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Redevelopment Update



The day is Monday, March 29 and the occasion is the very first tennis match on the newly completed Courts 5 – 7. Our Sale and District Mid-Week Ladies had a perfect day to test the new surface and it was agreed that it was playing well even though it still needed more rolling to settle into its best.

Since this happy day much has happened. In May Courts 3 and 4 were finished and the honour of first use was again with our Mid-Week Ladies, who are pictured here on the beautiful new surface.

Night pennants have also have been able to use the new courts and have been enjoying the new LED lights.

With the redevelopment coaching has been pushed onto the hard courts. However when it is damp these courts get quite slippery. The new courts drain like a sieve so they have hosted a lot of coaching as well.

This completes the 5 court resurfacing with the exception of multiple more heavy rolls with the big roller to help settle the sub-surface and a tidy up of the surrounds.

Job done? Not quite.



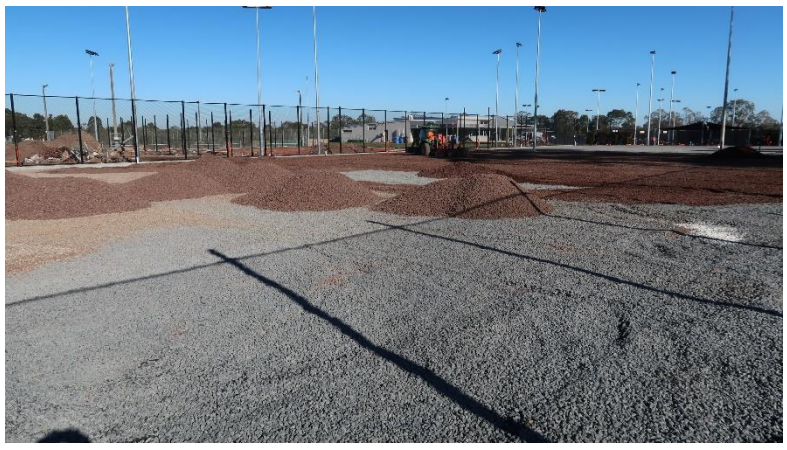
While all this was happening we were negotiating to lock in the funding for the remaining 7 courts. This was a difficult process but with the help of St Rita, the Patron Saint of the Impossible, it was finally completed in late April. We are very grateful to have received further support to plug the funding gap from the John Leslie Foundation, whose generous contribution made the next steps possible. We have also received further support from the Victorian Government and Wellington Shire.

Due to the size of the contract, under Local Government rules, it had to go to public tender. With expressions of interest from 8 different companies ET Richards & Sons Pty Ltd were the successful tenderer at a cost of nearly \$400,000 plus GST. As with the Stage 1 rectification, the Club is the Project Manager for the court resurfacing. Bruce Carter and Robin Lowe are the Project Superintendents and Bruce can be found at the courts every day of the week looking after the myriad of daily tasks that must be performed or coordinated.

RAL have demolished and removed all of the court infrastructure; lights, fences, net posts and irrigation system. Sale Water Specialists have installed all of the new irrigation system, moved the water meter and gas meter and installed all of the court drainage system. Marathon Electrical have wired in the lights and stood up the poles and put the LED lights on the top, as well as installed the security lights and PA system. Kane House Fencing have installed most of the poles for the courtside fencing and installed the wire mesh on 3 sides of courts 8 to 12. There is still plenty to do but the whole project now has momentum.

Despite some poor weather, the court contractors, ET Richards and Sons, have made some great progress on the court surface. The entire sub-base for courts 8 to 12 has been rotary hoed and a thick layer of drainage material installed and it has all been laser levelled to get it even with the appropriate fall to provide the necessary drainage. After this it will be 20mm minus scoria, followed by the 3mm minus and finally the brick dust.





We will concede that you might get a few bad bounces from these surfaces right now but they will soon be looking like our brand new Court 3 – above right. Scheduled completion date for the next 5 courts is the end of June – weather permitting – and all courts will available from late July in time for the next night pennants.

Junior Report



Section 4 Sale Swans Henry Seeber is in perfect position for a backhand in his match against Longford



Section 4 Sale Swans Imogen Leary stretches for a forehand in her match against Longford.



Section 4 Sale Swans Emma Coleman follows through on a forehand perfectly in her match against Longford.



Section 4 Sale Magpies Judah Levchenko has both feet off the ground as he hits a high forehand in his match against Sale Parrots.



Section 2 Sale Condors Aaron Donaldson swings into a backhand from the baseline in his match against Sale Falcons

Action shots from Round 15 of WGTA Junior Pennant



Section 1 Sale Eagles Lucy Best mingles a backhand perfectly in her match against Longford.



Sale Pelicans Zac Shumski middles a high forehand.



Sale Eagles Zac Gunn gives a forehand the full treatment from the baseline.



Sale Condors Mia Gold is perfectly positioned for a forehand in her match against Longford Orange.

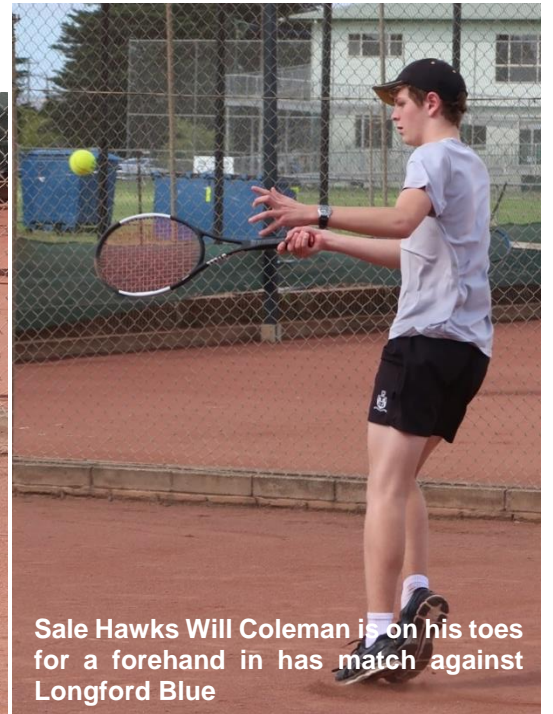
WGTA Finals Action



Sale Hawks Aden Best is at full stretch to return a high forehand in his match against Longford Blue.



Sale Hawks Pearl O'Connor stretches forward for a successful low backhand in her match against Longford Blue.



Sale Hawks Will Coleman is on his toes for a forehand in his match against Longford Blue

At the end of the WGTA Home and Away Season Sale had 12 of its 14 teams in the finals, a fantastic effort from our junior teams. Five of these teams made it all the way through to the Grand Final played on the Maffra grass; Section 1 Hawks, Section 2 Falcons, Section 4 Magpies, Section 7 Sparrows and Section 7 Wrens. On a chilly Saturday morning Sale Hawks and Sale Sparrows were successful in bringing home a pennant.



Section 1 Premiers Sale Hawks: Sen Goold, Pearl O'Connor, Will Coleman, Emily Elliott and Aden Best

Section 2 Runner up - Sale Falcons – Sam Bertino, Camille Japhary, Finn McDonald & Josiah Levchenko, Absent - Bailey Telfer who was injured





Section 4 Runners Up:
 Sale Magpies:
 Riley Nicholas, Ruby
 Running, Maddie
 Nicholas & Judah
 Levchenko

Section 7
 Premiers Sale
 Sparrows: Milla
 Lazzaro, Mitch
 Dihood, Fletcher
 Fyfe, Mali Pate &
 Mia Del Busso



Section 7 – Runners Up
 Sale Wrens:
 Zach Ingram, Chloe
 Olijnyk, Alexander
 Olijnyk, Ari Garg, Noah
 Wilson

Sale Tennis Club Junior Awards



Our WGTA Junior Awards were held in March. We had a great crowd of juniors and their parents who enjoyed a casual hit followed by pizza and then presentations by our hard working Junior President, Kurt Best.

Congratulations to our Player of the Year, Mia Goid who won the Paul Egan Award.

Awards were as follows:

First Season Stars – Milla Lazzaro and Fletcher Fyfe.

Most Improved - Jonah Ingram and Andre Wasserman

Sportsmanship - Ruby Running and Claire Ingram

Most Determined - Rachael Page and Ted Crouch

Future Club Hero - Louis Lazzaro

Paul Egan Award - Mia Goid



Back Row: Ruby Running, Claire Ingram, Rachel Page, Jonah Ingram, Fletcher Fyfe
Front Row: Andre Wasserman, Mia Goid, Louis Lazzaro, Sam Crouch, Milla Lazzaro

Tennis Victoria Future Leaders Program

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT YOUR CLUB

Tennis Victoria's Future Leaders Program enables our next generation of volunteers to work closely within their local tennis club in creating welcoming environments on and off the tennis court.

Future Leaders has been running since 2001, and since that time over 500 participants have taken part in the program and given back over 21,000 hours of volunteer time to local tennis clubs across Victoria.

The program is designed for Year 10 and 11 students and provides participants with the opportunity to make a difference at their local tennis club. Program participants attend a three day camp, develop important teamwork and leadership skills and work with Tennis Victoria to develop a project plan to take back to their tennis club to complete.

Participants are required to complete 40 hours of volunteering in completing their project and report back to Tennis Victoria. Upon completion, participants are invited to attend a graduation hosted by Tennis Victoria in recognition for all their hard work.

WHY BECOME A FUTURE LEADER?



Interested? If you would like further details please contact Junior President Kurt Best on 0409 962 104 or Tennis Victoria Participation Leader Country South East, Jade Ellams on 0423 802 056. If you are eligible, and do decide to attend, the Club will pay the participation fee.

Gippsland Sport Academy

Sale Tennis Club was host to a Gippsland Sports Academy elite training session on Sunday March 20. We are delighted that we have 3 Sale juniors in the GSA program: Sen Gould, Jess Board and Mia Gould.

The Gippsland Sports Academy offers talented Gippsland athletes the opportunity to reach their full potential in their chosen sport by providing services such as advanced technical coaching and sport science programs covering strength and conditioning, psychology, nutrition and hydration and personal development sessions.



The ability for tennis players to train on different surfaces, especially en-tout-cas, which is the equivalent of clay, is essential for overall player development.

The GSA provide full sports programs in swimming, tennis, volleyball, netball, clay target shooting, golf and gymnastics.

Sale Tennis Club to Host 2022 AO Ballkids Trial

Sale Tennis Club will host an Australian Open Ballkids Trial for the 2022 AO on Sunday June 6th. The Level 1 Trial for the AO Ballkids Program is designed to identify children with skills in the areas of rolling, servicing and court movement, all of which are critical to the overall function of the ballkid on court.

Ballkids play an integral role in ensuring that tennis tournaments run smoothly. Throughout the Australian Open series, each ballkid is a focal part of every game, be it at Rod Laver Arena or an outside court.

The Australian Open Ballkids Program has one of the most intensive training programs of the four Grand Slams and focuses on the development of core skills and overall tennis knowledge, whilst also encouraging team work, communication and leadership amongst participants.

Applicants who rank within the top 400 performers Australia wide at the Level 1 Trials will be invited to attend Level 2 trials where they will again be assessed for the opportunity to join the AO Ballkids Training Program.

Tennis Australia is extremely proud of our Australian Open Ballkids, who are consistently recognised as the highest quality Ballkids of the four Grand Slam events. This reputation is attributed to the rigorous selection process and intensive training program that leads into each January.

An extremely high level of commitment is required to become a ballkid at the Australian Open. All sessions throughout the trials, training and team briefings are compulsory to attend. The Australian Open Ballkids Program generates interest and admiration from within the tennis community globally and is a fantastic experience for those lucky enough to be involved. Interested applicants must be aged 12 to 15 as of 31 December 2021.

Potential ballkids must be pre-registered through the AO website:

<https://ballkids.tennis.com.au/Register.aspx>

Registrations close at least 7 days before the trials and cannot be taken on the day. The trials run from 10.00 am to 11.30 am on Sunday, June 6.

For further information prospective ballkids can contact Anthony Zafiris on 0403 724 796



2020 and 2021 ballkid Aden Best

Volunteer Feature

“What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good.”

Spoken by Greek philosopher Aristotle over 2300 years ago. This ancient quote about volunteering offers proof that giving back to the community is hardly a new concept. There are no shortage of ways volunteers can help make a difference. The greatest thing about volunteering, other than the obvious benefits it offers to individual recipients and their communities, is the positive impact on the volunteers themselves.

Our Featured Volunteer for this newsletter is **Karen Pollett**. “Polly” has provided remarkable service to Sale Tennis Club over a very long period of time. Karen has served as our Treasurer for a total of 13 years, the last 9 years in a row as well as previous Treasurer roles with the Midweek Ladies and Junior Committee. She has been on at least one of our Committees for nearly 20 years.

Commencing committee roles within 2 years of joining the Club, Karen has made a significant contribution over a long period, consistently undertaking roles at committee level. She has also had a large impact on Club morale organising social functions, consistently attending working bees, helping design and supervise the installation of the new kitchen, taking annual leave to undertake the catering during the 3 years of the Pro-circuit tournaments held in the “noughties” and volunteering for a myriad of big and little tasks that often go unnoticed. She is always up for creating a gourmet salad when we are catering, has maintained our key register for nearly 20 years (and woe befalls anyone who cannot account for their key), is a strong voice on our committee and has enthusiastically participated in the many fundraisers we have had for local causes.

“Polly” finished as our Treasurer at our Annual General Meeting in May and leaves big shoes to fill. We wish her all the very best and look forward to seeing her at the Club on a regular basis as we know she will surely miss us as much as we will miss her.



Above: Winners are grinners – a Monday Ladies victory to savour.

Left: Polly was made a Life Member in September 2015, the same day as her co-treasurer, Karen Deschepper. The “Special K’s”

Saturday Summer Pennant – Seniors

Sale Central Storage returned for season 2020 / 21 as the sponsor of the **Sale Tennis Club Player and Team of the Year**.

They are joined by **Graze Family Bistro** who have generously provided our 3 set winners vouchers for the past 3 years.



Our winners for the 2020/21 WGTA season were:

Team of the Year		
<i>Ranking</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>%</i>
1	Section 1 Dahlsens	138.62
2	Section 2 KFC	131.47
3	Section 2 Sale Central Storage	100.14
4	Section 2 Graze Bistro	92.93
5	Section 3 John Elliman Real Estate	84.18

Female Player of the Year Final Rankings			
<i>Ranking</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>%</i>
1	Regina Virgo	Section 1 Dahlsens	66.40
2	Jess Board	Section 1 Dahlsens	59.55
3	Georgia Roberts	Section 2 KFC	59.12
4	Kelly Hudson	Section 1 Dahlsens	59.08
5	Mia Goold	Section 3 J Elliman Real Estate	58.28
6	Nok Pate	Section 2 Sale Central Storage	57.62
7	Michelle Eustace	Section 2 Sale Central Storage	57.14
8	Jessie Lauria	Section 1 Dahlsens	56.94
9	Carmel Elliott	Section 2 KFC	56.50
10	Jacky Richards	Section 2 KFC	55.89

Male Player of the Year Final Rankings			
<i>Ranking</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>%</i>
1	Sen Goold	Section 2 KFC	63.19
2	Anthony Zafiris	Section 1 Dahlsens	62.65
3	John Meade	Section 2 Graze Bistro	58.13
4	Robin Lowe	Section 2 KFC	56.76
4	Sam McGregor	Section 1 Dahlsens	56.76
6	Mark DiPietro	Section 2 Graze Bistro	56.70
7	Andrew Ross	Section 2 Graze Bistro	53.73
8	Stephen Shanahan	Section 2 KFC	52.48
9	Eli Sims	Section 1 Dahlsens	51.16
10	Andy Pate	Section 2 Sale Central Storage	49.39



Above: Georgia Roberts shapes for a perfect forehand; Andy Pate serves while Sen Gould waits to pounce on the volley; Reggie Virgo slams a forehand while Jess Lauria is fully focused; Sam McGregor chases a wide forehand

Section 1 Runners Up - Dahlsens --: Anthony Zafiris, Sam McGregor, Cal Board, Reggie Virgo, Jess Board & Kelly Hudson. (Absent Jess Lauria)



Above: Section 2 Runners Up – KFC Georgia Roberts, Carmel Elliott, Sen Goold, Andy Pate, Jacky Richards & Robin Lowe
(Absent – Steve Shanahan)



Above: Sale Central Storage 2021 Players of the Year – Sen Goold and Reggie Virgo. Both players had a fantastic year and guided their respective teams into the Grand Finals



Left: Sale Central Storage 2020 Players of the Year Georgia Roberts and Anthony Zafiris. COVID restrictions forced the cancellation of our end of season celebrations last year so it was fitting to be able to present the trophies to our winners in front of a good crowd this year.

3 Set Winners

We had a theoretical 48 players in this year's WGTA senior's pennant teams (not including fill ins) and 44 of them were successful in winning 3 sets during the season. Those that won 3 sets were: Aaron Donaldson, Aaron Kennedy, Alex Boxall, Andrew Ross, Andrew Tyson, Anthony Zafiris, Ben Elliott, Cal Board, Carmel Elliott, Charles Doube, Cheryl Eddy, Chris Boxall, Damien Theobald, Debbie Iseppi, Di Arnot, Mark Di Petro, Eli Simms, Georgia Roberts, Greg Clive, Jacky Richards, Jess Board, Jess Lauria, Jo Rule, John Meade, Kate Hanratty, Karen Deschepper, Kelly Hudson, Laura Jones, Lisa Harrison, Mark Elliman, Matt Conn, Mia Gould, Michelle Eustace, Nick Board, Nok Pate, Rachel Page, Reggie Virgo, Robin Lowe, Sam McGregor, Sen Gould, Steve Shanahan, Stuart Jones, Tim Bull and Tim Dunnett. Many of these 3 set winners were lucky enough to win a Graze Family Bistro voucher.

Our Dahlsens Team of the Year each got a Graze Family Bistro voucher. Many also got a further voucher in the draw of 3 set winners. They will all be enjoying a night out together at Graze Family Bistro sometime soon and they possibly won't even need to take their wallets.

Coach's Column

Tournaments:

There are some great local junior tournaments for our players to enter. Because of our current court reconstruction, our Queens Birthday Silver Points Tournament has been moved to Bairnsdale Tennis Club. We are very thankful to Bairnsdale TC for allowing us to keep this tournament in Gippsland and we look forward to hosting the Queen's Birthday Junior Tournament at Sale Tennis Club next year.



The first week of the holidays I will be taking away 6 junior players to a silver points tournament in Bendigo. This is the first trip of many. We will be looking at about 4 trips per year, most likely to other regional venues hosting points tournaments. Melbourne tournaments are generally spread out at different venues, so regional tournaments at the one club are very appealing. The main age groups for these tournaments are 12/U, 14/U and 16/U. If you are interested in joining one of these trips in the future, please let me know.

During the second week of the holidays there is a Bronze Points tournament at Traralgon Tennis Club. This is just for 12 and 14 and under. I will be encouraging all the children that I coach in that age bracket to enter this tournament.

We are privileged in this part of Gippsland to have points tournaments several times per year in Bairnsdale, Traralgon, Sale and an amazing Easter tournament at Maffra. Without even leaving Gippsland a promising junior tennis player can play about 6 tournaments in this region per year.

There are exciting times ahead and we will see some huge progress from our committed junior players in the next few months leading up to summer comp.

For coaching content and other highlights, please follow [sale_tennis_academy](#) on Instagram.

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The Dahlsens Challenge 2021

Bairnsdale Tennis Club travelled to Sale on Sunday, May 2 to try to defend their hold on the Dahlsens Challenge Shield.

A total of 54 players competed in the Challenge, which is played bi-annually and involves both junior and senior players competing on behalf of their Club and town.

Like the Davis Cup, each town has a Captain, being the respective club professional coaches, Anthony Zafiris from Sale and Gavin McCoy from Bairnsdale, who pick the overall teams and individual match ups.

On a perfect autumn day the competition started with a round of singles for the juniors and doubles for the seniors. The juniors relished the chance to showcase their skills and the standard of tennis was a credit to them all. The improvement achieved by the children over the past season has been remarkable and the tennis was captivating for those that assembled to watch.

The Sale seniors relished the home court advantage and, with some convincing results from the juniors, finished the first round with a handy lead.

This trend extended into the next round of both juniors and seniors with Sale going to lunch with an extended lead.

After a hearty lunch put on by the Sale club, the players returned for the final rubber with the Dahlsens Challenge trophy in real danger of slipping from Bairnsdale's grasp. At the completion of the final matches Sale Tennis Club was declared the overall winner and we reclaimed the Dahlsens Challenge Shield for the first time in 2 years. The overall standing from the last seven challenge matches is Sale 4 to Bairnsdale 3.

Events such as the Dahlsens Challenge are important for the development of junior players in regional areas as they provide a rare opportunity for them to be part of a larger team representing their Club and to compete with and test themselves against their peers from other areas.



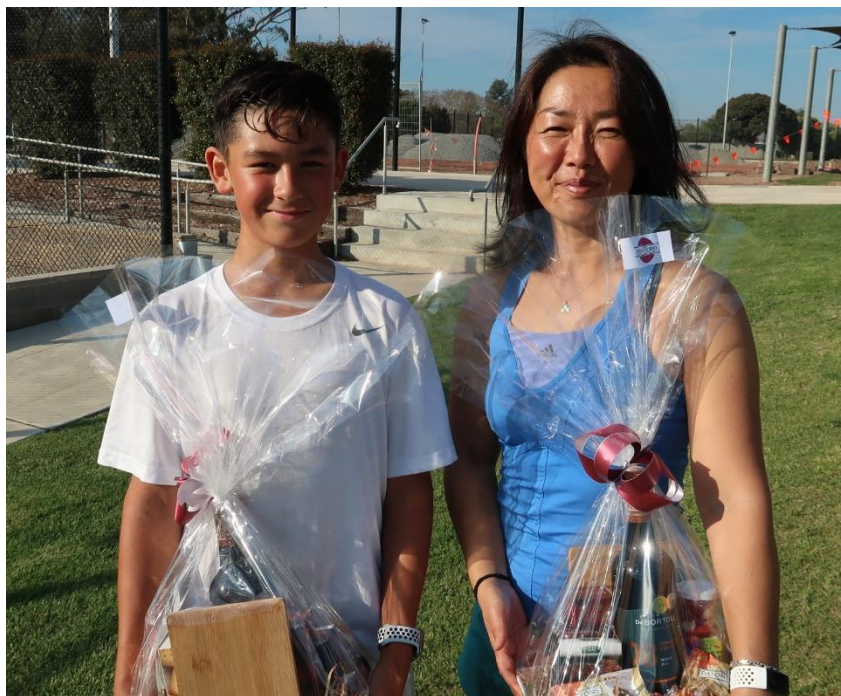
L to R: Bairnsdale Tennis Club President Andrew Quirke with Sale Tennis Club Coach Anthony Zafiris and Sale Tennis Club President Robin Lowe.

The Dahlsens Challenge will return again in November with Sale making the trip to Bairnsdale to defend the Shield.

A huge thank you to our Coach, Anthony Zafiris, who organised all of the matchups and ran the tennis on the day seamlessly after the last minute withdrawal of Barinsdale coach Gavin McCoy.

Our other volunteers who made the day go smoothly were Masami and Chris Goold, Di Arnot, Murray Fitzclarence, Jo Rule, Joan and Robin Lowe, Bruce Carter, Nok and Andy Pate and Tina Page. (We like to win the best lunch as well and figure we are at least 4 – 3 up on this too.)

A big “Thank you” to **John Elliman Real Estate** for the donation of the hampers that were won by our best players.



Sale's Best Players - Jamie Pate and Masami Goold with their John Elliman Real Estate hampers.

Night Pennants – Time to Get Your Name on the List

Night pennants head into finals during June and we wish all players success in the lead up to the Grand Finals. We will bring you all of the results in the next newsletter.

Night Pennants recommence after the school holidays in July and by then we will have all of our courts back. No more getting scheduled on our Court 15 and 16 practice courts with the tricky lighting and “Slippery when wet!” surface. Night pennants run on Tuesday and Thursday nights with play commencing at 7.00 pm and finishing around 9.30 pm.

Player lists are already displayed at the clubrooms. Night pennants cater for players of all standards and teams are graded around individual abilities to ensure an even competition. With our courts now lit with electricity that we make and store onsite Sale Tennis Club can cater for up to 56 players per night so get in early, bring as many friends as you can, and enjoy the fun.

Night pennant is designed to cater for players of all standards. If you require any further details about night pennants or to get your name on permanent player lists or the fill-in list please email theelms82@outlook.com or contact the following:

Tuesday Night
Thursday Night

Karen Deschepper 0408 517 000
Robin Lowe 0418 514 788

Quote - When the world says “Give up” hope whispers “Try one more time”.

Jo Rule's at Tennis Victoria Seniors Event in Bairnsdale

Sale Tennis Club Section 1 player, Jo Rule, has won the Ladies 35 and Over Singles at the Tennis Victoria Seniors National Ranking Tournament (NRT) held in Bairnsdale on May 14 to 16. Jo then backed up in the 90+ mixed doubles with club legend Bruce Carter, to take a second title for the weekend before adding the 100+ doubles with Cushla De Muth to make it 3 for the weekend.

Jo was joined by several other Sale players including the evergreen Phil Mein, Suzanne Ross, former Sale stalwart Cushla De Muth and Robin Lowe. Carter and Lowe were runners up in the 60 and Over Doubles where they were edged out on percentage by Mike Evans and Leigh Adams from Melbourne. Bruce teamed with Neil Jerimiah in the 110+ men's doubles to take out that title and make it 2 from 3.

The Bairnsdale event follows a successful seniors event at Maffra in January. National Ranking Tournaments are round robin events consisting of men's and ladies singles, men's and ladies doubles as well as mixed doubles. There are six events, which are played in five year age groups over the three days with two events played each day. Players can elect to play 1 event or all 6 depending on how much tennis they want for the weekend. The standard is suitable for players of all abilities. Prizes are presented at the completion of each day.

Sale Tennis Club will host an NRT from 13 to 15 August where they are hoping to attract a field of over 80 players to their newly completed courts. Mark your diary and make sure to enter early as local support is crucial to the success of the event. If we can't attract a good field of players we risk not getting the event again in future years. The seniors circuit is a fun group and those new to the event all enjoyed their time on and off the court.

Entries are already open at [NRT Round Robin — Tennis Seniors Victoria](https://www.tennisseniorsvic.org.au/) or <https://www.tennisseniorsvic.org.au/>



Above: Robin Lowe, Jo Rule & Bruce Carter

Left: Suzanne Ross, Cushla De Muth, Marg Supplitt & Jo Rule

Annual General Meeting Outcomes

Our 71st Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 19.

Senior Committee Office bearers for the 2021 / 22 season are:

President:
Robin Lowe

Vice President:
Murray Fitzclarence

Secretary:
Sonya Stephenson

Treasurer/Membership:
Damien Theobald / Karen Deschepper

General Committee:
Di Arnot
Andy Pate
Anthony Zafiris
Kurt Best
Prue McNaughton

Club Captain:
Tim Dunnnett

Ladies Committee Representative:
Wendy Fuessel / Michelle Eustace

Junior Committee Representative:
Kurt Best

After nearly 20 years, including 13 years as Treasurer, Karen Pollett has handed in her calculator. Karen has given absolutely fantastic service to our Club and we all thank her for her wonderful contribution.

We have been most fortunate to welcome Damien Theobald as our new Treasurer. Damien brings a wealth of accounting experience to the role, most of which he will need in order to take over from Polly.

We are also delighted to have Prue McNaughton join our General Committee. Prue has been around sport all of her life and will bring that experience to her new position. We look forward to welcoming her to the role.

We thank all members of each of our 3 committees for their enthusiasm and commitment as we seek to make ours the best club it can be.

Membership fees for 2021 / 22 were set as follows:

Membership Category	Fee
Senior	\$175
Junior/Student	\$120
Family	\$450
Pensioner	\$120
Social	\$ 50

There is ***no increase*** in Membership fees from 2020/21. In fact membership fees remain unchanged since 2008.

It is critical that everyone understand that it is the objective of our Club to make tennis available to absolutely everyone. Therefore if our fees are causing financial hardship to any member, or potential member, we would be happy to provide an instalment program or to discuss any other means of making their membership more affordable. Club President, Robin Lowe, can be contacted for a strictly confidential chat on 0418 514 788 if fees are an issue for anyone.

A full copy of the Presidents Report for 2021 will be available on our website.

Jess Board Wins Prestigious TCAV Gold Junior Age Tournament

Sale junior Jess Board has been victorious at one of Australia's largest and most prestigious tournaments, the Annual Tennis Coaches Australia Victoria (TCAV) Gold Junior Age Tournament. Held on 14 to 18 April the 64th annual tournament is the biggest tournament on the Australian Junior Ranking tournament calendar

For 2021 the event attracted over 200 of Australia's best junior players participating in 12, 14 and 16-and-under boys and girls singles and doubles at 3 en-tout-cas venues; Eaglemont, Donvale and Glen Iris Tennis Clubs.

Jess was the third seed in a field of 31 entrants in the 16 & Under Girls singles where she used the experience from her home court surface to win through three challenging rounds to make the final. Being a gold tournament there was a centre chair umpire and linesmen for the final, bringing the event to the level of major tournaments. Jess was able to handle this additional pressure to take the first set 6 – 3, before losing her first set for the tournament, 4 – 6, and being forced into a third and deciding set. In a match that lasted nearly 2 and a half hours Jess was able to prevail in the third set, 6 – 4, to take out the prestigious title.



The win lifted Jess's Australian women's singles ranking from 442 to 388. April was a big month for Jess having won the A Grade singles at the Maffra Easter Tournament and made the semi-final of the Fosterville Gold Bendigo Silver AMT women's consolation event. Next up she has the final of the Kooyong Under 16 Girls singles club championships, the Queensland Claycourt Open Championships in late May and a further event in Canberra where she will again hope to use her experience on the en-tout-cas courts at Sale to her advantage.

Left: Jess Board with the winner's trophy at Eaglemont



Out and About

Life Members Day 2020 – Errata

In our Autumn newsletter we excitedly announced our latest Life Member, Di Arnot, and then promptly neglected to put her photo in the article. Oh dear – sorry Di, editor’s error.

The picture below was far too good to ignore too.

Right. Club President Robin Lowe with our newest Life Member, Di Arnot, and Murray Fitzclarence.



Nearly 200 years of service. Life Members who attended Life Members Day in December, 2020.
Left to Right. Robin Lowe, Debbie Krusic, Chris Deschepper, Karen Pollett, Karen Deschepper, Di Arnot, Bruce Carter, Mike Riley, Murray Fitzclarence and Gary Schuback

Vale Joan Short and Hiske Deschepper

We are saddened by the passing of the mothers of two of our treasured Life Members over the past few months.

Joan Short 1939 - 2021

Mother of Karen Deschepper (nee Short) Joan grew up in Briagolong and was a keen sportswoman playing tennis, netball and badminton. Her love of sport didn't stop after she retired from competing herself as she soon became Josh, Tahlia and Logan Deschepper's Number 1 supporter and was often found courtside when they played tennis as juniors. Joan was from a very sporty family and had two brothers Darrell and Colin – Colin being a Sale Tennis Club member, committeeman and Club Champion himself in 1981.



This is a photo of Joan at the Briagolong Tennis Club along with her parents Alec and Annie French.

Joan, front row first on left, next to her mother Annie. Her father Alec is back row 3rd from right.

Hiske Deschepper 1925 – 2021

Hiske was born in Breda, Holland in 1925 and was 1 of 11 children. Hiske married Josephus (John) Deschepper post war before migrating. John had been a prisoner of war after he fought with the Belgian underground when he was 17 and was saved from execution by the Americans shortly prior to Germany's surrender. After surviving World War 2 and with work very scarce they chose to migrate to Australia in 1954 with their eldest 3 children Adrian, Harry and Hiske junior and settled in Melbourne. Having two further children in Australia, Chris and Michael, they made Ferny Creek, at the foot of the Dandenong Hills, their new home where the younger boys became heavily involved in tennis, cricket and footy. Chris was even invited to the John Newcombe Tennis Camp as a junior so he must've been reasonably handy! While Hiske was not herself a sportsperson she was a great supporter of her children's sports.

Hiske, with Chris and Karen, enjoying a cuppa and a chat. Both activities she was quite skilled at.



Vale Lorraine McHattie



This photo was taken in 1978 when Lorraine was a joint GippsStar winner.

Former Ladies Singles Champion Lorraine McHattie has passed away, aged 82.

Lorraine won 11 STC Ladies Singles Club Championships with a streak from 1963 to 1973 and a further title in 1975. She also won many doubles and mixed events at Club and Association Championships. Only Helen Gerrard has won more STC Ladies Singles titles.

Helen remembers Lorraine as *“playing a lovely game of tennis always in a cool, calm manner.”*

Lorraine represented Sale in country and interstate matches, many Country Weeks at Kooyong and State Regional Championships.

In 1978 Lorraine was a joint GippsStar winner along with Helen Gerrard when they were the first players from the Gippsland area to win a Regional Championship doubles at the championships held in Portland that year.

Lorraine was a member of the first team from Sale to win a GTA pennant along with Helen, Glennis Pigot, Maureen Beha, Bruce Carter, Barry Cook, John Brock and Colin French.

Lorraine was a tireless worker for our Club. She was secretary from 1969 to 1971 and again in 1975 and was also a frequent member of our General Committee and held many other roles.

After moving to Melbourne she returned to Sale to visit family and attend reunions with many of her tennis friends. The last time being in May, 2019.

Our thoughts are with Lorraine’s family and friends as they mourn the loss of one of our greats.

Get Well Soon Gary

One of our treasured Life Members, Gary Schuback, has had a recent lengthy stay in St Vincent’s Hospital. Gary is on the mend now and everyone at Sale Tennis Club wish him well for a speedy and full recovery.

Need a Tennis ID Number?

Most Tennis Australia sanctioned tournaments require a Tennis ID Number. As a member of Sale Tennis Club you may already have your number. If you don’t know your number it is as simple as phoning Tennis Australia on 1800 752 983, give them your details, mention that you are a member of Sale Tennis Club and you will get the 12 digit number over the phone.



Cranc it Up

After what could only be described as a spectacular introduction to race horse ownership John Elliman sold out of Think Bleue last year. Think Bleue had 5 wins from 17 starts with prizemoney of \$403,000.

Now the Elliman boys John, Mark, Tom and David have an interest in a new nag, Cranc. Born in Australia in 2017 Cranc is by Fighting Sun (Aus) out of Maie Casey (GB) and is trained by Ciaron Maher and David Eustace. Cranc has started his career with 3 wins from 5 starts with career prizemoney of \$36,900. The latest win was in Swan Hill over 1300 metres.

(For the record, "cranc" is Welsh for crab.)



Cranc winning the bet365 maiden in Kilmore

Brenda & Les Carter – Circa 1951

This fantastic photo is from the Carter archives. Keen tennis players, Les and Brenda Carter were on their way to the Maffra Easter Tournament when they were "snapped" by a family friend.

1951 is the same year that Australian tennis legend Frank Sedgman held an exhibition match at the Maffra Lawn Tennis Club with Nell Hopman, Merv Rose and Nancye Bolton.

Whether Brenda and Les got to play Frank, Nell, Merv or Nancye is quite unknown but one thing is for sure, they could not have looked more dapper. While they were in the traditional white kit Brenda is well ahead of the times with her choice of skirt – quite risqué for the times.

Lucky for us Brenda and Les passed on their love of tennis to their son, Bruce, who went on to become a Club Champion and Life Member and has been our curator for over 40 years.



Mia Goold (So Nearly) the Best



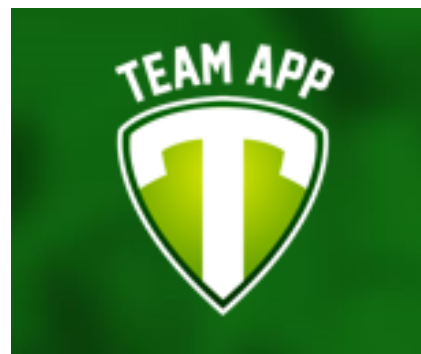
Mia Goold narrowly missed out on being crowned the best primary school aged female tennis player in Victoria when she was edged out in the final of the School Sports Victoria Primary Girls Tennis State Final in May.

In Year 6 at Gippsland Grammar, Mia qualified through district and regional events over the past two months to make the finals of the State event. At the final showdown Mia won three round robin matches and the semi-final before the big grand final. The final was very competitive with Mia just falling short at the final hurdle.

Great work Mia on your resilience and determination to make the final – an awesome effort!

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.



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. Last month Robert Tatterson, Nok Pate and Damien Theobald all completed their RSA training at Gippsland Regional Sport Centre.

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

Working Bee – March 12



A hard earned thirst needs an ice cold beer and the best cold beer isenjoyed after a working bee.

A team of 24 dedicated members attended our March working bee. They came to tackle a list of 35 jobs from big to small and they tackled them with gusto. By late afternoon almost every job on the list was crossed off and those that weren't were being planned. The Club looked an absolute treat. Our working bees are a way for Club members to make a positive contribution to the Club they, or their children, enjoy and it was fantastic to see the busy team tackling a range of jobs, inside and out.

We intend to plant a series of citrus trees on the terrace between our clubhouse and Showcourt Court 1. If you happen to have a spare citrus tree in a pot at home that you would be prepared to donate please let us know on 0418 514 788. We have already received a lemon and a grapefruit tree and would be delighted to add a lime, an orange or a mandarin to our Club orchard.

We will also soon to put up a whiteboard with a list of jobs that could be done between working bees by those that cannot attend the normal sessions but could maybe spare an hour or two during the year to help out. Look out for it in the clubrooms



Aussie World Rankings

World Ranking	Name	Age	World Ranking	Name	Age
22	Alex de Minaur	22	1	Ash Barty	25
43	John Millman	31	76	Ajla Tomljanovic	28
56	Nick Kyrgios	26	124	Astra Sharma	25
62	Alexei Popyrin	21	133	Sam Stoser	37
54	Jordan Thompson	27	135	Madison Inglis	23
99	James Duckworth	29	150	Lizette Cabrera	23
129	Christopher O'Connell	26	161	Storm Sanders	26
149	Mark Polmans	24	162	Pricilla Hon	23
180	Thanasi Kokkinakis	25	169	Arina Rodionova	31
195	Alex Bolt	28	239	Ellen Perez	21

Chester Double Faults



Federal Member for Gippsland, Darren Chester, was a recent visitor to the Sale Tennis Club. He came to look at the redevelopment of our five courts in Stage 1 and was very impressed with the quality that we have now achieved. The Commonwealth Government has contributed \$150,000 to the project via Council's allocation from the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

A former Sale junior who perhaps didn't stick at tennis long enough to fulfill his full potential, Darren is now having a weekly hit with Member for Bennelong, tennis legend John Alexander. "JA" reached a career high of number 8 in the world in 1975, won multiple grand slam doubles titles and was a member of the winning Australian Davis Cup team in 1977 along with Mark Edmondson and Phil Dent.

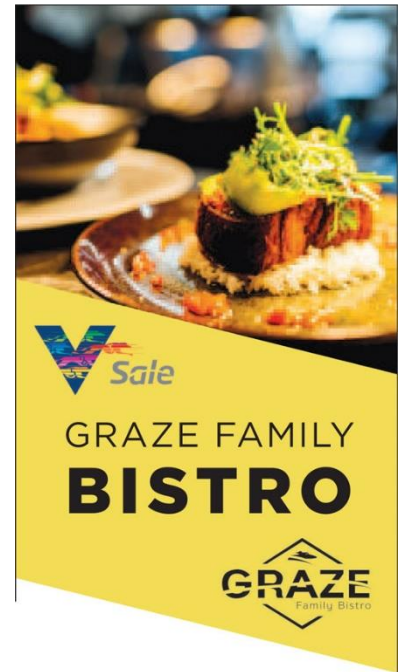
Darren and John play on the Parliamentary tennis courts in Canberra each week. (The courts are of course our STC favourite, red porous.) In chatting with Darren on his recent visit to the Club he related to us the story that John asked him whether he had ever had any tennis lessons as a junior. Darren very proudly declared "No, all self-taught". To which JA replied "Yes. It shows".

Teams Challenge at Sale Tennis Club

Our first Teams Challenge in 2 years attracted 8 teams of 3 people for a scheduled 4 rounds of Fast 4 Tennis. With a washout and now a COVID lockdown we are still only 3 rounds in. However we have already had some great social tennis with more laughter and banter than we have heard on court for some time. It is a great atmosphere and the free sausage sizzle has proven very popular too. Rob Tatterson has been our regular "sausage sizzler" and as a result is almost more popular than the tennis.

When we can finally complete 4 rounds we will have a prize draw for AO merchandise with all players going in the free draw.

Teams are also playing for Graze Family Bistro vouchers with a \$50 voucher to be won each night and a \$200 voucher to the overall team winner. The first 3 \$50 winners have been Wellington Shire, Phillipsons and Findex and they are already planning for "Parma's". The ongoing support from Graze Family Bistro is fantastic and we are sure there will be some great team dinners enjoyed by the winners.



Quote

"Ignorance more frequently begets confidence than does knowledge." - Charles Darwin in his book The Descent of Man

Calendar of Events

- June 12 - 14 Queens Birthday Junior Tournament – Bairnsdale Tennis Club
- July 31- Aug 1 Bradtke Luzcak Cup–15/U Boys & Girls – **Sale Tennis Club**
- July 31 - Aug 1 Frank Sedgman Cup - 11/U Boys & Girls – Traralgon TA
- August 13 - 15 Tennis Seniors Tournament NRT – **Sale Tennis Club**
- September 12 Life Members Day – Sale Tennis Club
- September 24 - 26 Spring Junior Tournament – **Sale Tennis Club**
- October 2 WGTA Pennant Commences
- October 30 - 31 Judy Dalton Cup – 13/U Girls – Portland Lawn TC
- October 30 - 31 John Fitzgerald Cup – 13/U Boys – Castlemaine Lawn TC
- November 28 Sale Tennis Club Championships - STC
- December 4 - 5 Alicia Molik Cup – 12/U Boys & Girls – Kooyong Lawn TC
- May 18, 2022 Annual General Meeting – 7.00 pm – Sale Tennis Club

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 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

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<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