

Victory Park Tennis Club Treasurer's Report – 2021 / 2022

Major Financial Activities

The transition to electronic banking using the National Australia Bank's banking facilities has been most successful. NAB provides a fully functional and secure banking environment.. Every payment requires two separate on-line authorisations instead of two signatures on the previous cheque payment system.

During this year we saw the introduction of court lighting and the Book-a-Court system. Both these facilities were made possible by the generosity of the City of Glen Eira. An important part of this system is its integration with Tennis Victoria's Club Spark Member Information System. In the previous year we moved our membership records over to Club Spark. Every member of the Victory Park Tennis Club has to be registered on Club Spark. Any member booking a court through the club's web page, is issued with a PIN which will open the court gate at the time of the booking. The court lights are fully integrated with this system.

Last year we reported that Tennis Victoria's support team is learning as we learn. This year that support has rarely been required. However the court booking system still has problems, and remains a work-in-progress. Our President will elaborate on this issue.

Looking at the bottom line of club finances, we had a good year. However we need to look behind the figures to get the full story:

- Annual subscriptions are solid. There have been very few members dropping out.
- Our coach Greg Jones has done a wonderful job building up the junior teams. We now have four junior teams competing for Victory Park.
- Court hire is reasonable, but has the potential to be greatly improved.
- Visitors' fees are down. Unfortunately there are many members who incorrectly believe that their membership entitles them to bring in a second or more players under their membership banner.
- The mid-week ladies provide a solid contribution to the club's finances.
- Water usage is high because the court lighting contractor used our water to 'drill' underneath the court to install the wiring. Glen Eira Council has agreed in principal to refund us one thousand dollars. But nothing has yet been received.
- The big expense this year was the wind protectors. The wind protector installation required fence supports to be installed. The wind protectors are generally regarded as well worth the money.

Other income and expenditure is more or less in line with the previous two years.

The challenge ahead is to increase the active membership of the club, expand the committee, expand our grant income, create a building fund so that we can do things like re-surfacing one or two courts.

Increasing social activities will be an important part of our future strategy.

Membership Numbers

Current financial members as recorded in Club Spark are:

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| • Adult members | 20 |
| • Family members | 13 |
| • Junior members | 20 |
| • Students | 2 |

Total financial members 55

In addition there are four Life members

Terry Laragy
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