

2010 (49th) Annual Report of the North Balwyn Tennis Club Inc.

Committee for 2009/2010

President: Danny Samson

Senior Vice President: -

Junior Vice President: -

Secretary: Tony Barton

Treasurer: Rowena Sheung

Membership Secretary: Peter McCaw

Junior Organisers Andrew Halford, Stuart Brown

Committee members: Vicki Ibbott (part year), Rhonda McCaw, Graham Besley, Peter Moran

Public Officer:

Honorary Auditor:

GENERAL REMARKS

It is my pleasure as president of the club to report on the year's activities for 2010. This has been a relatively challenging and busy year for the club, with membership numbers being reduced, with the resurfacing of four of our courts and, of course, lots of competition and social tennis being played. Our biggest challenge as a club was the lack of water availability to use on our courts. Members will know that after a lot of consultation and examination of the issue, we decided to do what many other clubs had already done and put in some artificial surfaces. This was a very expensive exercise, for which we had great support from the council and state government. We also took the opportunity to do a lot of plumbing as an associated piece of work. Committee members worked tirelessly on these complex matters, of what was the biggest transaction (about \$150,000) in the history of the club. We had great help and support in this work from Council, sponsorship from Bendigo Bank (which is now a club sponsor), our club savings and a loan from the bank which we will be paying off.

THE COMMITTEE

Meetings were held monthly. Meetings were well attended with up to 9 Committee members in attendance.

FINANCE & MEMBERSHIP

Our financial position is sound, although our reserves are lower, given the expenditure on new court surfaces. Membership of the Club has fallen over the year. We are planning a marketing campaign for new members and ask existing members to help with this.

CLUB MAINTENANCE

Geoff Hall continues as a paid caretaker. We thank Club members, such as Erich Schlifelner who volunteered their services. We could always do with an expanded set of such volunteers! Graham Besley in particular has personally done a lot of maintenance work

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 and Sunday morning competition continues at close to capacity. We are always looking for more juniors to play competition tennis and represent the club!

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 Rowena Sheung, and Rhonda McCaw.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Club social events included the launch of the new courts, the charity (tennis and BBQ) day in support Wandong Tennis club, which was burned down in the bushfires (we raised over \$1500 for them), Christmas Party, club championships night dinner and other events, and the midweek social Xmas lunch, as well as an Open Day.

The Club newsletter was produced during the year. We thank Rhonda McCaw who edited the newsletter.

CONCLUSION

The Club continues to attract a loyal 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 has been good, 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
November 2010