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November Newsletter

Important upcoming dates to remember...

| Date | Activity |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Saturday 6 th November | ERT Junior competition (incl Sat/Sun) resumes |

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Tennis VIC webpage: www.tennis.com.au/wantirnac/
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From the President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2021

Now that Victoria has reached the 80 percent double dose vaccine milestone, we have a new level of FREEDOM back. We are finally able to not only play socially at Wantirna TC but also participate in both Junior and Senior competition that will resume from Saturday 6th of November. Every time I have written my Presidents Report we seemed to be in another Lockdown. Let's hope that was the last Lockdown we have in Victoria. Please take some time to carefully read through the Re-opening section in the COVID 19 Update in this Newsletter and please remember we still need to remain vigilant and adhere to all the current relevant COVID 19 guidelines as set out by the Victorian State government.

It will be so good to again see all the players back on court particularly in competition. Just a gentle reminder if you are a player representing Wantirna TC you must have renewed or joined as a member and paid your ball money. Please read the Courts Update section in the Newsletter as initially courts 8, 9 and 10 will be unavailable to be used by members.

Again, thanks to all our members for following the Club's COVID guidelines as listed in the Clubhouse for everyone's benefit and just 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,

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Greg Dorn
President – Wantirna Tennis Club

Member News

Our Secretary Alison, is available to answer calls on the Club's mobile phone 0408 576 025 during the office hours 9am till 6pm daily or email her on wantirnatennis@gmail.com. Keys are available to fully paid-up members. Please ring Alison on the above number to arrange a time for pick up.

COVID 19 Update

COVID RE-OPENING

On 1st November Knox Council instructed all sporting clubs to redevelop their COVID Safe plans. Wantirna TC has re submitted our updated COVID Safe plan, and we are pleased to advise that in a letter from Knox City Council on 4th November access to Wantirna Reserve Tennis Pavilion is now available, subject to its operation within State Government restrictions. In compliance with Knox Council requirements a copy of the updated plan including answers to frequently asked questions will be available in the club rooms.

Here are the guidelines for Tennis Clubs/Venues as detailed by Tennis Victoria:

- If the premises is only open for community sport, you do not need to be fully vaccinated, or confirm vaccination status or comply with venue density limits.
 - If you are opening the premises for other purposes (food and beverage, retail or social functions, gym), all patrons will need to be fully vaccinated and have their check-in status verified by a COVID Check-in Marshal and comply with density limits (1 per 4sqm for indoor and 1 per 2sqm for outdoor or up to 500). Toilets are excepted.
- The definition of *community sport* is all community sport playing activities that are authorised by the State Sporting Association. For tennis, this includes on court activities i.e. coaching, competitions, tournaments, training/social play and court hire.
- Clubhouses can open:
 - If the clubhouse is open for the purpose of community sport only, you do not need to be fully vaccinated, or confirm vaccination status or comply with venue density limits.
 - If the clubhouse is open for other purposes (food and beverage, retail or social functions) all patrons will need to be fully vaccinated and have their check-in verified by a COVID Check-in Marshal and comply with density limits of 1 per 4sqm. Toilets are excepted.
- Spectators are permitted subject to public gathering limits in the Stay Safe Directions No.28, in groups of no more than 30 (multiple groups must be spaced out).
- Shared equipment must be cleaned between users.
- All venues / clubs are required to have up to date and accessible COVIDSafe plans.

EMPLOYERS / BUSINESS OPERATORS / COACHES

- In addition to the above relating to premises, there is a requirement for employers to ensure all staff working at or in relation to a facility used for sport are either fully vaccinated or partially vaccinated (second dose due before 26 November 2021) as per the COVID-19 Vaccination Workers Directions. This requirement supplements employers' health and safety obligations and could apply to paid coaching staff and paid administrators.
- Shared equipment must be cleaned between users.
- All businesses are required to have up to date and accessible COVIDSafe plans.

PLAYERS / PARTICIPANTS / SPECTATORS

- Everyone attending a tennis club must continue to Check-in via the Service Victoria QR code app.
- Face masks are required in indoor spaces only for ages 12+ (unless a medical exemption applies)
- There are no travel restrictions between Metro Melbourne and Regional Victoria.
- Shared equipment must be cleaned between users.
- Players are encouraged to practice the COVIDSafe principles

As usual please always promptly report any safety or maintenance issues to a committee member or duty team captain/supervisor on duty and take steps to decommission any area (courts etc.) that may be a hazard.

Thank you for your co-operation,

Samir Keshwani 0431 128 834 COVID Contact Officer



Courts Update

(Re commissioning post the recent lock down)

Unfortunately, we were not allowed access to the venue to restore courts before the resumption was granted and as a result some restricted access and court usage was necessary.

Consequently, we have been trying to fully restore the courts post the 4 months "lock out" but unfortunately, we also needed to expend time on other maintenance tasks & assisting with court 9 redevelopment.

We:

- Thank those members who have assisted via additional bagging & spreading of toppings from the bags provided around the courts.
- Ask that members please water the courts well during the upcoming hot weather and pay particular attention to bagging them from fence to fence.

Court 9 works

Members may have noticed that Council contractors have been very busy rebuilding Court 9. We anticipate this will be ready for limited use (by Juniors) before Christmas on competition days.

Unfortunately, we have had to decommission courts 8 & 10 but these will be brought back into service ASAP. We regret any inconvenience, but please understand it is part of the overall redevelopment of the venue.

When the contractors have concluded their rebuild activities, additional rolling will be required. Please volunteer when asked to help.

CHILD SAFETY at WANTIRNA TC

It has been a while since laws were passed in the wake of shocking revelations regarding the widespread abuse of children by employees of various institutions right around the world, and the systemic attempts to cover it up and dismiss it. Sadly, we in Australia have not been immune, and therefore both State and Federal Governments have stepped up and legislated laws to address the failings exposed by various cooperative and not for profit organisations throughout Australia.

As a tennis club we have a Child Protection Policy which is mandated by Tennis Australia in conjunction with Tennis Victoria and must be adhered to as a condition of being affiliated as an Australian Tennis Organisation (ATO).

Wantirna Tennis Club is committed to promoting and protecting the interests and safety of Children.

WE HAVE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR CHILD ABUSE.

Everyone working or playing or associated with Wantirna Tennis Club is responsible for the care and protection of children and reporting information about any abuse. This also applies to parents and relatives of junior players here, and visitors. There is no judgement call allowed, any abuse must be reported and even if you become aware of incidents off our grounds the legislation is so wide that this must be reported also.

As a condition of our affiliation, we must have an MPIO or Member Protection Information Officer and our MPIO is Ross Roberts the Vice President of the club. His phone number is 0414 603 077 and his email is rrobcinera@gmail.com. Ross will be the point of contact if you have concerns or queries. In addition, he will have an educational role informing and endeavouring to explain various aspects of child safety at the club.

In addition, all members senior, junior, parents and affiliates are on notice that more legislation with an even wider reach has already been passed and became law as at July 1st, 2022.

Senior Night Tennis Update

Night tennis is finally re-commencing next week which is great news!

BDNTA have decided to continue their current interrupted season and go through until the 16th of March, 2022. You can view BDNTA's fixtures by visiting trolls.org.au/bdnta. We have teams competing on Wednesday in Sections 7 & 10 Doubles.

KDNTA have decided to conduct a six-week mini competition and a new season commencing in January/February, 2022. We have two teams entered for the mini competition: Tuesday Section 4 Doubles and Thursday Section 1 Singles/Doubles. The KDNTA mini competition fixture is not yet finalised, but you can visit kdnta.org.au to find out more details about their association. For the 2022 competition we are currently planning to enter four teams: 1 on Tuesday (Doubles) and 3 on Thursday (Singles/Doubles).

If any players would like to join one of our teams, or form a new team, please let me know.

Vaughan Wallace

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Senior Weekday Tennis Update

MIDWEEK LADIES

**Ferntree Gully Association Thursday,
FTG&DLWTA Inc: www.ftglwta.org.au**

Season 2 2021 Thursday

At round 11 Section 6 are 3rd on the ladder. Presently tennis is suspended due to the Covid lockdown.

Season 1 2022 Thursday. Commencing on February 3rd, 2022.

We have 1 team

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.

**Christmas Breakup Luncheon. Thursday 2nd December, 2021 to be held at the Club House
BYO Lunch & Drinks.**



SOCIAL TENNIS TUESDAYS



Everyone is welcome to have a social hit on Tuesday morning at 9.30am.
For visitors who are not members of the club there is a \$5 fee.

Senior Weekend Tennis Update



**EASTERN
REGION TENNIS Inc**

Eastern Region Tennis Inc (ERT Inc):

www.ertinc.org.au

Summer 2021/22 commencing November 6th & 7th. 1.00 p.m.

**We have entered Open Doubles teams Section 4 & 9 on Saturday and
Open /Singles/Doubles Section 1 & 2 on Sunday.**

2021 Tennis Victoria Pennant

Sunday 1.00 p.m. Winter Only

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Coaching Update from Mike and Troy

After a tumultuous couple of years it seems like things are returning to normal, whatever that is!

We've been slowly getting back into tennis with lessons by appointment and very big thanks to those who took the opportunity to book a session and get back on the court.

We are now pleased to announce that all programs including Hot Shots, squad training, Cardio Tennis and private lessons are back running from this week. We will hopefully have a great end to the year without anymore hiccups!

Finally it's extremely pleasing that competition is able to resume this weekend and a special mention to those starting their competition journey. For players and parents this is an exciting time and it really is going to be pumping down at the club on Saturday & Sunday mornings.

See you on the court!

Troy, Mike, Bill, Dan & Ayan.



Junior Tennis Update



Great to see Junior tennis competition back on again as of Saturday, 6th of November. We have 17 Junior teams all ready to go for competition on Saturday and Sunday. GO WANTIRNA.....

| Team members for Saturday competition | Section |
|--|--------------|
| Sam L and James W | OR 9 |
| Riley M, Kavisha S and Thomas W | OR 11 |
| David L, Archie T and Lucas H | OR 14 Green |
| Ashleigh K, Alex P and Jack B | OR 14 Blue |
| Shawrya S and Ryan C | OR20 |
| Kiran, Dylan G, Laksh S, Lucas W and Vivaan D | Boys 2 |
| Logan P, Zavier K, Ayush J, Ollie B, Saarim V | Boys 3 |
| Sam M and Will K, Audrey, Zachary | JOSD 6 |
| Lachlan R, Charlie V, Josh S and Parth K, Joshua S | Boys 4 |
| Kishaya S, Grace K, Himandee J and Dakota T | Girls 3 |
| Evie, Sienna, Shanya, Samira and Aty | JDC 5 |
| Team members for Sunday competition | |
| Alex P and Daniel I | OR 7 |
| Caleb T and Tanay P | OR 8 Green |
| Aidan H and Marcus C | OR 8 Blue |
| Lachlan R, Bailey P, Ariana L, Ethan L | JOD J2 |
| Jash S, Arjun M, JK R and William D | JDC 1 Purple |
| Maheen L, Jaden N and Caleb | JDC 1 Blue |

Club Apparel

Junior Apparel

Our playing tops, caps and hoodies are receiving fantastic feedback from parents and spectators. We also have plenty of adult sizes in stock too for any parents or senior players interested.

Jeff Murray (0432 449 833) will be at the club on Thursday 11th November from 5:00pm to 6:30pm and on Saturday 13th November from 8:30am to 12:00pm for uniform sales.



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

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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