

2008 (47th) Annual Report of the North Balwyn Tennis Club Inc.

Committee for 2007/2008

President: Danny Samson

Senior Vice President: -

Junior Vice President: -

Secretary: Tony Barton

Treasurer: Peter Moran

Membership Secretary: Peter McCaw

Junior Organisers Andrew Halford, Stuart Brown

Committee members: Elizabeth Brown

Andrew Halford

Stuart Brown

Rhonda McCaw

Eugene Chandraraj

Public Officer: Jody Edwards

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GENERAL REMARKS

It is my pleasure as president of the club to report on the year's activities for 2008. This has been a good year for the club, with membership numbers being solid and lots of competition and social tennis being played. Our biggest challenge as a club is the lack of water availability to use on our courts. We have applied chemicals to the courts which mean that we can reduce our watering quantity. We are also fortunate in that we have applied for and received a council grant for water tanks that we intend to install in the near future.

We have arranged to purchase new tables and chairs for the clubhouse, and have done quite a lot of general maintenance to keep the courts and clubhouse in good order.

THE COMMITTEE

Meetings were held on the first Monday night of each month. Meetings were well attended with up to 8 Committee members in attendance.

FINANCE & MEMBERSHIP

Our financial position is solid, with strong membership numbers.

Membership of the Club has stayed solid over the year.

CLUB MAINTENANCE

We thank Club members who volunteered their services. We could always do with an expanded set of such volunteers!

COACHING AND JUNIOR TENNIS

Andrew Halford and Stuart Brown continue their partnership with the Club as joint Head Coaches. The Head Coaches and their assistant coaches provide junior coaching every night of the week and provide private lessons and squad training in the evenings. Saturday morning competition continues at capacity .

SENIOR TENNIS

Senior team tennis continues actively from high levels of pennant play to various levels of regional competition.

Midweek social tennis remains very strong with large groups participating on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Club Championships were co-ordinated this year by Liz Brown and Rhonda McCaw and were held in October, and played in fine spirit.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Club social events included the golf day, Christmas Party, club championships night dinner and other events.

The Club newsletter was produced twice during the year. We thank Rhonda McCaw who edited the newsletter and also to David Henry for his generosity for its production and printing.

CONCLUSION

The Club continues to attract a strong membership and presence in local competitions, particularly the junior competitions. Midweek use of the courts is still high, however social use of courts on Saturday and Sundays afternoons is not great. Interest and participation in the Club Championships is of concern and some effort may have to go into reinvigorating this event as both a competitive and social focus for the club.

I want to thank those members who have contributed to the ongoing activities of the club this year, particularly the great club committee that we have had, and I would like to invite and ask all members to consider giving some of your time to the club, as we always have a lot of things that need to be done, and could do with a larger pool of people to assist.

Danny Samson
October 2008