



## COACH FORUM SUMMARY NOTES

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### Tennis Central Region Inc. (TCRI) Coach Forum

**Date and Time:** Wednesday 13 February 2019, 7.30pm

**Venue:** Renouf Tennis Centre, Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn, Wellington

**Attendees:** *Mel Jansen, Tim Shannahan (by phone), Flo Perret – Tennis Central*

*Kelly Curr - Sport NZ, Tim Mannix – Sport Wellington*

*Simon Rea – Tennis NZ*

Francis Glover, Troy Leamy, Darren Ward, Greg Moller, Mia Freeman, Jessie Williams, Susan Marris, Tristan Stayt, Vojdan Paligora, David Knight, Michael McGlinchey, Jay Kite, Hamish O'Mahony, Jacob Emery, Francisco Mendieta, Jaden Grinter, Shane Binnie, Jane O'Neil, Mark Flannery, Clint Packer, Gary Nelson, Phil Seeman, Marc Paulik, Finlay Detertre

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### 1. Action points previous Forum

a. Source Tennis Australia Club/Coach Agreement example

i. New TNZ resources for Clubs/coaches including example contract presented.

b. Invitation to coaches to Club Forum Tuesday 6 November 2018

i. From Coach Forum Summary Notes (6/11/18) **Coach/Club best practice models.**  
*Although coaches were invited to attend this discussion none were present. The group noted that more open discussions were needed between coaches and club management to ensure best practice for both parties. Clubs shared common difficulties including communications, reporting and court access. Individual contracts varied amongst clubs. TNZ has established a Coaching Advisory Group. Among the outputs from this group will be a template coaching contract for clubs.*

c. Cardio Tennis in secondary schools – is there enough interest from qualified coaches for this concept to proceed? Brief discussion and request to coaches to indicate any interest to Mel.

d. Tennis Ranger concept – currently working up pilot concept

### 2. Update from Tennis Central

a. Upcoming coaching courses - coaches encouraged to upskill and consider professional development. Applications close on 19 February.

i. JDC – commences 19/3/19

ii. Club Professional – 6/4/19 – 2 central coaches already enrolled.

b. First Aid Course - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019 RTC – last chance to gain qualification.

- c. Sport Wellington Coach Development Workshop – if any coaches were interested in becoming a Coach Developer then this opportunity provides an excellent start. Coaches interested were requested to get in touch with Tim Mannix directly at Sport Wellington. Details attached.

d. **New Club/Coach resources from Tennis NZ**

- i. Mel presented excellent new TNZ Resources including

1. Club/Coach Venue Relationship Guide
2. Coach Venue Interview Guide
3. Example coach contract
4. Online page to submit coach vacancies “advertise your coach vacancy”

<http://www.tennis.kiwi/Coach/Coach-Employment/Advertise>

All documents attached to notes and will also be available to download from TNZ website and presented to clubs at the upcoming Club Forum. It is hoped that these resources encourage coaches and venues to improve relationships to drive participation and better manage coaching services arrangements.

e. **Police Vetting Checks**

Tennis Central’s new policy: *“To contribute to a safe and secure tennis environment, Tennis Central Region requires all coaches who currently operate at the Renouf Tennis Centre, Tennis Central staff along with travelling team coaches or managers who have sole or joint responsibility for children to undergo a Police vetting check every three years.”*

Tennis Central have adopted TNZ’s NZ Police Vetting Policy & Procedure (Attachment C of the TPPP). Those coaches currently working out of the Renouf Centre were asked to get in touch with Mel to complete a vetting form or complete one at the Forum.

f. **Tennis NZ’s – Tennis Participant Protection Policy**

Tennis NZ have recently developed and adopted a Tennis Participant Protection Policy (TPPP) and have asked all tennis entities in the country to do the same. Tennis Central have adopted the policy. A thorough document, based on Tennis Australia’s Member Protection Policy, the purpose of the TPPP is to protect the health, safety and well-being of those who participate in the activities of Tennis NZ, Tennis Regions, Tennis Associations, Affiliates and member Clubs. It is important that all entities are aware of this policy, its purpose and their procedural obligations relating to this policy.

<http://tennis.kiwi/About/Policies-and-Reports/Tennis-Participant-Protection-Policy>

Tennis Central has appointed Dale Nelson as the Regional Protection Information Officer to perform the functions of this key role as described in the Policy.

Key Contacts:

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As part of the TPPP, coaches were encouraged to refresh themselves with Attachment A “Code of Conduct”, and sign a copy of the Attachment B “Member Protection Declaration” and either present it to their club or submit to TCR to hold on file as acceptance of the policy.

g. **New items from coaches**

None received

3. **Any other items for discussion**

None.

4. **PRESENTATION:** Andy Walmsley from **High Performance Psychology** presented “Developing the Tennis Mind”. The presentation focused on practical psychological principles to enhance knowledge about the mental part of the game. Andy’s presentation was well received by coaches and he has kindly agreed to present at future Central Coach Forums. Coaches and clients can utilise Andy’s services by contacting him at [walmsley\\_a@hotmail.com](mailto:walmsley_a@hotmail.com) directly.

5. **PRESENTATION: Kelly Curr**, Regional Sport Development Consultant, Sport New Zealand (previously Sport Wellington) and Tim Mannix, Sport Wellington  
“Growing our coaching toolkit” Great interactive presentation on exploring professional development to support quality player experiences, summary notes attached.

6. **Simon Rea, High Performance Director - Tennis New Zealand.**

Presentation from Simon on Tennis NZ’s recommendation on where to from here for performance coaches/athletes in Central/NZ. This was followed by group discussion As it was late into the evening, at approximately 10pm Mel suggested that those coaches who wished to leave the meeting should and those who wanted to stay on for a more in-depth discussion with Simon were welcome to stay. Those who stayed on included Simon Rea, Francis Glover, Tristan Stayt, David Knight, Jacob Emery, Mark Flannery, Clint Packer, Marc Paulik, Shane Binnie, Mel Jansen, Flo Perret and Tim Shannahan by internet phone.

At 11pm the meeting was brought to a close with agreement from all that discussions should continue at a future meeting. Time and date to be advised.

7. **Upcoming Coach Forum**

15 May 2019

**Action points from Forum:**

- Circulate all material from Forum to coaches.
- Ensure all new club/coach resources are uploaded to TNZ/TCR websites.
- Conduct Police Vetting Checks on all coaches utilising the RTC and upload form on website.
- Arrange a continuation of the Performance meeting with Simon Rea for any coaches interested in more discussion:

-Now scheduled for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 12pm at the Renouf Tennis Centre.