



## Committee Report for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2022

**Committee:** Edward Bailey – President, David Plaisted – Vice President; Roger Church – Secretary, Peggy Harker – Treasurer (and Life Member), Helen Webster – Membership Secretary, Anne Southwell, Francis Chew, Predrag Cancar, Clemise Speck, Rolf Tesmer

### Dear Members

After two long Covid interrupted years, it was a great relief that our members were able to enjoy their tennis uninterrupted, with the Club remaining open for play throughout the year. Members continued to show great patience and tenacity navigating their way through the various changes to court access and hygiene requirements during the year, and the Committee thanks all members for their compliance.

During the year the Club held:

- a very successful Open Day in February 2022, which was well attended by Club members and also the general public, a number of whom signed up to membership on the day;
- a very enjoyable Autumn Tournament and Spring Tournament, divided into two divisions (A and B) and played in a rapid-fire round robin format. The tournaments were played in good spirit and involved members ranging in age from 10 to 70;
- a New Member Welcome in April 2022, where we welcomed new members over drinks (BYO) and nibbles; and
- a Working Bee at which about 20 members donated an hour or so of their time to give the Courts and surrounds some extra care and attention. It is true that many hands make light work and our thanks go out to all those who participated.

The Club also awarded the first Ian Henderson Encouragement Scholarship to Ben Lam – to support his tennis development under the direction of our Club Coach.

### Financial results

The financial statement for the 12 months ended 30 June 2022 is available to any member, upon request to the Secretary. It shows a strong level of income and stable expenditure year on year, and an operating surplus before depreciation of \$30,078 (LY\$17,337), which goes directly to our accumulated funds in the bank. The Club's cash balance is now slightly ahead of our projected trajectory for important capital expenditures in the future for court and other infrastructure upgrades and replacement, and includes an adequate buffer for any unanticipated items (that are not material in nature). The Covid fee discount for 2022 had a small negative impact on the Club's finances, but was more than offset by a solid increase in members during the year.

Unfortunately, in the higher inflationary environment that we are now starting to experience, the costs of maintaining the Club and courts are rising. The Committee is very conscious of ensuring that the Club's cash reserves remain in a healthy position and is managing its expenditure carefully.

## Support from governments and Tennis Victoria

We acknowledge the financial support and other services provided to us by the State Government and the City of Boroondara. Boroondara and their Recreation and Wellbeing team have continued to be supportive during the pandemic crisis, with ongoing rental relief and a further Covid19 grant to support our cash flow, and other important supporting services.

Tennis Victoria have provided regular guidance around “return to tennis” where possible, and strategies to help manage the many issues operating a sporting club in very challenging times. Our affiliation fee covers a number of services, including insurances, and the added value of specialist sector advice has been of great benefit to the Club.

## Courts and clubrooms

Our main asset is the court surface. This is carefully maintained by the installers, Grassports, assisted by a few members diligently sweeping and cleaning. The court surface was installed in 2014, with a life expectancy to be approximately 12-14 years and the courts appear to be tracking well to this estimate. This is factored into our depreciation schedules.

Our LED court lights have been successful in bringing increased night tennis play, and have helped attract more players interested in night tennis during winter.

The clubrooms remain in good condition and we hope to provide a few more social activities that the clubrooms are so well suited to.

## Coaching

Our new coach, Danny Oltvay and his coaching business “VidaTennis South Camberwell” have had a solid year. Danny (and his talented and dedicated team of coaches) has attracted many clients and some of these have joined the Club. Danny’s holiday coaching programs have been well attended and it’s great to see the younger generation using the courts.

## Membership matters

Our membership level has been remarkably solid, with year-on-year totals raising slightly to 377 (LY340). We have seen a few members retire due to age, injury or moving homes, but we have been pleased that many new members have joined us this year and we hope they will stay with us for many years.

There is a record level of family memberships, and we want as many of our younger members to have good access to the courts during ‘out of school’ hours, and to enjoy the excellent coaching service from VidaTennis.

## Committee

The Committee has functioned well, with continuing good humour despite the ongoing challenges of Covid19. On behalf of all Club members, I thank them all for their service and demonstrating their community-minded values, along with our court captains and many others who contributed during the year.



*Edward Bailey*

President

for SCTC Committee

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