



Presidents Report

July 2024

Darryl Going

I would like to take a moment to reflect on Darryl Going who was taken from us way to early this year. In my opinion, he was one of our super special club members. Darryl had a passion for Tennis and devoted so much of his time to the benefit this sport and by virtue our club. As well as helping bring up two awesome kids, he served on the committee, freely offered his advice and tips, assisted our coaching team, was often on the sidelines offering support and just generally helping out. I'm sure many of us will have a memory of how Darryl has impacted their lives and there are a couple of my own memories of Darryl that I would like to share. The first is the time I played a singles club champs against him. I could tell he was toying with me as he won convincingly 6-2, 6-1. During the game he would chastise himself for a rare poor shot, congratulate me when I manage a winning shot and was also providing coaching tips to me along the way. My second memory is more recent. At a time when he should have been worrying about himself, he was once again at the club supporting our juniors and when I arrived at the club, found him with brush and shovel, cleaning up the leaves on court one. The club hopes to commemorate Darryl in some way later this year and is working with the Goings on this.

Blake Park

You may have read in the SunLive that Netball have agreed to the move to Bay Park. This will be happening over the next couple of years with the aim to move for the 2026 season. I have had conversations with the council and at this time, the plan is still for 6 tennis courts to remain, however there may be a need for a couple of the courts to remain as shared Netball. At this time it's still early days and with the new council anything could happen. Until Netball have moved to Bay Park, nothing can happen here, so nothing is happening until 2026 at the earliest.

Committee

I would like to say my thanks to my fellow committee members. Alyse has been on the committee for the last couple of years, but is standing down having had their first child earlier this year. Matt has lead the singles league and also brought his cooking skills into the club is also stepping down to concentrate on growing his catering business. The upkeep of the club facilities is a never ending job and I'm grateful for the efforts David has made on this as well as agreeing to remain for another term. Jill and Maggie both continue to make sure our club activities run smoothly, and Helen is making herself at home with the social side of things and has promised a Quiz night is in the works. Finally my

thanks to Jody for all her hard work behind the scenes keeping the clubs admin and finances under control.

Membership

As of today, our total membership is exactly 400. This consists of 215 Seniors, 115 Juniors, 43 Family, 5 student and 13 associate members. It's encouraging that our 18-29 age group has doubled in the past couple of years with a almost even male/female mix.

Financial

The clubs finances are in an okay position and our savings have increased by about \$29K since last year, the bulk of which we have earmarked for future court resurfacing as is our normal procedure. The club has also been thankful for our sponsors and grant monies. Unfortunately this is getting increasingly more difficult to obtain and we have currently received no grant money to cover coaching for the remainder of this year, so unless we can obtain some soon we will need to review what coaching the club can fund within it's own resources.

Our biggest financial impacts have been a reduction in grants, a 3x lease increase, spending more on coaching and everything else just costing more combined with less being spent over the bar or social activities like Business House.

Kent Lendrum

President



Coaches Report

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The 2023/24 season at Mount Tennis Club has been a dynamic and productive year. Our coaching team has worked diligently to enhance the skills and experiences of our players, ranging from beginners to advanced competitors. It has been awesome to welcome Petra Lee Osbourne onto the coaching team this year, who has made a massive impact on the Juniors and Adults already. Congratulations to Luke for passing his JDC - ITF Level 1 qualification.

Programs and Participation

The junior program saw a significant increase in participation this year. The introduction of the Orange Ball League & Junior Match Play on Fridays has been a huge success, leading to noticeable improvements in our young players.

Tiny Tots Tennis (Blue stage) has been the big focus the last few months and the numbers we have involved has been amazing. We are currently running 4 sessions a week with an average of 10-12 kids per session.

Feedback: Parents have expressed high satisfaction with the structured training sessions and the positive, encouraging environment created by the coaches.

Adult Program

The adult program continued to thrive, with stable participation numbers. The implementation of cardio tennis sessions has been a hit, attracting a diverse group of participants looking to combine fitness with their passion for tennis.

Feedback: Participants appreciate the varied program offerings and the flexible scheduling of sessions, which accommodate different skill levels and time constraints.

Goals for Next Year

1. **Expand Junior Program:** Increase participation by 20%.
2. **Enhance Adult Offerings:** Develop new programs.
3. **Increase Membership Numbers to 450- 470**
4. **Boost Competitive match play :** Aim to increase the number of players participating in external tournaments.
5. **Improve Facilities:** Explore options for covered courts and add 2 new Paddle Courts.
6. **Community and Outreach:** Expand partnerships with schools and local organisations to promote tennis and increase club membership.

Conclusion

Overall, 2023/24 has been a year of growth and success for the Mount Tennis Club. Our coaching team is committed to continuous improvement and looks forward to building on this year's achievements. We thank all our members, parents, committee and supporters for their dedication and enthusiasm, and we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead in 2024/25.

Paul Arnott



Mid Week Ladies

July 2024

Another year of Tennis has gone, Club days are still having good numbers although lately it seems to rain on Tuesdays !! We are still getting new members which is great for the Club.

Interclub, (Oct – Dec) was successful for us again, one of our Div 1 teams won & Div 3 were 2nd. Unfortunately no Interclub was played after the Xmas break as not enough teams were entered.

Club Champs, numbers were well down, but what was played was good as ever and always so good to watch, congratulations and well done to all players.

Winter Tournaments are still very popular, (May – Aug) players from the other clubs in Western Bay attend, always a full draw each month, great games played, most enjoyable day for all the Ladies.

During the season we have our ‘Melbourne Cup’ day, (wear our best going to the races hat and have a flutter on the horses) plus our ‘Wimbledon’ day (wearing our whites and of course morning tea of strawberries & ice cream) which is always lots of fun.

MWL are very fortunate to have such a good lot of members and it’s a huge thanks to all of them for our success, also a mention of our committee who do a great job during the season.

Looking forward to the new summer season of 2024/25 .

Di Ingham.

Mt MWL Tennis Club Captain.



Club Activities

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Juniors

Our Junior tennis remains popular with Friday Club Night, Junior Coaching and Holiday programs all well attended. We also had record numbers playing in our Junior Club Champs and the New World Orange Ball Junior tournament, which was played in great spirits by the juniors and their parents. Interclub results were good, however we need to keep working on increasing teams for next season.

Thanks to Paul, Luke, Petra-Lee and all Junior Coaches for their work throughout the year.

Seniors

Senior Interclub has also seen another successful season.

For the October 2023 to December 2023 round, we had four Mens' Singles teams entered. In Div 1 we came third with Mt Sharks, and in Div 2 - Mt Surf and Mt Sand played off for third with Mt Surf winning it 5-2. Mt Rays also competed in this Division.

We had a Women's Doubles team Div 1, placing 3rd and our Div 2 team placed 2nd. Midweek ladies interclub was supported by 3 of our teams with Div 1 winning it and also placing 4th and Div 3 placing 2nd.

Post Christmas Interclub we entered five teams. In the Men's singles Div 1, we came first equal. Our other Div 1 team getting 6th. Our Div 2 Combined Singles team was placed 4th. In Div 1 Mixed Doubles we placed 3rd and 6th and in Div2 we placed 4th.

The Midweek ladies also entered 4 teams after Christmas with a Div 1 winner and 4th place. Div 2 were very competitive with 3rd and 4th placings.

The Winter Mixed Doubles Interclub is still going with our one team in Div 1 coming third, 2 points behind the equal leaders. This finishes mid September 2024.