



# North Balwyn Club Tennis

Christmas Newsletter

December 2015



## REPORT FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT, GRAHAM BESLEY

For those members unable to attend the AGM on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 5.00 pm our President for the past two years, Frank Crombie, has retired and Graham Besley has assumed this role. My thanks go to Frank and also Philippa Wardrop, who also retired from the committee, for their contributions to the running of our fine club over the past two years. Welcome to the in-coming Committee, especially to three new faces, Melanie Katopodis, Don Jinnette and Peter Nitsos.



After the AGM, an excellent evening was had by some seventy members who attended the Club's Christmas Party at the clubhouse. It was pleasing to see the wonderful new facility being used to its full potential. Special thanks to Melanie Katopodis for managing the evening and cooking some outstanding food. For \$25 per adult, members were provided with 4 entrees, 4 main courses and 4 desserts with an amazing variety of wonderful tastes. Even a glass of wine was included. The main clubroom was decorated with flowers (kindly supplied by Rowena Sheung) and the kitchen worked very well. The committee would like to extend a big thank you to all who helped set up on the day and cleaned up at the end of the party. We are very fortunate to now be able to run large functions for our members in such a comfortable setting.



Setting up

In full swing



From left to right: Sheryl and Tim Summons, Rhonda McCaw, Judy and Ross Davies, Peter McCaw, Kaye and Stephen Clarke



Cook and organiser: Melanie Katopodis

The delicious array of food



Midweek social tennis is going very well at the present time with good numbers and I know the tennis is being greatly enjoyed by the participant members. I encourage other club members who have been thinking about joining one of the social groups to come down and be part of the fun.

Finally, I wish all members and their families a merry and safe Christmas and all the very best for 2016. I hope you are able to play lots of enjoyable tennis in the New Year.

## **54<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REPORT OF NORTH BALWYN TENNIS CLUB INC. 2015**

### **Report read out by Frank Crombie, President 2014/2015**

Our Committee for 2014/2015 consisted of

President: Frank Crombie

Vice President: Graham Besley

Secretary: Tony Barton

Treasurer: Rowena Sheung

Membership Secretary: Peter McCaw

Junior Organisers: Andrew Halford and Stuart Brown

Committee members: Rhonda McCaw, Peter Moran, Ross Davies, Phillipa Wardrop

#### **GENERAL REMARKS:**

The major event for the Club in 2015 was the completion of the replacement of the Clubhouse.

Power was cut to the old clubhouse in December 2014, demolition was in January 2015 and completion of the construction in September 2015. The formal opening ceremony on Saturday 10th October was a great success. Special mention must be made of our building subcommittee that has worked over two years on the planning, the drawing up of specifications, and the still continuing liaison with City of Boroondara's, Sam Taylor, the Recreation Facilities Resource and Development Officer. The subcommittee of Graham Besley, Ross Davies, Melanie Katopodis, Philippa Wardrop ensured that we obtained a building suited to our needs and that the transition to the new clubhouse has been a smooth one.

Along with our new clubhouse the other major change for our members has been the entry system for the club now being an electronic card entry with cards provided by the City of Boroondara in conjunction with our membership secretary Peter McCaw.

Members in general are also to be thanked for enduring, without complaint, the inconvenience of the temporary facilities for the months that the clubhouse has been unavailable.

**THE COMMITTEE:** Meetings were held monthly. We thank North Balwyn Bowls Club for the use of their meeting rooms for the previous Annual General Meeting and all of our Committee meetings up to August of this year. Thanks to all Committee members for their

attendance, with quorums always available. And thanks to our coaching subcommittee that dealt with coaching matters.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership of the Club remains strong with 332 members financial as of October compared to 319 in October 2014 and 326 in October 2013. We remain an affiliate of Tennis Victoria so we are all members of Tennis Victoria, with player insurance coverage and some other benefits.

**FINANCE:** Our financial position remains sound with cash reserves increasing over the year from \$94,000 to a current balance of about \$125,000 with our sinking fund for provision and renewal of our court facilities now at \$20,000. We have to thank you to our auditor Theo Eversteyn.

**COMPETITION TENNIS:** We continue to field Senior teams in Saturday ERT, midweek competitions that include Tuesday MEMRLTA, Wednesday EDWTA and Thursday WDTA and also Thursday Men's Veterans MMTA. Night competition with BDNTA has continued with 10 teams. Junior competition has strengthened in demand with courts at full capacity on Saturday morning. Congratulations to competition conveners and to our Coaches as our Junior Conveners

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:** Club championships continue to grow with 89 entrants listed. The clubhouse opening was very well organized and attended. Organizers of these events are congratulated.

**CONCLUSION:** Our new clubhouse puts us in a good position to attract new membership and concentrate on enhancing our other facilities. Court surfaces, fencing, court lighting, and sprinklers for en-tout-cas courts are projects that the new Committee can devote itself to. Our financial position allows us to recommend to you that there be no increase in our membership fees for the coming membership year starting April 2016.

### **Annual subscriptions 2016/2017**

The meeting agreed that there would be no increase in membership subscription rates for 2016/2017 and so they remain the same as those on our web site:

<http://northbalwyntc.org.au/nbtcfles/members/membership.htm>

**Fees** (for membership year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017)

	<b><u>Joining Fee</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Subscription</u></b>	
Adult Membership	\$50	\$225	<b>Note:</b> All subscription amounts are calculated as a pro rata amount for the proportion of the membership year remaining at the date of joining. Contact the Membership Secretary for details.
Restricted Adult Membership	\$50	\$145	
Student Membership	\$50	\$145	
Junior Membership	\$50	\$145	
Maximum Family Fee (i.e. parent(s) and dependent children)	\$50	\$510	

## THE COMMITTEE 2015/2016

Graham Besley	President
Ross Davies	Vice-President and Maintenance Co-ordinator
Tony Barton	Secretary and Public Officer
Rowena Sheung	Treasurer
Peter McCaw	Membership Secretary
Andrew Halford	Junior Organiser (joint)
Stuart Brown	Junior Organiser (joint)
Rhonda McCaw	Committee Member
Peter Moran	Committee Member
Philippa Wardrop	Committee Member
Melanie Katopodis	Committee Member
Peter Nitsos	Committee Member
Don Jinnette	Committee Member
Theo Eversteyn	Honorary Auditor

Andrew and Stuart are also our joint Head Coaches.

## CLUBHOUSE OPENING 10TH OCTOBER 2015

End of September, beginning of October, North Balwyn Tennis Club was buzzing with the question: “Will the new clubhouse be ready for the Opening Day on October 10<sup>th</sup>? We still haven’t got electricity or gas, the fence is not up, seems a lot of construction still going on”.....

Then, we received the confirmation from Graham Besley, head of the Building sub-committee, that the working bee would go ahead on October 4<sup>th</sup> and the electronic proximity cards would be issued on the same day....what a relief!!!

October 10<sup>th</sup> was indeed a memorable day, all the hard work had paid off, we had electricity, all the furniture was in the right place and all the past presidents and life members had been invited. The Mayor of Boroondara, Councillor Coral Ross and her entourage arrived at 4:45 pm. Our president, Frank Crombie, greeted them and showed them around our new clubhouse which our members will be able to enjoy for years to come.



President, Frank Crombie, with Cr. Philip Mallis and Mayor, Cr. Coral Ross

After all the speeches, the guests were entertained by a mixed double match played by Judy Davies/Stuart Brown and Jane Cash/Andrew Halford and also matches played by our future club champions, Annie Rehe , Philippa Rehe, Phoenix Campbell & Andy Han. Or, they could sit around, catching up with their old friends and enjoying the food. Thanks to Melanie Katopodis for organising the catering. If you liked some action, you could also dance to the music supplied by by our two DJs, our talented young members, Jerome Doan and Andy Foster.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Penny Katopodis who took photographs for the day, and to Nick Longo who donated the espresso machine.

Of course, a big thank you to City of Boroondara because without their help, we wouldn't have the new clubhouse that we are so proud of.

*Rowena Sheung*



Members enjoying the new clubroom

Melanie Katopodis, cutting the celebration cake



## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Club membership is about 5% ahead of this time last year. The new Clubhouse and the need for an access card for entry seems to have prompted a number of tardy members to renew their membership as well as attracting some new members to the Club, which is all very pleasing. We welcome all new members and hope they have a long and enjoyable association with the Club.

Access cards have been issued to almost 90% of those members eligible to receive them. Any financial member who has not collected their card and who wishes to do so should contact me by telephone or email to arrange for collection. Remember that the front gate should generally be kept locked so that an access card will be needed to gain entry to the premises, even when other members are present at the Club.

*Peter McCaw, Membership Secretary, 9817 2940*

## **MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION**

North Balwyn Tennis Club is offering a special deal to new members joining from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. The \$50 joining fee will be waived for anyone joining during this period and the annual subscription will cover from the date they join until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Please let anyone you know who may be considering joining our great club that this offer is available. Forms are available for download on our website [www.northbalwyntc.org.au](http://www.northbalwyntc.org.au).

## **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Most teething problems with the new clubhouse have been resolved. The dishwasher needs an upgrade with the hot water supply. I expect this will be resolved by the builder by early next year.

Honour Boards have yet to be mounted, this should be completed by January.

Entrance security concerns have been resolved. I feel confident that most members are now comfortable with the new access card system. Thank you for your patience.

Some brickwork at new gates to courts 2 & 4 will also be repaired by end of January.

Over the summer months, I would appreciate members help by doing some watering of the new landscaping plants located out the front of the deck and also behind court 3. Hoses are available and please don't be shy to volunteer, its your clubhouse and garden to enjoy.

The en tout cas courts ( 1, 2, 7 & 8) are not being watered sufficiently now that the warmer weather has arrived. It is important to give these courts a good watering before commencing play. Playing on a dry surface will cause damage and shorten the life of the courts. To assist keeping these courts well watered, the Committee is examining the cost to reinstate a sprinkler system to each of the en tout cas courts early next year. This will be a significant project.

*Graham Besley, Maintenance Co-ordinator*



## **TENNIS MATTERS COACHING REPORT**

Coaching in 2015 was celebrated with a sausage sizzle celebration at the club on the 12<sup>th</sup> December for players, friends and parents. A raffle was also held with free coaching vouchers won by 4 kids, including a dedication award won by Stone for hard work on and off the court over the last two years. We hope everyone has a fun and safe Christmas and look forward to coaching and competition 2016!

For anyone interested in improving their game please contact Andrew or Stuart at [tennismatters2us@hotmail.com](mailto:tennismatters2us@hotmail.com)

### **TENNIS MATTERS**

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## **COMPETITION REPORTS**

### **JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT – ERT WINTER 2015**

We are just over mid-way through the summer season with all teams going well. Saturday mornings are at capacity proving that junior competition at North Balwyn Tennis Club is more than thriving. Sundays are always a bit quieter but we had a new team join last season and another this season along with yet another new team set to sign up for winter 2016.

In the last couple of seasons we've had a few boys singles/doubles sections, same with girls singles/doubles. We are now down to one of each on the Saturday morning due to a trend (which I would call very positive) of our players wanting to play the open rubbers or girls rubbers format. This is where players get to play a best of 3 set singles and 1 set of doubles. Both Andrew & I believe this is a great format to get them used to what is to come when they begin comps like pennant.

Grading with ERT continues to be a bit hit and miss. An example being our bsd10 team finishing bottom last season and to be upgraded to bsd5!! This is the boys 2nd season, all are young but have been positive through the season and have been performing really well. A jump like this can be quite overwhelming for young juniors starting out but these guys have been fantastic. They're getting better each week and learning quickly that the mind is an extremely important part of the game.

Once again Andy and I are very impressed and proud of all of our players and are happy to have each and every one represent our great club. We look forward to seeing how they go come finals in March!!

*Stuart Brown, Junior Convenor (with Andrew Halford)*

## **SENIOR COMPETITION REPORTS**

### **Weekend Senior Competition**

#### **ERT Saturday afternoon**

We finished the 2015 winter season with two Open Sets teams, OS3 and OS5, near the bottom of the ladder. However, our OS10 team comprising Lachlan McDonald (captain), Catherine Lawton, Carole Snowsill and Andrew Tregear provided a highlight when, after finishing the regular season in 3rd place, they went on to win their semi-final by 4 sets to 2 and then followed this up by easily winning the grand final by 6 sets to 0. This made up for the previous season when they suffered a heart breaking loss in a tie break to decide the pennant. Congratulations to them!!

For the 2015/16 summer season we are fielding three Open Sets teams in sections 4, 7 and 9 together with two Open Singles/Doubles teams in sections 1 and 7. At the halfway mark of the season OS7 is on top of the ladder, while OS4 and OS9 are sitting in 5th spot. The two Singles/Doubles teams are struggling. However, it is pleasing that we have young players in these teams who we hope will continue with the Club for some years to come.

Please note that the entry sheet for the 2016 winter season will be posted on the noticeboard in late January in time for entries to be submitted to ERT in early March. We are always looking for new players. If you might be interested and would like more information, please feel free to ring me on 9817 2940.

*Peter McCaw, ERT senior co-ordinator*

#### **Pennant**

We had one team in 2015, grade 6. The team finished 4<sup>th</sup> losing their first final series match. A sign-up sheet will soon be up in the clubhouse for Pennant 2016. This will be taken down at the end of February. We are currently looking at having roughly a grade 5 and 6 next year.

*Andrew Halford, Pennant Co-ordinator*

### **Midweek Senior Competition**

#### **Night Tennis Competition (BDNTA)**

Overall our teams were not that successful this season. Of 10 teams competing, only three teams made the finals, The Giants, The Dragons and The Scorpions. The Giants and Dragons lost their semi-finals and the Scorpions made the grand-final but lost.

I am pleased to report that we have 13 teams entered (the most ever!) in the Autumn season 2016. The Scorpions have moved to Tuesdays, we have a new girls team playing Wednesday open, and two new teams on Thursdays, a singles/doubles team and an open team. The demand for night tennis is increasing and the committee is planning to apply to City of Boroondara for permission to put lights on courts 5 & 6. If successful, then the next step would be raising the funds for their installation.

*Rhonda McCaw, Night Tennis Co-ordinator*

## **Midweek Ladies Competition**

NBTC has four midweek ladies teams, two on Tuesday (MEMRLTA), one on Wednesday (EDWTA) and one on Thursday (WDTA). The Tuesday Section 4 team is doing well, having moved up a section and is presently 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder. A member of the team is leaving at the end of season in March due to study commitments. The team would love to hear from any lady member who would like to join the team.

Contact Melanie on 0409 828 091.

Tuesday Section 9 team is currently 8/10 and Wednesday Section 5 in 8<sup>th</sup> position. The Thursday A Grade 1 team has done very well, making the finals this season.

## **Metro Masters Tennis Association (MMTA)**

Section 2 Team - Ellie Cohen, Frank Kraps, Kevin Gregory, Michael Byrnes  
Team finished a difficult season with more absences and injuries than expected. They were able to use some of the Section 3 team as emergencies. Then on several occasions when they had a full team they had washouts! Ended up 5th of 8 and hoping to do better in the coming season.

Section 3 Team - Lions - John Zannoni, Preston Berryman, Donald Wilde, Garry Basinski, Roger Taylor, Stephen Clarke.

Were in the four virtually all of the season and ended in third place. Had a strong win over Eltham in the Semi Final, and then had to play Norris Bank in the Grand Final after they had beaten the unbeaten Kilsyth in their Semi Final. After beating Norris Bank during the season they were unable to repeat the task in the Grand Final and went down 4 sets to 2. Hoping to win the Grand Final in the coming season.

Section 4 Team - Tigers - Theo Eversteyn, Jim de Stephanis, Peter Moran, Don Jinnette, Peter Nitsos, and John Smith.

After winning the section in the previous (Autumn) season, the Tigers were not able to come up with the goods this time. Injuries did not help, but performance did improve later in the season with a win over one of the Grand Finalists, Koonung Park, in the last round.

Unfortunately that good result did not lift them into the four. Hoping to repeat our Autumn performance next season.

*Peter Moran, MMTA Co-ordinator*

## SENIOR COMPETITION RESULTS 2015

Association	Senior/Vet	Day	Team Name	Season	Section	Ladder	Pennants
MEMRLTA	Senior Ladies	Tuesday		Winter	5	1 <sup>st</sup>	Won G/F
	Senior Ladies	Tuesday		Winter	9	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lost S/F
EDWTA	Senior Ladies	Wednesday		Winter	5	6 <sup>th</sup>	
WDTA	Senior Ladies	Thursday		Season 2	A Grade 1	4 <sup>th</sup>	Lost Prelim F
MMTA	Veteran Mens	Thursday		Spring	2	5 <sup>th</sup>	
			Lions	Spring	3	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lost G/F
			Tigers	Spring	4	6 <sup>th</sup>	
BDNTA	Senior Ladies	Monday	Ballwin.nets	Spring	3	6 <sup>th</sup>	
Night	Senior Ladies	Monday	Raq Paq	Spring	6	6 <sup>th</sup>	
	Senior Open	Monday	Giants	Spring	3	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lost S/F
	Senior Open	Tuesday	Rattlers	Spring	8	6 <sup>th</sup>	
	Senior Open	Tuesday	Dragons	Spring	10	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lost S/F
	Senior Open	Tuesday	C. Chokers	Spring	12	7 <sup>th</sup>	
	Senior Open	Wednesday	Racketeers	Spring	4	8 <sup>th</sup>	
	Senior Open	Wednesday	Dudes	Spring	5	8 <sup>th</sup>	
	Senior Open	Thursday	Scorpions	Spring	1	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lost G/F
	Senior Open	Thursday	Immigrants	Spring	5	5 <sup>th</sup>	
Pennant TV	Mens			2015	6	4 <sup>th</sup>	
ERT	Senior Open	Saturday	Open Sets	Winter	3	8 <sup>th</sup>	
	Senior Open	Saturday	Open Sets	Winter	5	6 <sup>th</sup>	
	Senior Open	Saturday	Open Sets	Winter	10	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Won G/F

## MIDWEEK SOCIAL TENNIS REPORT

Organised social tennis is on every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9am for a couple of hours and all ages and genders are welcome. Tennis balls are provided so just show up and you will be made very welcome. At least two to three courts are used each of the mornings and the social tennis board (for court allocation) is back in use. Non members are welcome to try out before joining the club, just pay \$5 visitor fee.

Midweek tennis on Tuesdays and Thursdays has shown an increased interest among members. On most days two courts are in operation and often three, with players waiting. The marvellous new Clubhouse could well be the cause for this as those winter days were cold when waiting between sets. There have been very few washout days during the Spring and early Summer compared to previous years. Certainly this aspect of the Club's activities is enjoyed by all involved and we look forward during the summer to competition players

joining us while competition play is in recess.

*Bruce Holloway*

Another social group that meets Monday afternoons had a fabulous end of year function on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December with 26 people attending. Thanks to our super organiser Ellie and chief BBQ cook Peter in their finest aprons.



Ellie and Peter



The long table

## **AUSTRALIAN OPEN INVOLVEMENT BY MEMBERS**

Australian Open 2016 is just around the corner. When you are enjoying the summer of tennis, look out for some of our members who have been selected for the AO team:

Eva Bettiol, being the assessor of the line officials.

Calidore Cramb and Rowena Sheung working as line officials.

Julian Cramb, being the ball kid.

Congratulations and Good Luck!!

## **NBTC YOUNG ACHIEVER**

Congratulations to our junior member Scarlett Campbell (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) who represented Eastern Region Tennis, in defeating 2014 winners Bayside-Moorabbin on the afternoon of 13<sup>th</sup> December in the 2015 Alicia Molik Cup (a pool of 16 teams round robin tournament that is open to all Tennis Victoria Country Region and Metropolitan Associations who enter a team of 2 boys and 2 girls who are under 12 years of age, consisting of singles & mixed doubles matches at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club).



## **NBTC OPEN DAY – SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY 2016**

On Sunday afternoon, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016, NBTC will be putting on an Open Day for members, their family and friends. There will be exhibition matches, a free sausage sizzle, social tennis and for all who wish to stay on, a time to sit back and watch the final of the Australian Open in your great new clubhouse. An email with further details will go out to members closer to the event.

## **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016**

A Club Championships sub-committee has been formed comprising Andrew Halford (chairperson), David Rehe, Peter Moran, Stuart Brown, Don Jinnette and Peter Nitsos. The starting date will be Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February and go over the next few weeks, finishing with finals on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March. The entry fee for each event **MUST** be paid prior to the event. Further details will be emailed to all members closer to the starting date. Details of previous club championships, events, entries and results are all available on our website: [www.northbalwyntc.org.au](http://www.northbalwyntc.org.au).

## VALE CLUB MEMBERS

This year has seen the death of two long-standing club members and also the wife of one of our life members. On behalf of the club, the committee extends its condolences to the families of Ann Summerfield and Therese Taylor who both died in late July and Henry Dutkowski who died in early December.

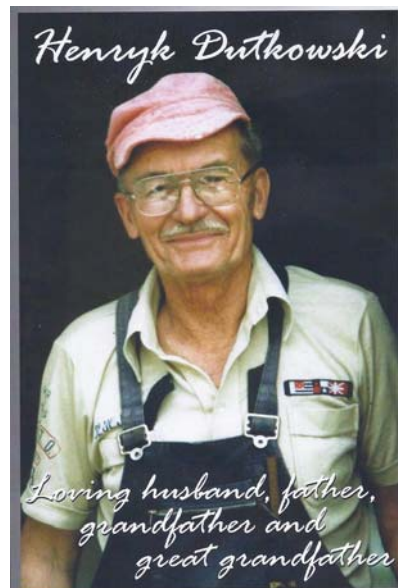
Ann Summerfield came to NBTC from Greythorn Park Tennis Club and played Tuesday Ladies HDTA competition for many years. When she retired from tennis, she kept up her friendships with her playing partners by playing Bridge and meeting at the club on a monthly basis for a cup of coffee and a chat. This group of past members has been meeting every month for over 10 years, a testament to the strength of friendships made through NBTC.

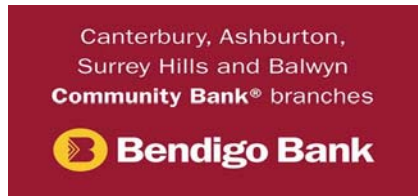


The Tuesday Ladies Social Group: Ann Summerfield, second from left , back row.

Therese Taylor, wife of Tony Taylor, a past president and Life Member of the club was always at the club social functions and supported Tony in his involvement at NBTC.

Henry Dutkowski was an active member of NBTC right into his 90<sup>th</sup> year. He was treasurer of the club for 6 years from 1996 – 2002. In his later years he played Thursdays mens competition and then was a regular at midweek social tennis.





**Local Heroes!**

Supporting our local communities is what the Canterbury, Ashburton, Balwyn and Surrey Hills branches of the Bendigo Bank do best.

The Community Bank’s sponsorship of **\$10,000** has provided much needed help towards financing the resurfacing of courts 3-6 with the water-saving court surface, PolyClay XL. More recently, we have received funding for two new promotion boards facing Buchanan Avenue and \$970 to offset the costs of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. For the last seven years, these Community Bank branches have given back more than \$920,000.00 to over 120 local groups, aged care facilities, schools, festival s and events.

**NOW, North Balwyn Tennis Club can receive even more funding!**

North Balwyn Tennis Club members who do their banking with either Canterbury, Ashburton, Balwyn or Surrey Hills Community Bank branches can earn more funds for our organisation.

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<b>Surrey Hills:</b>	107 Union Road, Surrey Hills	Tel: 9890 7188
<b>Balwyn:</b>	411 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn	Tel: 9836 8029

If you already bank with any of these four branches, please call your branch and let them know that you are a member of North Balwyn Tennis Club and the Club will receive a donation – too easy!

[www.supportingourcommunity.com.au](http://www.supportingourcommunity.com.au)



## SMOKE-FREE CHILDREN'S RECREATIONAL AREAS

From 1 April, under the *Tobacco Act 1987* smoking is prohibited within 10 metres of outdoor public children's playground equipment, skate parks and sporting venues during organised underage sporting events

Where does the ban apply? Smoking is banned within 10 metres (about two car lengths) of a sporting venue that is an outdoor public place during an organised underage sporting event. This includes training or practice sessions to prepare for an organised underage sporting event, and breaks or intervals during the course of the event, training or practice session.

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms/smoke-free-children-rec-areas/underage-sporting-events.htm>

## GETTING THE CLUB NEWS

As we only have the Club newsletter sent out twice a year, we need other ways to keep our members informed of club events and key decisions made by the committee. There are a number of ways this is done. Firstly, the monthly committee minutes are posted on the Social noticeboard. Secondly, regular emails are sent out to those members who have registered their emails with us and thirdly, these emails are copied and displayed on the general noticeboard and the fridge in the kitchen. We encourage all members to be on the email address list. It is the most effective and quickest way for us to communicate club matters to you. If you wish to be added to the address list, send your email address along with your name, to **northbalwyntc@yahoo.com.au**.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The NBTC committee would like to thank all those who contributed articles for the newsletter.

***Editor: Rhonda McCaw***

***Do you know someone who might be interested in joining our club?***

*Why not pass on this newsletter after you have read it, or direct them to our website:*

***Our website address is: [www.northbalwyntc.org.au](http://www.northbalwyntc.org.au)***

## MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES

**PETER McCAW**

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