



2014 (53rd) Annual Report of the North Balwyn Tennis Club Inc.

Committee for 2013/2014

President: Frank Crombie

Secretary: Tony Barton

Treasurer: Rowena Sheung

Membership Secretary: Peter McCaw

Junior Organisers: Andrew Halford and Stuart Brown

Committee members: Rhonda McCaw, Graham Besley, Peter Moran, Ross Davies, Shing Yue Sheung, Phillipa Wardrop

GENERAL REMARKS: It's been another busy year at North Balwyn Tennis Club, I am happy to report that the key metrics for the tennis club all remain within expectation, memberships, finances and facilities management have been the focal point for your committee this year. A significant issue that remains outstanding is the adoption of an updated constitution that addresses the new regulations and legislative framework introduced in 2012. Some significant differences exist and it has been difficult to agree and adopt a new document to be presented for consideration at this year's AGM. This issue is an important one and provides the membership and the committee enhanced protection moving forward in the future. I trust that over the coming year, agreement can be reached and a new constitution can be presented for consideration in 2015.

The significant contribution from Rhonda McCaw and Kaye Clark saw the production of a 50 year reflective on the history of North Balwyn Tennis Club, highlighting the people and events that forged the principles and facilities we all enjoy today. The brief was to create this anniversary book with self funding being a desired objective, and I am pleased that such a high quality article was produced and financial objectives achieved.

As we approach the end of 2014, we do so with the demolition of our current pavilion in the background. Many of you will have already noticed the significant efforts of our buildings sub committee, without the contributions of Graham Besley and his team we would be drowning in decisions and details. While we acknowledge the disruption during this phase will present some challenges over the summer period, when we take delivery of a new clubhouse and much improved facilities I am sure we will all agree, it was worth it. In acknowledgement of the reduced access and disruption, it was agreed that membership subscriptions would be held at their current levels for 2015.

THE COMMITTEE: Meetings were held monthly. Meetings were well attended with a quorum always available. A big thanks to each and every one of them for devoting their energy and time to the improvement of the tennis club. We are always looking for individuals that want to make a contribution to the next phase of our proud club.

FINANCE & MEMBERSHIP: Our financial position continues to be sound, maintaining good cash reserves, although we do expect to have some expenses as a result of the new building. These will primarily be taking advantage of infrastructure works which coincide with modifications within the builders scope of works. We will also have some expenditure in updating the fixtures and fittings of the pavilion. An allocation has been made to earmark part of our cash reserves for court replacement in the future.

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COACHING, JUNIOR & SENIOR TENNIS: A common theme for community tennis clubs seems to be declining participation. At North Balwyn Tennis Club we are encouraged that this trend has not impacted us. One of the reasons for this is the excellent work Stuart and Andrew do with the Junior competitions and the coaching opportunities they deliver. Our Senior teams, both mid week and weekend competitions continue to be well represented, in no small part by the efforts of Peter McCaw, Peter Moran and others.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Thank you to all those who have assisted over the year in staging our fundraising activities, club championships and other events.

CONCLUSION: Upon completion of the new building we should be well placed to attract new membership and provide further enhanced facilities beyond what is available today. As always, the club is reliant on the generous contributions made by those members who volunteer their time for the ongoing betterment of the club, if you would like to nominate for a place on the committee or simply have some time to contribute to the various activities throughout the year, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

My best wishes to all our members

Frank Crombie - President