



## Newsletter September 2023

### Your New Committee

The following members were elected to committee positions at the Annual General Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Contact details for the Executive are available [here](#).

Geoff Aldis	President
Diedre Hobson	Vice President
Kevin Judah White	Secretary
Kevin Vassarotti	Treasurer
Robyn Stonham	Committee
Peter Biven	Committee
David Jones	Committee
Bobby Edmonds	Committee

The committee would like to thank Nick Reddan, the outgoing President, for his strong leadership of the Club since 2016 and in other roles beforehand at the Club.

### Constitution Change

Members at the AGM accepted a motion to change the wording of the Club's Constitution to allow members to purchase a year of membership. Existing members at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 who extend their memberships will be financial members until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (same as previous years). Members who join the Club after 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 purchase a year's membership which expires one year from the date of joining.

### Overdue Membership Renewals

A number of members have not yet renewed memberships which lapsed on 30 June 2023. Please ensure your membership renewal is paid promptly. The change to new membership categories has complicated reminder notices reaching members this year. Automated reminders will be back next year.

With the days getting longer and the temperatures rising it's time to enjoy Spring and play more tennis.

There are now three membership categories: Family (\$280), Individual (\$165) and Junior (\$60 for under 18s).

A credit card payment to the online Book a Court system is the Club's preferred way to receive membership payments. If you prefer, you can pay directly into our Westpac Account which is:

Majura Tennis Club Inc

BSB 032 730 A/C 378351

If you pay through the bank please also send an email to the [secretary@majuratennis.com.au](mailto:secretary@majuratennis.com.au) so your transaction can be added manually to our member database.

## Grants

The Club was recently awarded \$3,294 in a Volunteer Grant in the Federal seat of Canberra (Alicia Payne MP). The committee is spending this amount to benefit our members and others using our courts and facilities. A new refrigerator in the public part of the clubhouse, a BBQ and an EFTPOS machine are some of the initial purchases planned. Other items including furniture are being considered.

The Club will apply for other grants this year. We will be seeking funding for a one-year project in the financial year 2024-25 which would: update the electrical switchboard; convert the existing lighting on Courts 1 and 2 to LED; install two new light poles on the current clay Court 4; install LED lights for Courts 3 and 4; and resurface Court 4 as a synthetic grass court. The Dickson region is a growth area with continuing infill and more medium density housing. Our applications will make the case strongly that our courts are a vital part of much-needed community sporting facilities.

## Social Tennis

Members and visitors are encouraged to join in at our regular Social Tennis. The hours for social tennis are:

- Monday 9am to 10.30
- Tuesday 9am to 10.30
- Wednesday 9am to 10.30
- Friday 9am to 10.30
- Sunday 1pm to 3pm

### Social Tennis weekly contributions

A contribution for social tennis is \$2 per member for a week's play. This "ball and biscuit" fee covers the purchase of new balls, tea/coffee, toilet paper, hand soap and consumables. To avoid cash, regulars may prefer to prepay at \$20 per quarter, or \$80 per year. Visitors pay \$5 per visit.

## Christmas Event

The date Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December has been set for our annual Christmas event. A BBQ is planned for the lunch and it will include our annual raffle.

This year The Walking Clinic has kindly assisted us by sponsoring our raffle with several \$300 Vouchers for purchases of Footwear and Tennis equipment at Intersport Fyshwick.

## Maintenance Sub-Committee

A maintenance sub-committee has been established from the Committee Members.

These are: Peter Biven, David Jones and Bobby Edmonds. If a member notices anything needing repair or attention, please bring this to one of the sub-committee's attention and they will arrange to have it addressed.

## Working Bee

The next Club Working Bee is scheduled for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October during 8 am to 2 pm. All members are encouraged to come along for a period of time to assist in keeping our premises looking good. In previous years the concentrated effort by our members at Working Bees has made a huge impact.

A list of tasks to be completed at the working bee will be displayed on the clubhouse door by the Maintenance Sub-Committee one week prior to the working bee.

## Tennis Racquet Found

We haven't been able to identify the owner of a tennis racquet found at the courts in the last months. This racquet has a Roland Garros connection. If you think it belongs to you then contact the [secretary@majuratennis.com.au](mailto:secretary@majuratennis.com.au)

## Websites

The Club is actively improving a copy of our website. An updated website will be released in the coming weeks:

<https://majuratennis.com.au/index.php>

Take a look at our Facebook page too:

<https://www.facebook.com/majuratennis/>