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March 2021 Newsletter

Important upcoming dates to remember...

Date	Activity
Monday March 15	ERT Winter season Juniors registrations close
Saturday March 20 / Sunday March 21	ERT Junior Semi Finals (morning) ERT Senior Semi Finals (afternoon)
Sunday March 21	ERT Winter season Seniors registrations close
Saturday March 27 / Sunday March 27	ERT Junior Grand Finals (morning) ERT Senior Grand Finals (afternoon)
Saturday May 1 / Sunday May 2	ERT Winter season round 1 starts

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Tennis VIC webpage: www.tennis.com.au/wantirnac/

Mike and Troy: www.facebook.com/troyandmiketennis



From the President

Hopefully 2021 will be less challenging year than 2020 was.

I want to thank all of you for your ongoing support of the club as we all try our best to follow all the rules as issued by the Knox City Council, the Victorian Government and other agencies. We now have access to our Clubhouse albeit on a limited basis as per the rules in the COVID Restrictions update provided in this Newsletter.

In response to a number of requests from members, we have published a **Court Availability Schedule**. You will find a copy of this on the window of the clubhouse outside court 4. This highlights when competition and coaching are using the courts.

I am now finally back on court after a number of setbacks and I hope you are now enjoying either playing competition, being coached or playing socially on our courts. Again thanks to all of our members for following the club's COVID guidelines for everyone's benefit.

Our partnership with the **Troy and Mike Coaching** program, although restricted by COVID, is now well and truly back up and running and in fact has some new offerings including Cardio Tennis on our courts.

On a more positive note we are coming up to finals time for the juniors. We are looking at up to 8 teams playing in finals. Great effort to all those in the finals and everyone participating in the home and away season.

Also included in this newsletter is information about the **Get Active Kids Voucher program**. A great initiative. If you know any kids that are financially disadvantaged due to COVID please pass it on to them. <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/>

With regard to the redevelopment of the front courts, Knox Council are continuing to conduct their surveying and ground mapping exercises which is great.

Lastly as a gentle reminder please don't forget to sign in manually or using the QR code facilities that are available at both front and back doors – this requirement applies to the grounds as well as the clubhouse.

I hope you all continue to enjoy your Tennis at the Wantirna Tennis Club,

Greg Dorn
President



COVID 19 Update

The following is an extract of the current rules from the coronavirus website as provided by Knox City Council and must be complied with at all times.

If further clarification is required please refer to the website.

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/sport-exercise-and-physical-recreation-services-sector-guidance>

Victoria returns to COVIDSafe Settings from 11:59pm Friday 26 February 2021

- *You must always carry a face mask with you when you leave home unless you have a lawful reason not to. It is also recommended that you wear a face mask when exercising when you cannot keep 1.5 metres distance from others, except where that exercise or physical activity leaves you short of breath or puffing.*
- *The number of people allowed in an indoor physical recreation or community sport facility is defined by the size of the space. Indoor spaces need to follow the four square metre rule when staffed. **Wantirna Tennis Club will continue to display notices limiting the persons in the club house at any one time to 26. In addition to this, if the 1.5m distance cannot be kept, mask wearing is required.***
- *Venues are required to record attendance. Electronic record keeping is recommended. The Victorian Government has a free QR code system you can use. **Manual sign in and QR code facilities are available at both front & back doors – this requirement applies to the grounds as well as the club house***
- *Communal change rooms, showers and toilets are open. **There are signs on the toilet doors explaining there is 3 person limit in these areas at any time.***
- *While exercising you should keep at least 1.5 metres distance between yourself and others. Venues are required to record attendance and electronic record keeping is recommended.*

Additional notes:

- No cooking or meal preparation in the club house kitchen should be undertaken
- Knox Council has requested that we limit the use of the club house where/when feasible
- Team captains/duty teams etc are still responsible for appropriate cleaning/vacuuming/rubbish bin emptying/toilet roll replenishment after each session
- Current restrictions imposed by various tennis associations including the no supper/afternoon tea rules continue to apply until further notice.

Leaving home?

- Wash hands and pack sanitiser
- Leaving home? Mask on.
- Maintain physical distance
- Unwell? Get tested and stay home.
- Cough into a tissue or elbow
- Socialising outdoors is safest

1800 675 398 - 24 hours, 7 days

VICTORIA Health and Human Services

Safety is our key priority

Member News

Get Well:

Our best wishes go to Diana Fullex who has not been well and had a recent stay in hospital.

Births:

Congratulations to Pat and Alan Pickering on becoming Great Grandparents. A little boy 'Steele Billy'.

Life Member's Dinner:

Thanks to Graeme Fernandes for organising the Life Member Dinner this year. We had a good turn out with many coming along for their annual chat/catch up. Daryl was able to fill these members in on what has been happening around the Club over the last year and in the coming year.

Senior Night Tennis Update

We have seven teams competing in night tennis this season, three in BDNTA (Blackburn Night Tennis Association) and four in KDNTA (Knox District Night Tennis Association).

Competition commenced on the 1st of February and the teams and ladder positions are:

- Monday BDNTA Section 3 Open Doubles 4th
- Tuesday KDNTA Section 4 Men's Doubles 6th
- Wednesday BDNTA Section 9 (N) Open Doubles 3rd
- Wednesday BDNTA Section 9 (RD) Open Doubles 5th
- Thursday KDNTA Section 1 Singles/Doubles 6th
- Thursday KDNTA Section 3 (1) Singles/Doubles 3rd
- Thursday KDNTA Section 3 (2) Singles/Doubles 7th

The current season runs until mid-June and the next season commences after the mid-year school holidays.

Vaughan Wallace

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Senior Weekday Tennis update

MIDWEEK LADIES

Ferntree Gully Association (FTG&DLWTA Inc): www.ftglwta.org.au



Season 1, 2021

- Section 5 at round 5 are 5th on the ladder.

During COVID 19 restrictions FTG Association have issued the following rules:

- Morning Tea and Lunch is not to be provided
- Players BYO food and drinks if required

SOCIAL TENNIS TUESDAYS



Everyone is welcome to have a social hit on Tuesday morning at 9.30.
For visitors who are not members of the club there is a \$2.00 fee.
Note: social Tuesdays is taking a break and will resume in mid-January

Senior Weekend Tennis update



**EASTERN
REGION TENNIS Inc**

Eastern Region Tennis Inc (ERT Inc): www.ertinc.org.au

Summer season 2020/2021

- Saturday Section 4 are 7th.
- Sunday OSD Section 1 Green 1st and Section 1 Blue 7th

Good-luck to the teams for the finals.

Winter season 2021

The season commences on May 1st.2021. Closing date for entries is Sunday 21th March.
Players wishing to enter for the winter season please fill out the attached form or email me with the proposed team. Saturday has a four person team for Doubles and Singles/Doubles.
There is no Singles/Doubles on Sundays during winter.
Eric Panther is looking for players for his team. Contact Eric on 0431 723 495

Helen Fernandes

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ERT. Inc. Individual & Team Entry Form
Commencing Saturday 1st May 2021
Closing Date....Sunday 21st March 2021

Conditions of entry

- Team entries must consist of players of similar standard capable of playing the desired section.
- All players being entered must sign this form to indicate their knowledge and acceptance of these conditions.
- Submitted teams may be asked to accept additional players should other members wanting to play be otherwise left without a team.
- All members entered on this form will be required to contribute **\$8 (\$18 Sunday ERT)** towards team registrations.
- Each person S/D \$5.00 and **Open Doubles Sets \$3.00 ball money per week.**

Name	Telephone	Last Comp. Played	Email Address	Signature
Captain				

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ERT Inc playing format	<u>Singles/Doubles Saturday 1.15 p.m.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Singles/Doubles Saturday.	
Four person (any combination of men and/or ladies) to play 4 singles-best of two sets, if one set all then match tie-break to determine the match. Two six game T/B doubles sets(T/B at 6 all)	
ERT sets (doubles. Saturday 1 .15 p.m.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Sets Four person: any combination of men and/or ladies to play 6 8 game sets.	
ERT Sunday Open rubbers (singles/doubles.) <u>Summer Only</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 men &/or ladies {any Combination}	



If entering individually, in the box above -

1. Beginning with 1, **number** the boxes in order of your preference.
2. Leave blank any boxes of formats that you cannot or **DO NOT WANT TO PLAY.**
3. Tick the emergency box if you only want to play as an emergency. **Emergency only**



If team entry, nominate the Captain, format & section preferred.

(eg. ERT Open Sets, section 8)

Please return the entry form with registration \$ to Helen Fernandes 7 Garston Court Wantima

Phone Helen 9801 9193, M 0438 388 282 email: helenfernandes@bigpond.com

Coaching update from Mike and Troy

Mike's AO 2021 diary

The 2021 Australian Open was unlike any other that I'd experienced in my 17 years. My AO started back on January 29 on a day where the Melbourne weather gods decided to dump 50mm of rain on about a 100 of us trying to get our accreditation outside of Melbourne Park. An hour later and after going through a dozen check points I finally managed to get onsite, completely soaked to the skin. This was going to be the story of the tournament.

The lead week was chaos! Normally the qualifying event takes place during his week as well as the main draw players arriving into Melbourne to practice. Not this year, Tennis Australia decided to host 6, yes 6 tour level events all at once at the one venue. Fair to say, this has never been attempted before and probably never will again! Rules akimbo, nervous players, worried officials and tension in the air somehow, somehow we got through one of the craziest weeks in tennis. I'm thinking anyone who has run a junior or country grass tournament with multiple events is probably scoffing...

AO 2021 started on the 8th and it actually felt pretty normal, albeit without the hordes of fans that normally stream down Olympic Boulevard and through Garden Square. It felt like the tournament was building with Nick Kyrgios seeming to be the spark and by day 4 the crowds were growing and there was a real buzz about the place. Then, at 11:30pm on the first Friday the couple of thousand fans that were in Rod Laver Arena for the Djokovic/Fritz match were ushered out of the stands. For the next five days Melbourne Park was a ghost town around the grounds and a hive of activity underneath. Plenty of action on the court, but tumbleweeds out on Grand Slam Oval and in Garden Square. Ironically, over the 5 days I don't remember seeing a cloud in the sky.

Thankfully, crowds returned in time for the finals where Tsitsipas upset Nadal from two sets to love down and Naomi Osaka defeated Serena Williams in a bold showing. To me these two matches signalled the dawn of a new era in tennis, new champions are going to emerge and those Grand Slam records that once looked like being smashed may hold yet.

As always, this event is an absolute privilege to be a part of, we are soooo lucky to have it in our backyard and we should never forget that. Bring on AO2022.

Mike *'confused Ricardas Berankis with Casper Ruud twice to his face'* Allder.



Junior Tennis update



With only one round remaining in the home and away season, Wantirna have 8 teams eyeing off a pot in the finals which is very exciting! Below are the ladder position after round 11.

Semi Finals will be on March 20/21 and Grand Finals on March 27/28.

SUMMER 2020 / 2021 JUNIOR COMP

Ladder position after 11 rounds

Saturday JOR 13	Sam L, Thomas W and James W	3rd place
Saturday JOR 16	Kavisha S, Riley M and Tharin B	5th place
Saturday JOR 19	Jackson L, Robert Z and Josh A	6th place
Saturday JOSD 3	Ashleigh K, Alex P, Jack B, Archie T and Aidan H	1st place
Saturday Boys 4	Ishaan S, Dylan G, Lucas W, Shawrya S and Vivaan D	4th place
Saturday Boys 6	Laksh S, Will K, Aahaan K, Saarim V and Lucas H	1st place
Saturday Boys 7 Blue	Ethan P, Zavier K, Zachary L, Ayush J and Logan P	2nd place
Saturday Boys 7 Green	Ryan C, Tyler M, Lachlan R, Sam M and Andy C	6th place
Saturday JDC 3 Purple	Josh S, Kishaya S, Grace K and Himandee J	3rd place
Saturday JDC 3 Blue	Lauren B, Julian B, Jeremiah T and Parth K	1st place
Sunday JOSD 1 Green	Caitlyn T, Caleb T, Tanay P, Isaac L and Alex P	1st place
Sunday JOSD 2 Blue	Zachary S, Audrey S, Lachlan R, Grace R and Bailey P	6th place
Sunday JDC 3	Timothy G, Tiffany G, and E-Chern T	2nd place

Winter 2021 Season

Registrations are open for the upcoming Winter 2021 season with Eastern Region.

For more information, see the flyer on the next page. **Entries close Monday 15th March.**



WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY JUNIOR TENNIS ON WEEKENDS?



Winter 2021 season dates

14 rounds and then a 2 week final series

May 1/2 8/9 15/16 22/23 29/30

June 5/6 19/20

July 17/18 24/25 31/1 Aug

August 7/8 14/15 21/22 28/29

Finals Sept 4/5

Grand Finals Sept 11/12

No play on Queens Birthday or school holidays

Saturday and Sunday morning junior competitions available.

Cost

\$60 for 1 year Junior Wantirna Tennis Club membership plus \$30 competition fee per season.

For more information, speak to Fiona, Mike & Troy.

Team entries close on Monday 15th March, 2021.

TROY & MIKE

TENNIS COACHING



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Join WANTIRNA TENNIS CLUB today!

<https://my.tennis.com.au/OnlineMembership/663907>



Contact Fiona Long to join a team!

Email: WantirnaTCJuniors@hotmail.com

Phone: 0404 079 612

2021 Pat Cash Cup

Our club junior boys champion **Ayan K** was selected to represent Waverley Tennis at the 2021 Pat Cash Cup on February 27-18 at Wodonga Tennis Centre. Each team consists of 2 boys and 2 girls for each age group 12/u, 14/u, 16/u & 18/u.

176 players from 11 regions across country and metro Victoria competed in a round robin tournament, with the top four teams competing in the semi-finals on Sunday. Bayside Regional TA, Eastern Region, North Suburban Junior Tennis Association (NSJTA) and Waverly District TA faced off in the semi-finals, with NSJTA defeating Bayside to walk away with the silverware.

This was Ayan's first tournament played on grass and he really enjoyed the experience!



2021 Wayne Arthurs Cup team trials

The Wayne Arthurs Cup is a metropolitan and regional team event for 10/u boys and girls from across Victoria. The competition is a round robin format with ties consisting of two boys' singles, two girls' singles and two mixed doubles rubbers. This event is run at the Kooyong Tennis Centre.

2 of our Wantirna Junior players, **Lucas W** and **Caleb T**, were invited by Eastern Region Tennis to attend their team trials, based on their performances in last year's AJL junior pennant season. Unfortunately they were not selected in the final team, but were extremely honoured to be invited to try out with the best 10/u players in the region.

National Ballkids program

Wantirna junior player **Sam L** attended the Ballkid trials on January 10 and was lucky enough to be selected as one of the 380 Ballkids for the Melbourne Summer of Tennis and the 2021 Australian Open.

Tennis Australia provided the kids with 2 weekends of training and then, after being fitted for his uniforms, he had his first day working on the famous blue courts of Melbourne Park on January 31. Everything happened so fast!!!

'I loved being a Ballkid and can't wait to do it all again next year. I made lots of new friends and it was amazing to watch the best tennis players in the world up close. Some of the players that I was Ballkid for were Nick Kyrgios, Alex Bolt, Jordan Thompson, Stan Wawrinka, Belinda Bencic and Aryna Sabalenka. My favourite match of the AO was when I was Ballkid on Margaret Court Arena for the mixed doubles semi final when Sam Stosur and Matt Ebden won. It was a really weird day because there were no crowds and all the seats were empty, but they played so well and were so happy.' - Sam Long

If you are interested in joining the 2022 National Ballkids Program, registrations are open now!

AO 2022 Level 1 trials are scheduled to take place later this month, so make sure you register ASAP.

Note: Ballkids need to be aged between 12 and 15 years as at 31 December 2022.

Follow this link: <https://ballkids.tennis.com.au/register.aspx>



Club apparel

Junior apparel

Our junior playing tops, caps and hoodies are receiving fantastic feedback from parents and spectators. New junior stock will be arriving soon for the new season.

We also have plenty of adult sizes in stock too for any parents or senior players interested.



WANTIRNA TENNIS CLUB TOPS, CAPS AND HOODIES



Tees	\$40.00
Caps	\$17.50
Hoodies	\$50.00



Payment via CASH or EFT only
BSB 633000 Account 117454199

Contact Fiona Long on 0404 079 612 to purchase

Senior apparel

Did you know that we still have lots of senior club polo shirts with the Wantirna Tennis Club logo for sale for just \$10 each! These are old stock and not all sizes are available.

Greg and Daryl look 'smashing' in their club polos, don't they!

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