

Annual General Meeting November 29th 2015

2015 (54th) Annual Report of the North Balwyn Tennis Club Inc.

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 Katapodis, 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.