and 2 girls per team  
Location: Sale TC (Red Porous)  
31 July - 1 August 2021

## JOHN FITZGERALD CUP

13/u – 4 boys per team  
Location: Castlemaine Lawn TC  
(Syn Grass & Hard) 30 – 31 October 2021

## JUDY DALTON CUP

13/u – 4 girls per team  
Location: Portland Lawn TC (Grass)  
30 – 31 October 2021

Country Tennis Regions only

Metropolitan Associations & Country Tennis Regions

## ALICIA MOLIK CUP

12/u - 2 boys and 2 girls per team  
Location: Kooyong Lawn TC (Red Porous)  
4-5 December 2021

## FRANK SEDGMAN CUP

11/u - 2 boys and 2 girls per team  
Location: Traralgon TA (Plexi-Cushion)  
31 July – 1 August 2021

## WAYNE ARTHURS CUP

10/u - 2 boys and 2 girls per team  
Location: Kooyong Lawn TC (Red Porous)  
10 - 11 April 2021

## PAT CASH CUP

12/u, 14/u, 16/u & 18/u - 2 boys and 2 girls per age group  
Location: Wodonga Tennis Centre (Grass)  
27 February – 28 February 2021