

The **GLENBURN** *Ace*

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President's Report

by Andy Quah

Dear Glenburn Tennis Club Members,

As your President, I'm excited to share some highlights from 2024. This year has been a busy one, with plenty of work being done to keep the club moving forward.

COURT REDEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

The redevelopment of our tennis courts has been a major focus this year. We've been working closely with the council on finalizing the plans for six new, accessible synthetic grass courts. The aim is to address court dimension issues, tree root damage, and lighting inadequacies that have built up over the years.

At this point, we're still in the planning phase. The engineering plan is due for completion by the end of the year, and we'll then await the council's approval to proceed with construction. While we've applied for a \$150k grant from VicHealth to support this project, it is important to note that this funding is just a bonus. Whether we receive it or not, we will continue lobbying the council to approve the project because these upgrades are essential for the club's future.

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

It's been great to see strong community participation this year, especially with events like Crepes Day and the Sausage Sizzle, which have brought everyone together. It's been a pleasure to see both familiar and new faces at these events, creating the welcoming atmosphere our club is known for.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This year, I want to specifically acknowledge the hard work of all the members and committee members who took the time to attend our working bees. Your efforts in keeping the club in good shape haven't gone unnoticed, and we truly appreciate the dedication you've shown.

LOOKING FORWARD

As we move into the next year, I remain optimistic about the future. We're making steady progress with the court redevelopment, and I'll be keeping everyone in the loop as things develop. For now, let's continue to enjoy the sport we all love, support each other, and make the most of what Glenburn Tennis Club has to offer.

Thank you all for being part of this amazing community. Here's to another great year ahead!



Outgoing secretary, Peter Hudson, has been the heart and soul of Glenburn Tennis Club for many years. His tireless dedication and commitment to the club's well-being have made a significant and lasting impact. His leadership, support, and constant presence has helped steer the club through countless challenges, and his contributions have been invaluable. Peter, we can't thank you enough for everything you've done!



The Thursday Morning Social Tennis group celebrating Rob Jefferies 82nd birthday!

Social Tennis

Senior Tennis

SUMMER SEASON 2023-2024

This past summer season, we had 7 teams participating (6 WDTA and 1 ERT). The majority of teams were well in the mix to make finals going into the last week. We had one team which made finals who unfortunately lost an extremely close semi final going down to the last set.

WDTA A4 – Tyler Hankinson, Chiren Gamalath, Dennis Wong

Although the results were not as we would have liked, congratulations to all players for a terrific season.

WINTER SEASONS 2024

This winter season we have had 6 teams competing in total (2 Pennant, 3 WDTA and 1 ERT). This is a higher number of teams than past few seasons which is a great sign even with the court deterioration. At the time of writing, 5 of our teams made the finals, with two making the Grand Final.

WDTA A Res 5 – Guy Stupin, Aardarsh Madhavan, Keshan Aryaratne, Phoebe Hwong

ERT OS8 – Jeanette Greer, Alex Vakhnin, Sarthak Tandon, Sandeeptha Gamalath, Michael Drummond, Madhavan Raghavan



Junior Tennis

Our junior tennis has been extremely successful in 2024. This year we have 30 teams (15 Saturday and 15 Sunday) with 12 Rubbers teams in higher grades and several kids pushing up into Senior Competition. In the Winter season multiple teams made it to the finals with some even winning the Grand Finals!

A lot of work within the coaching program and collaboration with parents goes into creating successful junior seasons for the kids and the club. Together kids learn about sportsmanship and how to handle situations whilst also improving their tennis skills

Good luck to everyone playing in the current Summer season!



Coaching

This year we have had another successful year of Coaching. With lots of hard work from the coaching team we have seen some great results with the kids. The coaching program is designed to cover all aspects of the game, with weekly technical themes that we bring across with specific drills and equipment used, to train kids up to have strong all round technique.

One of the unique parts of our program is our teamwork. All our coaches work together as a team and are consistent in their coaching style and coaching tips. Having a strong coaching teams creates a coaching program that brings kids together into a fun, positive and inclusive environment where all kids are valued whilst improving their tennis skills.

Q&A WITH COACH LEWIS

Q: WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT COACHING?

A: The best part about coaching is seeing kids improve their skills and learning how to use their body and racquet effectively. For example the first time a kid hits a topspin fore-hand you know they'll have that skill for life. The social aspect of bringing kids and teams together through tennis is also rewarding - seeing kids make 'tennis friends'.

Q: WHAT IS THE HARDEST PART OF COACHING?

A: The hardest part is the ongoing physical demand particularly in hard weather, the high energy nature of kids requires a lot of physical effort. I've even had to re train my voice box on two occasions. I'm an outdoor person so luckily I thrive in it for the majority of the time!

Q: WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A GOOD TENNIS PLAYER?

A: I think those who find ways to enjoy tennis end up doing the best. A strong Tennis player needs a certain amount of years to practice to develop. Thus, people who watch a lot of tennis and enjoy the little things, a drop shot, a kick serve, sliding on clay etc. They are the ones that end up playing longer over time and become the real winners.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR PRE MATCH RITUAL?

A: I like to visualize my opponents potential shots and match them to my game. I'll do some pre match stretching and muscle activation exercises as well as warming up on court. When away are larger tournaments, if I'm around friends and other players at the venue, I'd often get away on my own for 10 minutes or so just before the match to start to get my focus.

Halloween

This year the Glenburn community came together to have a fun Halloween night where kids played games, won sweet treats and dressed up in costumes! Thank you to everyone who came down and made this such a fun night!





Announcements

GATE ACCESS

Gate access (card/fob) can be used to enter the court area when the gate is locked.

Gate access (card/fob) can be used to enter the toilet when the clubhouse is not open.

Swipe your card/fob at the door near the vending machine in the BBQ area.

Need gate access?

Select \$20 add-on and pay by credit card together with the annual membership application, OR

Transfer \$20 and email the transfer screenshot to membership@glenburntennisclub.com

Glenburn Tennis Club

BSB 633 000

Account 131 061 350

You will be contacted within a week to arrange for collection.

JUNIOR MEMBERS PLAYING WDTA COMPETITION

As per WDTA rule, juniors playing competition must be financial members of the club (must pay annual membership fee). Refer to point 11(f) regarding eligibility <https://www.waverleytennis.asn.au/waverley-by-laws.html>

The membership fee will be used for:

Supplying new tennis balls every week for the competition

Paying WDTA team registration fee for the competition

Court maintenance

Clubhouse maintenance (including electricity, water, kitchen supplies, toilet supplies, etc)

Juniors will also be covered by Tennis Australia insurance should personal accident happen during any tennis matches. Howden Insurance is the current broker for Tennis Australia (refer to Howden Group - Tennis Australia).

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