

TILLIGERRY TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER –

JUNE 2024



Wrap Up of the Biggest Morning Tea held on May 21 May 2024.

The Tanilba Tennis Club held a Biggest Morning Tea recently to help raise funds to support the valuable works of the Cancer Council.

The Cancer Council provides direct and indirect support to research, treatment and the support of family and carers of those with cancer. Fund raising through activities like the BMT are very important.

Roughly \$2550 was made on the day with over 60 attendees. Ruth and the committee did a great job. The generous support of local businesses and club members was almost overwhelming.



Thank you to all those who supported this event.

Junior Tilligerry Open Tournament

A youth tennis tournament planned by Foreshore Tennis is happening on the Saturday 20th July 2024 at Tilligerry Tennis Club between 9 am and 3pm. A complimentary BBQ is planned for players and parents. Members interested in helping James with this tournament should contact James or Kelly. Members who can help with the BBQ on the day can contact Helen 0439972385, thanks!

Again, youth tournaments like this can help develop future club membership and promotes healthy exercise options among our youth.

Contact James on 0421 212 169 for further information.

Todd Woodbridge Cup

The Tilligerry Tennis Club is hosting the Todd Woodbridge Cup in Monday 12th August 2024, commencing at 9am. Coaches James and Kelly from Foreshore Tennis are organising this event. The day is aimed at school age children in an inclusive primary school doubles competition, with winners going on to compete in a regional playoff.

Youth development like this open day can result in increased interest in our sport and the club. It is a great initiative and members interested in helping on the day would be welcomed. The club is providing tea/coffee and cakes for all visitors and organisers.

Contact James on 0421 212 169 for further information.

Pickle Ball

Pickleball has commenced at the Tilligerry Tennis Club and is growing fast. The new sport is almost an interesting cross between tennis and shuttlecock. Its uses smaller bats and lightweight balls. It's very addictive and suits juniors, tennis players and the older generation. The sport is growing in popularity as it is not as physically demanding as tennis can be but is always described as being lots of fun. **To come along and have a look or maybe a try, contact Aaron on 0467 037 987 for information on this developing new sport. All equipment is provided when you book Court 3. Pickleball social group play every Sunday @ 3pm-5pm.**

Free Racquets to Juniors

Recently, with the help of a donation from the Tilligerry Lions Club, the committee has purchased several junior sized tennis racquets. The aim of this support was to help provide youth with a healthy recreational alternative.

The committee has recognised that the future of our club depends on supporting our junior program. The free junior racquets and reduced club family membership fees is hoped to encourage more juniors to participate in the Hot Hits Junior Coaching Program provided by James and Kelly from Foreshore Tennis. Contact James



Councils Draft Master Plan for the Mallabula Sports Complex

As members may be aware, the Council has developed a draft plan of management for the development of the Mallabula Sports complex involving the sports fields in and around the tennis club. The committee had concerns that some deficiency in the draft plan regarding possible future Tennis club expansion and parking considerations. Members of the committee met with Council staff to discuss the development plan and raise its concerns in this matter. Several submissions have been sent to the council in reply to the draft plan to ensure that Council understands and considers the Tennis Club in an appropriate way.

Future Works and projects

One of the possible future additions the committee has discussed was the purchase and installation of a hitting wall. Installing the wall inside the existing hard court is a less expensive option but only gives access to members of the club and casual visitors. Installing outside the court area is more expensive but gives access to anyone wanting to use it, especially kids.

Discussion about the interest in the hitting wall to consider how interested members & the public would be in utilising the wall.

The provision of a fourth court is also in the planning strategy which would significantly increase the number of players that the club could handle but would be a large expenditure and would take some time to fully fund although grants are always available.

The committee seeks feedback from members about the expected usage of a hitting wall and the idea of working towards a fourth court. Comment to tilligerrytennis.com.au please.

Any fundraising ideas would be helpful.

Return and Earn Earnings

So far this year, we have banked \$866.30 from our use of the Container Deposit Vending Machine located at Coles in Tanilba Bay. This money is earmarked for the hitting wall. Don't forget to drop your cans & bottles into the club.