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Annual General Meeting

Warragul Tennis Club - Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 18 August 2021

[Online Via Zoom](#)

Time: 7.15pm

1 Welcome and introductions

Phil Ashcroft
Leanne Dunsmuir
Michael Mills
Michelle Ireland
Cassandra Maffei
Trisha Geary
Meg Height
Richard Bickerdike
Paul Osborne
Paul Remyn

7.20 am Phil welcomed everyone to AGM

2 Apologies

Michelle Canobie

3 Review and Acceptance of actions from previous annual general meeting

Moved: Meg Height

Seconded: Trisha Geary

4 President report

Presidents Report - 2020/21

Another great summer of tennis for the Warragul tennis club has come and gone and what a year it has been. It was great to see everyone on the courts after a winter of lockdowns playing tennis and enjoying themselves with their friends. Thank you to Leanne who made sure the club was COVID safe and had hand sanitiser courtesy of a government grant and had a QR code.

It is a credit to both the BBTA and Riverside tennis associations that the junior and senior competitions were up and running after coming out of lock down. A big thank you to Bec Britt who was really the backbone of the BBTA this year and the last few years and kept the association running early on. It is a good competition and provides a wonderful opportunity for our kids to play tennis and experience competition.



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Some of the seasons highlights:

Senior Tennis

We currently have one senior team and they played in the div 2 doubles competition. This year they made the grand final and were unfortunately beaten at the last hurdle after an excellent finals campaign. A huge thank you to Richard Bickerdike who works tirelessly to keep a senior team running and to represent us at Riverside association meetings.

It is important for the club that we have senior teams and senior competitions operating as it gives juniors the opportunity to play at a higher level and also this season we had 2 of our Wednesday night social players fill in, which is providing them with a great experience. Hopefully over the next couple of seasons we can have four or five teams playing in seniors.

Junior Tennis

Meg Height took on the role of junior coordinator and developed good systems for organising the teams, getting team managers and getting them up to speed. The systems she put in place will make this process easier in the future. Considering we chose teams without a grading day and based on last year's teams and friendship requests the teams did very well. Overall we had almost as many juniors as we did last season which was good although we did not have quite the intake of younger players.

Section 2 won their grand final and this team has been together through all the grades.

Section 3 Warragul Gold were successful against Warragul Orange

Section 5 Warragul Silver came runner up in what was many of these players first year.

We look forward to working with our coach Paul to select good competitive teams for next year and provide

Coach appointment

Towards the end of 2020 we advertised the coaching position and after receiving a number of high-quality applications we appointed Paul Osborne as our new coach. This is an important appointment for the club moving forward as it means we are able to offer good tennis vic pathway programs for juniors, such as hot shots, green ball league and squad training.

Paul is a breath of fresh air and is already working tirelessly to build stronger tennis foundation in the community through being a committee member for the BBTA. We thank him for putting in such an outstanding application and becoming part of the Warragul Tennis Club story.

Maintenance



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This is an ongoing task and is becoming an issue as courts and facilities age. We work closely with the council to maintain these facilities and keep them up to standard. Council have been very cooperative and supportive.

Warragul Nth courts had some running repairs but we are hoping the top 4 courts can be resurfaced in the coming weeks. The clubroom lock was changed so it is one key for both clubrooms and the lights have been repaired. We also need to look at shade for the balcony.

Meg has received a grant for the kitchen area in our Warragul clubrooms but progress has stalled due to the demand on builders at present. The changes already make this space more user friendly.

Paul and Leanne have purchased some equipment for court maintenance and we are looking at re-sanding soon at Warragul.

Maintenance is an ongoing task and it would be great to have someone overseeing all the work in upcoming years.

Strategic Plan

Michael Mills and myself sat down and applied for a state government grant of \$5000 to finance a strategic plan and were successful in our application. We used the money to hire Michelle Harris from Gippsort to do an analysis of our club and to set clear goals for us moving forward.

This report supports the clubs ongoing viability and provides a framework for working on the tasks that are most important and relevant to our members. It is a working document that we should refer to at each meeting in the coming year to make sure we are establishing good ongoing systems to make our tennis club fun and successful.

Committee

A good club only exists because of the commitment and dedication put in by its volunteers and we are fortunate to have such a strong and dedicated committee.

Leanne has been tireless in her work as secretary keeping me on track and making sure that all our governance, webpage and minutes are all in order. Not always an easy task but you make it look like it is.

Meg Height as I mentioned earlier for her excellent work as team manager and also for her efforts in chasing grants and her team management and general support

A big thank you to Trish Geary who is not only doing an excellent job as treasurer but in what was a difficult year was the team manager. The role of treasurer is very important and will become more difficult as we seek to become financially sustainable.

Thank you to Michael Mills who does all those little jobs such as maintenance, listening to me on the phone, grant application and for being a great support.



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Thank you to Michelle Canobie for her support with the coaching appointment and her work in proof reading, for volunteering in canteen and for willingness to chip in when asked.

To Michelle Ireland who always gets all our team scores in on time a thankless task some weekends.

Thank you to Paul Remyn for his assistance with the tournament and excellent proof reading skills it was great to work with you this year.

Richard Bickerdike who has single handed kept the seniors running but also found time to keep the history of the club and to help out at working bees.

I hope to see many of you on the committee next year as well as encouraging others to join what is a fun committee to be a part of.

Volunteers

Thank you to the team managers who give up their morning to help their teams be able to play.

Thank you to the cooks at BBQ's not that we could have many this year and the volunteers in the canteen.

Hopefully we can have more volunteers to work with maintenance and to have more canteen sessions.

Every volunteer helps make our club stronger and more fun.

Our club still has that friendly small club feel and although we are looking to grow and create programs to engage more people it is this friendly welcoming atmosphere that we all work hard to maintain. At times this last year this has been tested and thank you to the resilience of the committee for seeing this through.

Hopefully we can continue to provide a fun and entertaining entrance into this wonderful sport into the distant future.

Thanks - Philip Ashcroft, Warragul Tennis Club , President

Moved: Michael Mills

Seconded: Meg Height



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5 Treasurer's report

Name	Income Statement	
Time Period	Warragul Tennis Club	
Bank Balance June 2020	July 2020 - June 2021	
		\$ 26,149.39
Financial Statements		
Revenue		
Membership Fees	\$ 7,404.75	
Social Tennis Fees	\$ 722.69	
Competition Fees	\$ 1,785.24	
Coach Court Fees	\$ 500.00	
Canteen Takings	\$ 450.50	
Grants	\$ 8,500.00	
Thursday Ladies	\$ 960.00	
BBTA Tournament fees	\$ 229.00	
	\$ -	
Total Income		\$ 20,552.18
Expenses		
Fees		
Vic Tennis Fees	\$ 915.00	
BBTA Tournament fees	\$ 500.95	
Riverside tennis club fees	\$ 80.00	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
		\$ 1,495.95
Other Expenses		
Administration (PO Box Renewal)	\$ 136.00	
Tennis Equipment	\$ 811.00	
Registration Refunds	\$ 108.00	
Maintenance	\$ 450.00	
Baw Baw Shire Annual Fees and Court Hire	\$ 2,570.00	
Electricity (Energy Australia)	\$ 2,104.04	
Consumer Affairs Victoria	\$ 59.20	
Flowers Jess @ Kelly	\$ 60.00	
Donation West Gipp Hospital	\$ 50.00	
Stationary	\$ 51.99	
Newspaper add	\$ 170.72	
Canteen Supplies	\$ 751.28	
Consumables for club	\$ 9.99	
Flowers Meg	\$ 45.00	
Hand soap	\$ 16.32	
Breakup	\$ 170.50	
Table for Club room	\$ 118.00	
2 x \$50 Voucher end of year	\$ 100.00	
Gas bottle Burke st	\$ 34.95	
Paint and paint equipment	\$ 956.79	
Furniture for Burke street	\$ 1,377.00	
Blower	\$ 399.00	
	\$ -	
Total Expenses		\$ 10,549.78
		\$ 12,045.73
BENDIGO CLUB ACCOUNT		\$ 34,655.84

Moved: Michelle Ireland
Seconded: Meg Height



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6 Proposed Special Resolutions

- **Constitution**

Motion passed to accept Constitution

Moved: Phil Ashcroft

Seconded: Michelle Ireland

- **2021/2026 WTC Strategic Plan**

Motion passed to accept 2021/2026 WTC Strategic Plan

Moved: Michael Mills

Seconded: Trisha Geary

- **Tennis Australia member protection policy**

Motion passed to accept Tennis Australia member protection policy

Moved: Phil Ashcroft

Seconded: Meg Height

- **Tennis Australia safeguarding children policy**

Motion passed to accept Tennis Australia safeguarding children policy

Moved: Michael Mills

Seconded: Michelle Ireland

- **Fees**

Motion proposed to continue the same fees for juniors and seniors, increase the social members to \$75. Create an annual \$20 fee - coaching junior membership - for coaching pupils. These members will not be a player yet.

This is a transitional membership that F

- Entitles pupils to priority court access IF courts are available at that time (ie not used for competition, coaching or club events).
- Access to club emails
- Access to Wednesday night junior sessions
- Covered by Tennis Australia insurance

Motion passed to accept the changes to fees

Moved: Meg Height

Seconded: Richard Bickerdike



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Coaches report

PAUL OSBORNE: Director of Tennis

Warragul Tennis Club Coach's Report – 2021 AGM

The past 8 months have been awesome on the courts with our coaching programs now running four days a week. There are currently 108 pupils in term 3 programs with lessons running Monday (1 court including Cardio tennis), Tuesday (2 courts), Wednesday (green ball league and squad) and Friday (4 courts). The atmosphere on Friday at Warragul Nth is fantastic.

Huge thanks to the committee for allowing me access to the Warragul Nth courts in the second half of 2020. This was particularly important for my coaching pupils living in regional Victoria who couldn't get into Pakenham for their lessons during Covid restrictions.

Moving forward we will be focusing on an improved social environment for families and developing a clear pathway for children to move from the coaching court to junior competition/tournament and then to senior competition at club level.

An improved Baw Baw Tennis Association competition is also on the cards with Phil continuing on a President whilst I step in as Association Secretary. Together with Bec Britt (Treasurer) the BBTA will become bigger and better over the coming years, which is very important to our club.

Improved communication and promotion of the sport is already happening with the Facebook pages (WTC, OTC and BBTA) and this will continue over the summer.

In closing, I would like to thank the club for their support of my business, my coaches and our pupils and I wish the club and the new committee all the best for continued success over the next 12 months.

Paul Osborne

Director of Tennis

Ossie's Tennis Coaching

Moved: Michael Mills and Seconded: Paul Remyn



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7 Election of Members

Chair: Paul Osborne thanked the current committee and declared positions vacant

- **President**
Paul Remyn nominated Phil Ashcroft, Phil Accepted.
Seconded: Michael Mills

- **Vice President**
Phil Nominated Michael Mills , Michael Mills accepted
Seconded: Meg Height

- **Secretary**
Meg nominated Leanne Dunsmuir, Leanne Accepted
Seconded: Michelle Ireland

- **Treasurer**
Phil nominated Trish Geary, Trish accepted
Seconded: Paul Osborne

- **General Committee**
 - Paul Remyn - General Committee
 - Meg Height - Junior Competition Coordinator
 - Cassandra Maffei - Programs/Events Coordinator
 - Paul Osborne - Club coach

Moved: Michelle Ireland and Phil Ashcroft

- **Non committee**
 - Richard Bickerdike - Senior Competition Coordinator
 - Michelle Ireland - Score Secretary
 - Vacant - Communications Officer (inc Social Media)

Moved: Michael Mills seconded Phil Ascroft

8 Meeting close 8.29