

GREENWICH TENNIS CLUB

**Incorporated ABN 38 123 445 400
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016

The Club is incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984.

The Club is also associated with the Northern Suburbs Tennis Association (“NSTA”), organiser of the area tennis competitions.

Objectives

The objectives of the Club are:

- To facilitate and encourage the game of tennis
- To provide facilities for the game of tennis
- To advance knowledge and skills concerning the game of tennis
- To encourage and promote competition in the game of tennis amongst members and against other tennis clubs or associations
- To promote social activities amongst members and persons interested in the objectives of the Club
- To raise and receive money by any lawful means for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the Club

Executive Committee

The 2016 committee comprised 12 members as listed below:

President	Peter Walton
Vice President	Michael Armati
Secretary	Dennis Karp
Treasurer	Mark Faigen
Booking Secretary	Judy McMahon
Competition Secretary	Frank Simpson
Committee Member	Caroline Elliott
Committee Member	Janice Gibson
Committee Member	Andrew Bennett
Committee Member	Peter McIlwaine
Committee Member	Sanjiv Gopinath
Webmaster	Richard Hawkins

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Membership Fees

Joining and membership fees were not increased this year.

	2015	2016
Joining Fees:		
Ordinary	\$150	\$150
Junior Concession	\$50	\$50
Annual Fees:		
Full Adult Member	\$120*	\$120*
Junior	\$35	\$35

*A timely payment discount of \$10 is offered on full adult member annual fees received by the due date.

Visitors Fees:

Per Visit	\$5	\$5
Casual Hire Per Hour	\$15	\$15

Membership

At this date, comparative membership comprises:

	2015	2016
Full Adult Members	209	203
Honorary Members	8	8
Graded Juniors/Students/Juniors	<u>149</u>	<u>143</u>
	356	354

Since the last annual general meeting, the Committee has scheduled a number of prospective member's introduction trials with more applicants being invited to join the club.

Despite the large numbers, members have reported no problems in the use of the courts. Membership has been kept open for the time being.

New Face for the Club

After of years of struggling with ClubRunner, the committee this year decided it was time to introduce a modern website with a vibrant front page and the capability of membership management, event management, member communications, a new member joining portal and easy public access.

Early in the year a plea was sent out to members seeking an experienced person to assist in setting up a new website. A suitable consultant, Roger Barclay, was eventually identified and Richard Hawkins volunteered to join the committee as Webmaster to oversee the process.

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While the transition period from the old system to the new will take a full year, the site, greenwichtennis.com.au is up and running and bold and beautiful. The new email address is admin@greenwichtennis.com.au.

Savings in the order of \$1,000 per year will be realised.

Particular thanks goes to Richard Hawkins and Richard Hawkins for their considerable effort and ongoing dedication to this task.

Member Satisfaction Survey

As a result of waning participation in the annual club championships, and to a lesser extent in the Saturday afternoon mixed doubles competition, the committee sent out a Monkey Survey to all members to get a better understanding of their expectations and requirements.

The results revealed that 85% of members are happy with the amount and type of tennis currently available to them at the club. Most people wanted to have fun tennis without undue pressure to perform; yet a healthy proportion of players are keen to support the championships.

Club Championships

The 2016 Club Championships were completed on Sunday 30th October. The tennis throughout was played in great spirit and to a high standard despite the low number of entries. This year the Special or Handicap events were conducted in a round-robin format which proved very popular with participants. It was very encouraging to see several of our junior players participate and excel. Well done to all who participated and to our eventual winners.

The 2016 winners are:

Men's Singles	A. Bennett
Ladies Singles	Event not held
Men's Doubles	T.Thacker & P McIlwaine
Ladies Doubles	G. Thacker & J. Ford
Mixed Doubles	B. Geary & J. Marquard

Men's Handicap Singles	M. Faigen
Ladies Handicap Doubles	C. Elliott & S. Morse
Men's Handicap Doubles	S. Gopinath & T. Ower
Mixed Handicap Doubles	R. Hawkins & C. Nicholson

Thank you in particular to Richard Hawkins, Frank Simpson, and Peter McIlwaine who ran the Club Championships and contributed to their success.

Junior Championships

The 2016 Junior Club Championships were conducted on 23 & 24 July. We now have approximately 60 juniors being coached on a regular basis and there was a good level of entries. In the Junior Club Championships took on a round-robin format and all the players played with great enthusiasm, camaraderie and enjoyment. Well done to all who participated and our eventual winners

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Boys Under 10:	George W
Runner up:	Tom Mc
Girls Under 10:	Eloise O
Runner up:	Jemma W
Boys Under 13:	Sam S
Runner up:	Charley S
Girls Under 13:	Annabel B
Runner up:	Mia W
Boys Over 13:	John N
Runner up:	Lachlan B-S
Girls Over 13:	Tessa Mc
Runner up:	TBC

A big thank-you to Caroline Elliott and Andrew Bennett who ran the Junior Club Championships, which has become a great platform for development of our Juniors.

Coaching & Juniors

This year we have seen some sixty junior members coached by Andrew Bennett and his team. The feedback has been tremendous and we would like to congratulate Andrew for his efforts with this program.

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Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party was held on Sunday 13th December 2015.

Numbers were up on the previous year with the marquee located under the camphor laurel tree. A highlight of the evening was entertainment performed by Jo Cunningham, her sister Merran and Mark Merrick on the double bass.

The party as always is subsidised by the Club.

Round Robin Tournaments

There has been very little response to these tournaments in recent years, so this year none were scheduled. Members who would like to see these events re-instated should contact a committee member.

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Internal Mixed Doubles Competition

A huge thank-you to Bill Oliver who continues to run this successful competition for members on Saturday afternoons. Bill reports that more than 65 members participate.

Thanks also go to the team captains; Jane Marquard (Sky Blue), Sharon Morse (Nike Red), Janice Gibson (Lime Green) and Annabelle Burley (Royal Purple) who ensure their teams are fully represented each week.

The end of year winner in 2015 was the **Red Team**.

Earlier winners this year were the **Red Team** which won the Summer Competition, and the **Green Team** which won the Autumn Competition.

The end of year winner in 2016 was not known at the time of going to print.

Once again the competition proved popular with members of all standards with the two time-slot format ensuring the games were evenly matched.

It is sometimes difficult to find the 16 players on the day, so special mention goes to all those members who volunteer to reserve when required, in some cases backing up after playing earlier in the afternoon.

There is always room for more players; just contact Bill.

Player of the Year Award

This award, given to the member who has contributed most to the Club's playing activity over the calendar year has continued to excite interest. In 2015 it was awarded to Barbara Oliver.

The 2016 winner will be decided on the points system previously published on the web site.

The award (\$100 plus a trophy) for will be presented to the winner at the Christmas party and the winner's name will be inscribed on the clock shield displayed in the clubhouse.

Points have been awarded this year (and for the future) for participation in the internal competitions.

Frank Simpson has again been appointed as the referee for the award, and our thanks go to Frank for keeping the point scores over some 15 years.

Arthur Harrison Trophy

The Arthur Harrison Trophy was donated by Arthur Harrison who for many years lived across the road from the courts and spent much of his time looking after the courts. The trophy is to be presented by the club to an individual(s) who have made a great contribution to the club and improved their tennis during the year.

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The trophy winner for 2015 was Mark Faigen for his undying dedication to managing our finances; a role he has played without complaint for six years.

The trophy winner for 2016 will be announced and presented with the trophy at the Christmas party.

Maintenance and Improvements

The “new” court surfaces, now 2 ½ years old seem to be standing up quite well. There have been some teething problems with a few imperfections reflecting in the new surface from the substrate.

Some of the fencing is showing signs of stress at lower levels and will need to be replaced soon.

Sewer maintenance is an annual event because of tree roots invading the old clay pipe joints.

Financial

The audited financial statements sent with the notice for the Clubs AGM show that the club is in a sound and healthy position. Cash reserve amount as at 31 July 2016 was \$44,031 (\$35,389 in 2015), which is adequate to meet the anticipated future expenditure. The club has a provision for maintenance and refurbishment, which as at 31 July 2016 was \$13,000 (\$9,000 in 2015).

Thank you to our treasurer, Mark Faigen for your undying efforts in providing timely and accurate financial and accounting support to the club.

Acknowledgments

It has been a great honour to be your President.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all committee members for their support over the years, Michael Armati as Vice President for his wise counsel at committee meetings, Dennis Karp who as Secretary has perhaps one of the most challenging roles on the Committee, Mark Faigen as Treasurer who has not only kept great control of the clubs finances but worked hard on the new website sub-committee, Richard Hawkins who stepped up when his club needed him to manage the development of the new website and take transitional control over the membership database during the absence of Sanjiv Gopinath, Judith McMahon who has the unenviable task as the club's Booking Secretary, Peter McIlwaine, Frank Simpson and Richard Hawkins again in the running of the Club Championship, Andy Bennett and Caroline Elliott for running the Junior Club Championships, Andy Bennett again for his coaching and management of juniors, and Janice Gibson who manages the ball machine and has again organised the catering for the Christmas party. All members have contributed in their own way and it was indeed a pleasure to work in a spirit of goodwill and friendly co-operation.

Peter Walton
President
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