

GLENBURN ACE

To all our members,

I would like to thank you for your continued support of the Glenburn Tennis Club during these unprecedented times and I hope that we will soon see a gradual easing of restrictions so that we can all get back to doing what we love – catching up with family and friends, going out to dinner, taking a drive in the country, and, of course, playing tennis.



I wish to thank the Committee who have been working tirelessly even during these restrictions. They have been very active with Zoom meetings, updating of our website, applying for grants for LED lighting, for shade sails, training courses etc. We have been successful in obtaining a \$12,000 grant towards switching from halogen lamps to the more efficient and brighter LEDs. We intend to convert courts 1,2, 3 and 4 very soon. Thanks to the generosity of Rob McDougall and other members donating their time, we will be able to do this work at a greatly reduced cost.

As you are also aware, we are in the process of changing from a key-based system to an electronic swipe card system backed up by a video camera which will give us better security out-of-hours and during normal operations. It will also help us speed up the membership renewal process.

We have also been in regular contact with the Monash Council during this lockdown via telephone, email and Zoom meetings. At the August Council meeting *The Draft Tennis Action Plan* was presented. This was the culmination of twelve months of surveys, meetings, questionnaires etc. to all 16 tennis clubs in the City of Monash. The draft was adopted without amendment. This Plan will have major ramifications for the future of all tennis clubs. All stakeholders have until Friday 30 October 2020 to make comments and recommendations to the Council before it returns for acceptance and implementation. Any member can visit the Monash Council website www.monash.vic.gov.au/tennis-plan and make comments.

At the same August Council meeting, the Council passed *The Active Monash Sports Club Framework*. This is another policy document which also has a bearing on the operation of all sporting clubs in the district including tennis clubs.

The Council have also finally acknowledged the damage caused by the tree roots to our courts and we are still in discussion with them on how to best repair the courts and the allocation of costs.

I am also very happy to announce that we have renewed the coaching contract of Lewis Miles for a further five years. Lewis' coaching skills are excellent and his dedication to his job and what he brings to our club in terms of increased membership, his involvement with the committee and the local school community is priceless.

In conclusion, I will be stepping down as President of the Club after this, my second three-year term, in the role as per the requirements of our Constitution and will not be seeking re-election in the future. I would like to thank all of the Committee members for their support over the years and their fantastic work ethic. If there is any member who would like to join this great group of people and help guide the club into the future, please contact us.

Finally, I hope you have all stayed safe and I look forward to seeing you at our AGM Zoom meeting or on the courts very soon.

Geoff Cook



Night Tennis

Glenburn night teams have abandoned the Waverley District and are only fielding teams within the Blackburn District now. It is likely due to a combination of price, time and distance of competing clubs.

BDNTA has lower price, starts and finishes earlier, and the area required to travel away is more condensed than Waverley District. It also appears to be friendlier - the social aspect of the night is taken more seriously, with teams somewhat 'expected' to provide at least a drink or some chips after the game. This was not as prevalent in the Waverley District, although it wasn't lacking entirely. Either way, no night tennis has been played and no one is surprised.

The Blackburn District was optimistic until recently and had confirmed a start 'no matter what' and committed to the full 14 weeks. However, that approach has changed and the season is now officially cancelled with Autumn 2021 starting as soon as possible.

Andy



Senior Saturday Tennis

Before the season was cancelled due to COVID-19, we had two pennant, three WDTA and two ERT teams (7 teams altogether). We had more teams entered than previous seasons as some of our existing juniors were coming up and playing senior competition for Glenburn, which was a great sight to see.

Overall, if anyone is interested in learning more about senior Saturday afternoon competition, feel free to contact Gary or Tim on the mobile number and/or emails provided. Keep an eye out for emails which are sent out around February and August for individual and team entry details for Winter and Summer competition if anyone is wanting to play.

Last but not least, check the link below. Lewis and the Grade 1 Pennant team were in the Tennis Victoria Annual Report 2019/2020!



COMPETITIONS RESULTS

2019 TENNIS VICTORIA PENNANT RESULTS

Tennis Victoria Pennant hosted the 136th season in 2019 with 397 teams competing from 137 clubs

GRADE	WINNER	RUNNERS UP
MEN'S	Glenburn TC	Centre Court Indoor

Grade 1	5-11-80	d	1-5-73
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https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/files/2020/10/Tennis-Victoria_Annual-Report-2019-20-1.pdf

NOTE FROM BDNTA NIGHT TENNIS

Due to the extension of Stage 4 Restrictions and the Metro Roadmap announced recently, competition tennis cannot resume in Metro Melbourne until after 26th October, at this stage.

Given that it will take time for some council owned facilities to be given permission to move through the various steps of re-opening, it is not likely that we would be able to start any night season until ~mid to late November.

This would then make my "Plan B" for a 2020/2021 summer season less feasible, given the impact on proposed dates through the season.

Hence the 2020 Spring Season and the proposed hybrid 2020/2021 Summer season have been cancelled.

We will revert to our "normal" season dates for next year with the 2021 Autumn Season scheduled to start in early 2021.

2021 Autumn Season Entry Forms etc will be sent to clubs during October and entries will close in late November.

2020 Spring Season Entry Fees:

For those clubs who paid their Entry Fees for the 2020 Spring Season - Fees will be held in credit and put towards the 2021 Autumn Season Team Entry Fees.

If your club enters less teams than it had entered for the 2020 Spring Season then a refund will be made for the difference.

I understand the decision to cancel may upset some clubs/players but I think it will give clubs and players more time to get back to "normality" once restrictions ease. Players will now have more time to re-engage with their teammates and practice socially for the remainder of this year, when restrictions ease.

Hoping you are all well and looking forward to 2021!

*Kind regards,
Dom, BDNTA*

Tennis lessons and competition resumed temporarily between May and July with many kids continuing with lessons as well as a lot of parents joining due to being in the area and working from home. We had modified group lessons and private lessons running as well as several 'hitting sessions'.

With the regular Waverley junior competition suspended, we started our own internal competition on weekend mornings. It was quite fun and exciting with 8 new kids starting. We are aiming to restart tennis competition this way, as well as organizing some local challenge matches.

We've had coaches Polly and Nimo completed advanced coaching courses.

Our goal is to work within whatever constraints we have over the next 6-months to get as many kids and families back on court enjoying the game! The Coaching Team are all very excited to start back with everyone as soon as the restriction is eased.

See you back on the court soon,
Lewis



Things to do to keep your tennis game sharp

- Practice against a brick wall, there is a wall in the park next to us at Glenburn
- Create a tennis court on a paved area or school basketball court (police tape makes a great net)
- Keep up strength and fitness (skipping, running, jumping, lunges, pilates classes, weights and therabands)
- Do 'shadow swings', swinging the racquet without a ball - check for technique!
- Watch tennis on TV, the more you watch the better you will get!

If you start some of these habits, it will help your tennis in the long-term.
Contact Coach Lewis anytime for ideas or a mini-program.



GTC Members & Friends Imaginary **zoom** meetings
can you find any Grand Slam winners among us?

ANZ COMMUNITY TENNIS GRANTS

Applied : March 2020

Organisation Providing Grant: ANZ Bank

Purpose : Upgrade of kitchen area

Amount of Grant: \$10,000

Comments: This required us to prepare a video and other documents. Great assistance was provided by Patrice and Belen.

NOT SUCCESSFUL



COMMUNITY ENERGY EFFICIENCY & SOLAR GRANTS

Applied: May 2020

Organisation Providing Grant: Federal Government (Business.Gov)

Purpose: Replace court lighting from incandescent to LED lighting for two courts.

Amount of Grant: \$12,000

Project Cost: \$13,345

Installer Rob McDougal with helpers -free

Supplier: Technilux (Andy Moore)

SUCCESSFUL Approved August 2020

Since the success of this grant the Committee has decided to fund light for two additional courts.

COMMUNITY SPORT PACKAGE STREAM 2 – CLUBS

Applied: May 2020

Organisation Providing Grant: Victorian Government (Jobs, Precincts and Regions)

Amount of Grant: \$1,000

Purpose: Help for costs and materials required to combat COVID

SUCCESSFUL Approved June 2020

NOTE: This has now been extended by a further grant of \$500.

COMMUNITY SHADE GRANTS ROUND 5 2020

Applied: September 2020

Organisation: Victorian Government (Victoria Cancer Agency)

Purpose: Provided permanent shading sail structures for areas between courts and playground.

Amount of Grant: \$50,000

Project Cost: \$50,000

Supplier: Not yet decided. Quotes received from 3 companies.

For this project the Monash Council requires a project management fee and an allowance for contingencies.

OPEN Our submission has been submitted

Notification Mid November 2020



New Card Access Entry System & Security Camera are Implemented

One of the changes implemented is adopting a new card access entry system to replace keys. A large number of members now have their cards, with the significant remainder unable to collect their card due to CV-19 restrictions. A new collection date will be communicated once restrictions allow. Significant work for committee members is acknowledged as well as the reasonable expense of this project.

Part of the access system is one camera, with recording, which will only be reviewed should there be an incident requiring investigation. Monash council have a policy, as does the club, around use of this camera. One of the requirements is that members be informed. Consider yourself now informed. President Geoff Cook has also informed members by email earlier in the year.



NOW HIRING

For those who are not aware, committee members are all volunteers doing our best for the club.

We have vacancies on the committee, should you be willing to join us in this rewarding community activity for both adult and junior representation.

**Thank you Charles
for submitting all the
grant applications!**

Thanks to those senior members who have been maintaining the club at working bees, which again is very much appreciated. If you have not attended one, please consider doing so, when we can and when the next one is notified (typically by email).

Any monetary donations towards maintenance costs would be much appreciated.

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AGM Special Message

Given the Covid 19 rules, our AGM on Sunday 25th October at 11.00am will be held via Zoom. For the AGM to proceed, we need to have a quorum of at least 25 people to join the meeting.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could commit to joining the meeting (it should last less than 1 hour).

Please send an email to peter.hudson@hotmail.com or secretary@glenburntennisclub.com and you will be sent a link to the meeting.

Glenburn Tennis Club to Support Ritchies IGA

RITCHIES
Supermarkets and Liquor Stores

If you shop at IGA and have not joined their loyalty program, you are encouraged to do so and nominate Glenburn Tennis Club. The more shoppers that nominate the club, the more cash will be received by our club.

GTC Uniforms

For club uniforms (polo-shirts), please contact Winnie Pereira (0431 181 878). Thanks for volunteering, Winnie ☺

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