

GREENWICH TENNIS CLUB

Incorporated ABN 38 123 445 400
Leemon Reserve, GREENWICH NSW 2065

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2024

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 guests.
- 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

At the 25 November 2024 AGM a number of new committee members and office bearers were elected to the committee. David Williams was unavailable for the Treasurer role or to continue on the committee. John Gelagin was duly elected and took up the Treasurer role. Anthony Foley's offer to join the Committee was accepted and he was elected as Membership Secretary, taking over from Richard Hawkins. We thank all of the volunteers for serving on the committee.

The 2024/25 committee comprised nine members as listed below:

President	Richard Hawkins
Vice President	Peter Walton
Secretary	Nikki South
Treasurer	John Gelagin replaces David Williams
Booking Secretary	Caroline Elliott
Competition Secretary	David Vincent
Committee Member / Saturday Comp	Bill Oliver
Membership Secretary	Anthony Foley replaces Richard Hawkins
Committee Member / Lease / Legal	Duncan Ramsay

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Membership Fees

Joining fees remained free of charge and membership fees again remained the same as the previous year – unchanged since 2017.

Annual Fees:	2023/24	2024/25
Full Adult Member	\$125*	\$125*
Junior	\$35*	\$35*
Family	\$250*	\$250*

*A timely payment discount of \$10 is offered on full adult member annual fees received in August, \$5 discount for Juniors / Uni Students. These fees have not increased since 2017.

Visitors Fees:	2023/24	2024/25
Membership per Visit	\$5	\$5
Casual Hire per Hour	\$15	\$23

November comparative membership numbers were:

	2023/24	2024/25
Full Adult Members	276	270
Honorary Members – living	8	7
Graded Juniors/Students/Juniors	153	154
<u>Non-playing parents</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
	443	438

While we are only a small club, our membership has remained very strong over recent years as a result of our family-friendly policies.

Membership is relatively unchanged overall from the 23/24 year to the 24/25 year with total membership at about 440 overall. This is largely due to existing members renewing their membership each year with a turnover of about 20 – 30 members annually due to either relocation out of the area or inability to allocate time to play.

Club Championships

In 2024 the Committee discussed the running of the club championships at some length and it was decided to revert to running the tournament with matches played at specific times - similar to the way tournaments had been run in earlier years of the club. This was to avoid the competition running over time into the following year.

David Vincent took on the role of designing and managing the competition – composing the tournament / competitions over three weekends (19/20 October, 2/3 November, 16/17 November), allowing time to recover from any injuries during the weeks between and allowing for other activities to be scheduled in the alternate weekends. This scheduling proved to be highly successful with all matches played in a good spirit and completed on time. Where player(s) had to withdraw due to injury or unavailability then their last opponent was promoted up the draw.

The Committee decided unanimously to continue with this format for future years. THANK YOU David Vincent for all of your work.

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The results of the 2024 competition are as follows:

Men's Singles	Trent Salkavich
Ladies Singles	Lizzy Bull
Men's Doubles	Trent Salkavich & David Vincent
Ladies Doubles	Regan Bull & Lizzie Bull
Mixed Doubles	Sanjiv Gopinath & Nikki South
Men's Singles Plate	John Gelagin

Congratulations to all winners and participants for again making this a successful tournament in 2024. There were 47 individual entries in the championships.

The standard of tennis was again very high. Congratulations to Trent on his win over Jackson McGenniss in the Men's singles final and to John Gelagin for his repeat of his 2023 win in the Men's Plate, this time over Sanjiv Gopinath. Well done to Lizzy Bull for her win over Regan in a family affair for the Ladies Singles. And well done to Sanjiv and Nikki for repeating their win in the Mixed Doubles, this time over Eddy Sirca and Katrina Rendell. And Regan and Lizzy were too strong for Nikki and Barbara Oliver in the final of the Ladies Doubles.

The results of the 2023 competition were as follows:

Event	2023 Winners	2023 Runners Up
Men's Open Singles	Trent Salkavich	Jackson McGenniss
Ladies' Open Singles	Sarah Giannou	Lizzy Bull
Men's Open Doubles	Trent Salkavich / David Vincent	Brett Geary / Dennis Karp
Ladies' Open Doubles	Regan Bull / Lizzy Bull	Jacqui Halliday / Jenny Allan
Mixed Open Doubles	Jackson McGenniss / Sarah Giannou	Brett Geary / Jane Marquard
Men's Singles Plate	John Gelagin	Dennis Karp

Junior Club Championships 2024

The Junior Championships were held on Sunday 26 May 2024 with numbers significantly down on previous years due to the late notice given by the club. A big thank you to Nick Motteram for volunteering to organise this competition.

Well done to all who played, with the final results below:

- Lucinda Vincent won the girls, with Gemma Garton coming runner-up.
- Graham Allan won the U12 boys, with Thomas Vincent runner-up
- Jaxton Garton won the U10 boys

Special thanks to Lizzie Bull for her help and for Andrew and Alicia for running the BBQ!

In 2025 David Vincent will be tasked with leading the Junior tennis for the club.

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Coaching and Juniors

We are very pleased with our new club coach – Callen Ritcey from Lead Tennis – who has continued on from his appointment in February 2023 and now has sizeable contingent of students his team is coaching at the club after school (Monday to Thursday) plus a number of private lessons. His team has proven to be very reliable with good feedback coming from students and members. We look forward to continuing to work closely with Callen in future years.

Christmas Party

The Club is planning to hold the 2024 party on 26 November. The venue will again be at the clubhouse and under the camphor laurel tree and it will be in a similar format to the 2023 party – starting at 5.00pm, with each family encouraged to bring a plate of food to share. The club will provide drinks and there will be a prize giving for all 2024 tennis champions (Open and Juniors) along with live music by Jo Cunningham with accompaniment by Makkilena. The Christmas Party remains a significant event in the Greenwich social calendar.

Internal Mixed Doubles Competition

Again in 2024, a huge thank-you goes to Bill Oliver who continues to run the immensely popular handicapped competition for members on Saturday afternoons. Thank you Bill for your diligence, enthusiasm and community spirit in making this happen every week.

Big thanks again go to the ever-ready 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.

Members continue to show great enthusiasm for this competition, always putting their hands up to fill the required 16 places for the event to work each week. There are about 65 members active in the competition. A great community has been built around this competition.

2024	Spring Competition	Red Winners on 35 points to Purple 34.
2024	Winter Competition	TBC
2024	Autumn Competition	Red winners on 27.25 points to Purple 27.25
2024	Summer Competition	TBA
2023	Spring Competition	Red Winners on 47.5 points to Green on 44.5

The competitions are always very close thanks to the handicapper (thanks Bill), which makes for good competition each week. The competition continues to be popular with members of all standards with the two time-slot format (based on club handicap) ensuring that games are evenly matched. There is always room for more players; just contact Bill Oliver at w.oliver@bigpond.net.au or any team captain.

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Player of the Year Award

This award is given to the member who has both participated the most in the Club's playing activity over the calendar year and achieved the best results. This is the 24th year for this award.

In 2024 the award goes to Nikki South! Nikki has been a close contender for the award in the past few years but has not been able to usurp Edy Sirca or Duncan Ramsay. However in 2024 her efforts in winning the Mixed Doubles final plus Runner Up in the Ladies Doubles saw her cross the line in first place – 26.5 points ahead of Duncan in 2nd place. This is the first time in 9 years since the award has been won by a woman (Barbara Oliver in 2015).

In 2023 it was awarded to Edy Sirca who won from other close contenders Nikki South and Duncan Ramsay - congratulations Edy!

The winner is decided using a points system, awarded for participation and performance in the internal Saturday competitions and the club championships. Sincere thanks to Peter Walton who continues to administer this award – thank you Peter!

The award (\$100 plus a clock shield-trophy) is presented to the winner, with the shield displayed in the clubhouse. To make the award more inclusive, the committee has decided that no member can receive the award for more than two consecutive 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 club presents the trophy annually to an individual who has made a special contribution to the club and improved their tennis during the year.

In 2024 the club awarded the Arthur Harrison Trophy to David Vincent for successfully reorganising the competition for the benefit of all players. His efforts are greatly appreciated by the club.

In 2023 the trophy was awarded to Deb Allen (Deb Hannes) for her contribution to the Saturday Competition – stepping up to fill spaces and making many of the Saturday's possible. Thanks Deb.

Maintenance and Improvements

This year the club has appointed a new court maintenance contractor – Pure Turf – who has replaced All Grass Sports who were no longer performing as required. The courts had a deep clean at the beginning of the year using a court cleaning machine and in October had a tonne of sand spread over both courts. The court surfaces are now 10½ years old and seem to be standing up very well still. Quarterly maintenance is now undertaken by Pure Turf.

A number of repairs for water and sewer were undertaken by Council including replacement of toilet cisterns and drainage cleaning.

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Financial

David Williams continued in his role as Treasurer with John Gelagin taking over in November 2024.

The audited financial statements, which can be found on the Club's website (under documents) show that the Club is in a sound and healthy financial position. The cash reserve as at 31 July 2024 was \$145,336 (\$135,780 in 2023), which is sufficient to meet the Club's anticipated future expenditure. The long-term provision for maintenance and refurbishment as at 31 July 2024 was \$60,500 (\$54,500 in 2023).

Acknowledgments

I would like to sincerely thank all committee members for their support over the year and their input on all club matters. A lot of behind the scenes work goes into managing the club.

Particular thanks to departing committee member David Williams for his work on the committee since joining at the end of 2018 - for serving as Vice President for 2 years and Treasurer for 3 years. He has undertaken these roles with great efficiency and effectiveness that sees the club well positioned for the future.

Thank you to our two new committee members – John Gelagin who volunteered to join the committee late in the year and was subsequently elected as Treasurer. And to Anthony Foley who joined us in late November to take on the role of Membership Secretary. Thank you both.

Thanks to Peter Walton for his sage advice and support and for his reliable work in managing the maintenance of the courts and buildings and for preparing the trophies each year. Thanks to Bill Oliver for his untiring professional and good-natured management of the Saturday afternoon tennis competition. Thanks to Caroline Elliott for managing the court bookings, for her input into social events and helping generally. Thanks to Duncan Ramsay for his input on insurances and legal matters. And special thanks to David Vincent this year for managing the tennis championship so competently and for volunteering to lead Junior Tennis next year.

It is particularly pleasing to be part of a group of volunteers that works so well together in a spirit of goodwill and friendly co-operation. Thank you committee members!

Thank you too to all members for your support during the year and we look forward to another year of great tennis in 2025 at this Great Little Club we call Greenwich!

Richard Hawkins
President
December 2024