



**Tally Ho Tennis Club**  
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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2023**

It is my pleasure to present the President's Report for the 46th Annual General Meeting of the Tally Ho Tennis Club, known as THTC.

THTC has been maintaining its successful operations under the dedicated leadership of our volunteer committee members, many of whom have tirelessly served the Club for several years. I extend my gratitude to each of them for their unwavering commitment in ensuring the club's continued success.

In the past year, we have experienced a significant shift with the absence of the term "Covid," making 2023 a year of reorganisation and heightened activity, particularly within our junior division. The Committee would like to express its appreciation to the members for their steadfast support as we endeavour to broaden the scope of club activities, creating more opportunities for our members to enjoy the club's amenities.

Below, you will find a summary of the noteworthy Club activities throughout the year 2023.

### **COMMITTEE ACTIVITY**

Our committee grew from 11 to 14 members between 2022 and 2023. I would like to personally thank the 2023 Committee Members: Kavita Adhikari, Jodie Blewett, Sandy Burns, Pauline Coughlin, Sandy Grosz, Sam Hickey, Zoran Krnic, Jamie Morris, Richard Morris, Jackie Turner, Russell Wallace, Jing Jing Yang and Victor Yang.

For the first time – we have initiated sub-committees to assist in focussing on specific areas of opportunity. Our trial of this has seen the formation of the following Sub-Committees:

- Finance and Compliance;
- Strategic Planning & Special Projects;
- Marketing & Communications;
- Competitions Membership & Engagement; and
- Operations & Maintenance.

We plan to continue to streamline these sub-committees and activities which sit beneath over 2023-2024 with the aim of allowing each Committee member to contribute to the Sub Committee area they feel most comfortable with.

Committee (and their delegates) have continued to maintain the following functions over 2023:

- **Membership Administration:** Managing new member onboarding, processing existing member renewals, allocating key fobs, and addressing membership inquiries. A special thanks to Membership Secretary, Zoran Krnic.
- **Security Oversight:** Ensuring the club's security through surveillance, access control, and lighting management.



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- **Event Coordination:** Organizing various social events, including Open Days, Junior Break-Ups, Championships, and the Christmas Breakup.
- **Competition Management:** Coordinating junior and senior weekend competitions, as well as weeknight competitions.
- **Financial Governance:** Handling financial matters, including preparing profit and loss statements and fulfilling financial obligations.
- **Risk Mitigation:** Managing the club's insurance policies to mitigate potential risks and liabilities.
- **Lease Compliance:** Ensuring compliance with the 10-year lease agreement with the City of Monash.
- **Facility Maintenance:** Overseeing day-to-day maintenance, encompassing court upkeep (surface, lines, drainage, lighting), clubhouse management (cleaning, climate control, bar maintenance), and pavilion and surrounds maintenance (gardening, pathways, lighting, security, and waste management).
- **Coaching Programs:** Facilitating coaching opportunities for both THTC members and potential members.
- **Liquor Licensing and Provisioning:** Ensuring compliance with liquor licensing regulations and maintaining stocked inventory throughout the year.
- **Online Marketing Management:** Maintaining the club's online presence through social media channels, email communications, and other forums.
- **Grant Application Oversight:** Monitoring available grant opportunities to secure funding for supporting club initiatives.
- **Community Engagement:** Providing support and advertising for community initiatives inspired by the Council.

Further details highlighting aspects of the 2023 are found within the pages following.

### **FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE**

For further details please refer to the THTC Treasurer's Report 2023.

Victor Yang continues to maintain the financial and insurance obligations of the Club acting as Treasurer for THTC in a volunteer capacity.

I sincerely thank Victor for his input and record keeping, whilst also acknowledging the generous support in this portfolio of Sandy Grosz – Secretary, Sam Hickey - Vice President, Richard Morris – Junior Convenor, and Zoran Krnic - Membership Secretary. They have continued to provide an invaluable contribution over 2023 ensuring compliance and record keeping is maintained.



## MEMBERSHIP

Financial Year membership figures 'year on year' have remained steady from the previous year.

	Summary (as at 31/07/2023)			Summary (as at 31/07/2022)		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Family	31	38	<b>69</b>	33	32	<b>65</b>
Full Adult	103	28	<b>131</b>	90	15	<b>105</b>
Weekday Adult	34	23	<b>57</b>	50	27	<b>77</b>
Young Adult	10	1	<b>11</b>	14	1	<b>15</b>
Junior	48	16	<b>64</b>	52	11	<b>63</b>
U8 Years	1	3	4	1	4	5
Life & Honorary	7	3	10	7	3	10
Holding/Social	8	5	13	8	5	13
Total Members:	242	117	359	255	98	353
<b>Total Paying members:</b>			<b>332</b>			<b>325</b>

\* Total Membership is inclusive of sponsorship, life memberships, under 8-year-olds and holding/social members.

It is noteworthy that membership metrics have undergone changes in the past three years, with the Club transitioning from a *single midyear membership start date for all* to a renewal system based on individual membership start dates.

The table above demonstrates a modest year-on-year growth. However, it's essential to highlight that our most significant membership increases typically occur during the warmer months. The subsequent table provides a summary of this growth since the end of the '22-23 fiscal year, as detailed in the table above.

At the time of this AGM, current membership details are highlighted below.

	Summary (as at 1/11/2023)		
	Male	Female	Total
Family	39	42	<b>81</b>
Full Adult	113	35	<b>148</b>
Weekday Adult	40	23	<b>63</b>
Young Adult	10	3	<b>13</b>
Junior	58	18	<b>76</b>
U8 Years	2	2	4
Life & Honorary	7	3	10
Holding/Social	8	5	13
Total Members:	277	131	408
<b>Total Paying members:</b>			<b>381</b>

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Zoran Krnic for his tireless efforts in undertaking the role of Membership Secretary for the Committee. Zoran – the work you do is very much appreciated.



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## **SOCIAL AND ENGAGEMENT**

It would be remiss of me not to thank Committee member, Jamie Morris for his continued role as Bar Manager for THTC. Jamie supports all social events and continues to maintain liquor licensing compliance and stock levels to support each of our functions. Many thanks Jamie Morris.

In 2023 we capitalised on the opportunity to engage with potential new members via the **Club's Open Day** in February. This year we combined the date for the Junior Open day and the Senior Open day – leaving the morning for juniors and the late afternoon for Seniors. The day was facilitated by Committee members and Danielle Jones' Coaching team. Utilising the Try Booking application we encouraged participants to register an 'expression of interest' prior to the day which helped facilitate an improvement in planning and record keeping. The resulting attendance and flow of the day was of benefit to all organisers. The coaching sessions were followed with a sausage sizzle, competitions, games, and prizes to round things out. The senior part of the day saw interest from a smaller group but has resulted in new memberships who are still engaged with the club.

The **THTC Junior Club Championships** were again held in September with an impressive number of entries received. This could not have been achieved without the coordination of the event by Richard Morris, our Junior Convenor – supported by Danielle Jones, Sam Hickey, Sandy Burns and Zoran Krnic on the day. Well done Team!

The *Boys Championship* was concluded with Ryan Lucas defeating Timmy Burns in the final, whilst the *Girls Championship* Final between Victoria Balinovitch & Natalie Curl and will be held as part of the Christmas Celebration event in December.

**Junior functions** held at the end of the last Summer, and recently completed, Winter seasons have seen strong attendance as THTC continues to support the development of our junior members.

### **Tennis Vic Ball Kids program**

On a side note, a number of our junior members were also selected to be Ballkids for the Australian Open held back in January.

Further to this, the club was engaged again by Tennis Australia as a host venue to conduct Ball kid trials for the 2024 Australian Open.

Independently, we also have some juniors who have been selected from those try outs and who are currently in Ball Kid training.

We are also looking forward to our **Christmas / End of Year Break** up scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – the evening will include junior presentations, games and dinner for members within the Clubhouse and pavilion grounds.

## **COMPETITION PLAY**

It's always great to see competition tennis up and running with THTC fielding several teams across various competitions. Competitions included:



- **Waverley Tennis Association Junior Competition**
  - The *Winter* season saw 4 teams participating in the Saturday competition & 11 teams participating in the Sunday competition.
  - The *Summer* season sees a record number of 58 junior members playing competition with 4 teams playing on Saturday & 15 teams playing on Sunday.
    - NB: The shift away from Saturday competition to Sunday competition is attributed to conflicting educational, cultural, and other sporting commitments.
- **Hot Shots**
  - Tally Ho has been an active participant in the Hot Shots Match Play competition during 2023 with two teams participating in the Green Dot Ball variant.
  - The Hot Shots Match Play competition is formatted to fit a season into each school term and is an introduction to junior competition; a great way for our younger junior players & their parents to experience competition play for the first time.
- **Senior Teams**
  - 5 Senior WDTA Saturday teams
  - 0 mid-week ladies teams (intention to re-start in 2023 depending on the weather)

A sincere thanks to Committee Members Richard Morris, Sam Hickey, Pauline Coughlin for all the time and effort they contribute into coordinating the various teams and the many extra behind the scenes activities they do to keep these competitions running.

### **NIGHT TENNIS**

Night Tennis continues at Tally Ho despite a wet and windy winter which resulted in both nights electing to defer from playing right through the winter months. Our sincere thanks to the Co-ordinators of both nights - David Allen (Tuesday Night) and Lorna Harley (Thursday Night). The Tuesday Night's men's competition is currently running with 5 teams over the summer, whilst the Thursday competition has 4 teams. Both competitions are supported by Emergency lists.

Monday nights is a 1 hour ladies Social / Coaching evening consisting of a 5 week program. The evening is a mix of fitness, social and coaching and is supported by our Club Coach, Danielle. This is a club subsidised program intended to support an increase in female membership to the club. The sessions do not officially run over Term 2 and 3 – and unfortunately have been challenged a little over this summer season as the weather continues to hinder the program. Numbers can range between 8-14 per night and attendance can be on a casual basis or the full 5-week program (offered at a slightly discounted rate). I thank Jackie Turner for her work in maintaining this program and continuing to manage it over 2023.

We also acknowledge the growth of larger social groups which play regularly on Wednesday nights and on the weekend evenings.

### **COACHING**

The overall increase in the number of junior members playing is a credit to the outstanding coaching program offered by our club coach Danielle Jones & her team as a large proportion of our new players



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have come through Danielle's coaching program. Support for these players has continued into the junior competition program.

Further to this, Danielle and her team have played a key role in advertising and supporting the Open Day and the THTC Junior Club Championships.

Danielle has continued to bring Monday night coaching opportunities for ladies as well as taking pupils into the 2023 Australian Open. This year the kids (and parents) were given passes into Rod Laver Arena which was a massive highlight for many.

Sandy Burns took on the Committee role of Committee's Coach Liaison Officer and has continued the work begun from Jackie Turner

### **MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

General maintenance and equipment upgrade around the club has continued over the year inclusive of:

- Replacement of 2 courts nets;
- Repair of 4 court nets;
- New court rollers for competition play;
- Repair of 2 broken windows;
- Clubroom ramp entry enhancement to improve visibility;
- New table tennis bat and balls;
- Removal of the coke vending machine;
- Court cleaning is booked for January 2024;

Plans are being finalised with the City of Monash with regard to an amenity refurbishment due to be completed in the first half of 2024.

The Committee is currently looking at funding support and options for a court booking system to be considered in 2024.

### **CONCLUSION**

The accomplishments mentioned above would not have been possible without the dedication of the 2023 THTC Committee. Each month, the Committee convenes to address various matters that require attention.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each Committee member for their unwavering commitment throughout 2023. Your support has been invaluable during my tenure as President, and I deeply appreciate the wisdom, guidance, and assistance you've provided over the past year.

I also want to express my gratitude to our membership base for their ongoing support of THTC. Many of you contribute behind the scenes with activities such as handling finances, organising events, managing



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administration, taking care of cleaning and minor maintenance tasks, and even distributing flyers. Your contributions are acknowledged and warmly embraced.

I wholeheartedly wish everyone a safe and joyful summer season and eagerly anticipate seeing you on the courts in the months ahead.

Warm regards,

Megan Beasley

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2023 THTC President